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## Blue Coat Society of Arts.

The first meeting of the Executive Committee was held in Mr Layton's Office, Brown's Buildings, Exchange on Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 1927 at 3.30 p.m.

Present: Mr Layton, in the Chair, Mr Calder, Mr Velarde, The Hon: Treasurer, and the Secretary.

The Hon: Treasurer reported that the fund amounted to  
£ 32,897:7:3.

Authority was given for the payment of the following accounts: -  
Mr's Calder, postage, telephone etc £ 7:17:6: Mech. Thomas & Co<sup>l</sup> printing £ 2:16:6: S. Hill & Sons, printing £ 1:3:-: Daily Post printers 12/6: Stewart Bale, photographs, £ 1:11:6.

### Authority to sign cheques.

The following resolution was passed: That the account of the fund be transferred to the Bluecoat Society of Arts, and that the Hon: Treasurer is hereby authorized to sign cheques on the account of the Bluecoat Society of Arts.

This was proposed by Mr's Calder, and seconded by Mr Velarde.

### Solicitors.

Mr's Calder proposed, and the Hon: Treasurer seconded that

Men<sup>rs</sup>: Layton & Co be appointed solicitors to the Society. This was carried with acclamation.

### Auditors.

It was proposed by Mr Layton and seconded by Mr Calder that Men<sup>rs</sup>: Chalmer, Wade & Co be appointed Auditors. This was carried unanimously.

### Architectural Sub-Committee.

Mr Layton proposed and Mr Calder seconded, that a special sub-committee, consisting of Professor Radden ~~and~~, ~~Mr~~ Mr Kellogg and the Secretary, should be appointed to cooperate with the Society's architects, in

This was carried unanimously, and the following terms of reference were approved:—

1. A plan of the building is required.
2. What immediate internal alterations or reconditioning should be undertaken to increase letting values, especially in the East Wing?  
Are any repairs to the roofs necessary and urgent?
3. (A) What steps are required to obtain a full license for the ground floor central hall?  
(B) What steps are required with regard to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor hall  
(a) To obtain a full license.  
(b) To make it possible to let it to Societies for their own functions?

4. What steps should be taken with regard to lighting and heating?
5. What painting, plastering, repointing etc is needed at once?

### Temporary Office.

Authority was given to the Secretary to use room 12, when vacated by Mr Whitehead, on the 15<sup>th</sup> Jan: 1927, as a temporary office.

### Furniture, Stationery and Petty Cash.

Authority was given to the Secretary to purchase the necessary furniture, stationery, and account and minute books, and to hold petty cash to the amount of £15.

With regard to furniture, he was instructed to try to obtain good furniture, of an appropriate type, at sales, whenever it might be possible to do so at a moderate price.

The Hon: Treasurer stated that he hoped to be able to lend the Society some office furniture in the meantime.

### Mr Stewart-Brown

A letter from Mr R. Stewart-Brown was read in which he expressed great regret that he had not time to serve on the Committee.

The question of coopting his successor was adjourned.

### Name.

Mr: Calder reported that the anonymous giver of £10,000 had

informed Mr Mackey that he liked "Bluecoat Society of Arts", but that he would have preferred "Bluecoat Buildings" to "Bluecoat Chambers". It was resolved that a letter be sent to Mr Mackey, explaining the reasons which had influenced the Committee in making their choice.

### Secretary's Remuneration.

Mr Layton proposed, and Mr Shawyer seconded that the Secretary's remuneration, for the present, should be £100 a year. This was carried unanimously.

### Lettings and Tenancies.

It was decided to let the 1<sup>st</sup> floor central hall to the English Folk Dance Society, for one hour, 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m., each Wednesday for 10/- for each occasion, or £6 for 13 lettings; also for a dance from 8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. on the 19<sup>th</sup> March (or such other date as may be arranged) for £1:1:-; the room not to be heated.

It was also decided to let the same room to the Gaudin Studios Society for the evenings of the 4<sup>th</sup> Feb: and 25<sup>th</sup> March, for £4/4/- each evening.

It was also decided that these rates should not create a precedent. It was decided to extend Mr R. R. Burden's tenancy of his present premises for two months (from 25<sup>th</sup> March) at his present rent. It was decided NOT to renew Mr Bolger's tenancy, NOR to offer him other accommodation.

JHoleyton  
7 Feb 1927

## Bluecoat Society of Arts.

The second meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb: 1927, at 4.15 p.m. in the rooms of the Sandon Studio Society.

Present. Mr J. H. Layton, in the chair, Mr George Rathbone, Professor Budden, Mr Thornton, Mr Velarde and The Secretary.

### Hon: Treasurer Business.

In the absence of the Hon: Treasurer his statement was read by Mr Layton. The debit balance is £ 8,641:9:2. Contributions received since the last meeting amount to £ 12:19:-.

Authority was given for the payment of the following a/c's: -  
 59 R. Smith, carpet £ 2:7:6 : S. Hill & Sons L<sup>td</sup>, printing, £ 1:19:6 :  
 H. Tyson Smith, lettering on gate posts £ 1:8:-.

### Signing of leases Collecting Rents

It was resolved that, the Secretary be authorised to sign tenancies on behalf of the Society, after they have been approved by the Committee: to collect rents and to issue receipts.

### Carpetaker's Appointment.

The appointment of the carpetaker was discussed & adjourned for further information.

### Member of Committee.

The question of coopting a successor to Mr R. Stewart-Brown was again adjourned.

Letting of 1<sup>st</sup>  
floor central hall.

The Secretary reported that he had let the 1<sup>st</sup> floor central hall to The Congregation Council for rehearsals of the Mayflower Pageant, for the evenings of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February, from 7.30 p.m. to 10. p.m. at a charge of £3/3/- for each occasion. The Committee approved his action.

Fabric  
Sub-Committee.

The report of the Fabric Sub-Committee was read and the following recommendations approved:

That for preliminary work, the Architects remuneration be fixed on a time basis.

That the purchase of detailed plans from Mr Barnish for £42:0:0 (forty guineas) be approved, made.

That the Architects be empowered to employ a firm of jobbing contractors to report on the condition of the roofs etc.

Men<sup>rs</sup> Shephard and Bower then joined the Committee and produced plans of the building. After some discussion they were instructed to report immediately on the

(1) The steps necessary to obtain a full license for the 1<sup>st</sup> floor central hall.

(2) The possibility of sub-dividing the ground floor central hall

(3) The provision of cloak rooms, lavatories.

Architects  
Account.

Authority was given for the payment of Men<sup>rs</sup> Shephard & Bower's fee for £42:-- for survey of the building

Fire  
Extinguishers.

The Secretary was authorized to purchase fire extinguishers to the number required to meet the demands of the Insurance Co

M<sup>r</sup> Downie.

The Secretary reported that he had given permission to M<sup>r</sup> Downie to store furniture in the back east wing from <sup>a week</sup> the 13<sup>th</sup> Jan: 1937.

The Committee decided that a rent of 10/- should be charged, & that the use of the premises should be subject to a fortnight's notice on either side.

Chair.

At this point M<sup>r</sup> Layton was obliged to leave, and Professor Budden took the chair.

Tenancies.

It was decided that all tenancies should contain a clause, restricting tenants from placing any notices on the walls of the building, or signs in the court yard without the approval of the Committee: this clause to be drafted by the Secretary in consultation with the Society's solicitors.

Room 3. It was decided to offer M<sup>rs</sup> Kelly a continued tenancy, on the present basis of a three monthly agreement at a rent of £20. p.a. exclusive of rates and lighting.

Rooms 5 & 6. It was decided to offer a three year lease of these rooms to the Liverpool Architectural Society at a rent of £100 per annum, exclusive of rates and lighting: and the Secretary was instructed to discuss other details with the Hon: Sec: of the Liverpool Architectural Society.



Tenants (cont)

Rooms 14, 15. It was decided to offer these rooms together with storage space on the back ground floor to the Philharmonic Society on a three years lease at a rent of £100 per annum, exclusive of rates and lighting.

It was decided to offer alternative accommodation to Mr Mackay, if possible: but NOT to offer accommodation to The Christian Science Monitor.

Room 16. It was decided NOT to offer accommodation to Mrs Lancaster ("Muriel").

Room 10. It was decided not to continue Mr Clarke's tenancy.

Rooms 10, 11 and 12. The Secretary was instructed to see Mr Parker Lynch and to find out whether he would be willing to move to room 12, at a rent of £22 per annum, exclusive of rates & lighting: if so, to see Mr Mackay and offer him rooms 10 & 11 at a rent of not less than £45 per annum, exclusive of rates & lighting. In each case a yearly tenancy to be offered.

Rooms 27/30. It was decided to offer Messrs Shepherd & Baver a three years lease at a rent of £60 per annum, exclusive of rates & lighting.

Back Premises. It was decided to offer the sheds at present occupied by Mr Edwin Thompson to Mr W. R. Bunker for a rent of £35 per annum, exclusive of rates and lighting, on a yearly agreement.

It was decided not to offer ~~alternative~~ ~~rents~~ to Mr Thompson's tenancy.

It was decided to offer the old laundry, now occupied by Mrs Nelson, to Mr H. Tyson Smith, together with a moderate use of the back court for £35 per annum, exclusive of rates & lighting, on a yearly agreement.

Other applications were postponed to the next meeting of the Committee.

J. H. Layton  
18 Feb 1927

Bluescoat Society of Arts.

The third meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> Feb: 1927 at 2. p.m. in the Music Room of the Sandes Studios Society.

Present.

Mr J. H. Layton, in the Chair, Mr George Rathbone, Professor Budden, Mr S. A. Kelly, Mr Velarde, & The Secretary.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Hon. Treasurer's Business.

The following a/c were passed for payment: S. Hill & Sons L<sup>td</sup>, stationery 16/-; Rockliff B<sup>rs</sup>, stationery £2:4:6.

Constable.

It was agreed to reappoint Mr Beck as constable, at a wage of 30/- a week, plus lodging light and fuel. Mr Berles's wage of 14/- a week was increased to 20/- a week.

Members of Committee.

It was proposed by Mr Kelly and seconded by Professor Budden, and unanimously agreed that Miss Sylvia Rathbone, Red Gables, Torquay, should be invited to join the Committee in place of Mr R. Stewart Brown.

Architects  
Report:

Messrs Shepherd & Bowen produced plans for the subdivision of the ground floor central hall, and for the provision of cloak rooms, lavatories etc at the East end. On the motion of Professor Budden, seconded by Mr G. Rathbone the plans were approved.

The architects were further instructed to obtain estimates for carrying out the work, and to prepare plans for dressing rooms etc at the West end.

Lettings

It was agreed to give the use of the Central Hall to the Sanden Studio Society free of charge, on the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup> March, on the occasion of a presentation to, and evening party for Mrs Calder.

The Secretary was instructed to quote the rate of £5/5/- to Mrs Lewis, St David's, Noctonum, for the use of the Central Hall for a private dance from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> April.

It was decided to offer the use of the ground floor central hall to Mr Budden at the rate of £3 a week, to construct an architectural, full size model: on the understanding that he would vacate it immediately, if the Committee wish to commence work on ~~the~~ dividing it, while he is in occupation.

Finance

A letter was read from Mr H. Tyson Smith, and it was agreed that the Committee would remove the old boiler, put in a top light, and pay for the introduction of electric light.

It was decided to ask Mr Tyson Smith to make application for the light to be brought in from the College Lane side, the Committee to repay the cost to him.

The Secretary was instructed to offer accommodation as follows:—  
Ground floor central hall, when subdivided. East portion to Philharmonic Society (in place of rooms 14 & 15) at £100 a year, plus rates & light but inclusive of heating: West portion to Architectural Society <sup>in place of rooms 5 & 6</sup> at £100 a year, plus rates & lighting, but inclusive of heating <sup>& fortnightly use of lecture room</sup>. The Sub-Committee of that Society being invited to meet him and see the plans in Mr Shepherd & Bower's office.

In the event of the Architectural Society accepting this offer, rooms 5 and 6 to be offered to the Photographic Society, a dark room being provided on the ground floor, at a rent of £100 a year, exclusive of rates, light & heating.

Room 7 to be divided according to the architect's plan & offered to Mr Campbell & Henry Bruce at a rent of £70 exclusive of rates, lighting & heating.

Room 8 to be offered to the Playgoers Club at a rent of £100 a year, exclusive of rates, light and heating.

Room 9 to be offered to Mr R. Gladstone at a rent of £75 exclusive of rates, lighting & heating.

Room 10 to be offered to Mr Jay at a rent of £22, exclusive of rates lighting and heating.

Room 11 to be offered to Mr Parker Lynch at a rent of £26, exclusive of rates, lighting & heating.

Tenancies  
(contd)

Room 14 to be offered to Mr Mackey at a rent of £50, exclusive of rates, lighting and heating.

West Wing.

In all the following cases, rates, lighting & heating are to be paid by the tenant. The following offers to be made.

Sandon Studios Society. Three years lease at £125 of ground floor rooms, and use of passage from dining room to life room.

Mr H. Carr. Present room at £15 rent, or alternatively room in back wing occupied by Budden & Marshall at £6 rent. In this case his present room & room opposite to be offered to Mr Budden & Marshall at £25 rent.

Mr G. W. Harris. His present room at £20 rent.

Mr G. W. Sharpe. His present room at £15 rent.

Mr F. Jenkins. His present room at £10 rent. x

Miss Connor. Her present room at £7 rent.

Miss Malcolm. Her present room at £6 rent.

Miss Humphries. Her present room at £6 rent.

Miss Page. Her present room at £20 rent.

East Wing, Back. Letting of old drill hall to Blue Coat Junior  
Old Boys Club at £35 a year. First floor studio to E. Carter  
Preston at £10 a year.

Gas Stoves  
Electric light  
Meters

It was resolved that all <sup>studio</sup> tenants be required to install gas stoves, in place of coke stoves, and to obtain electric light meters.

City Guild. Permission was given to the City Guild to use Bluecoat Chambers as an address, and to place a brass plate of approved pattern on the wall close to the secretary's office, when he is installed in a permanent office, the secretary to receive & forward all correspondence.

JH Layton.  
3 March 1927.

### Bluecoat Society of Arts.

The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1927, at 2 p.m., in the Music Room of the Sandon Studios Society.

Present. Mr Layton, in the Chair, Mr Calder, Miss Sylvia Rathbone, PREFERENCE BUDDEN, Mr C. Sydney Jones, Mr Thornton, Mr Velarde and the Secretary.

Minutes. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Gas Stoves. Arising out of the minutes the resolution regarding Gas Stoves, passed at the previous meeting, and which was rescinded and it was resolved that tenants must provide fireguards to the satisfaction of the Committee.

### Hon. Treasurer's business.

The Hon. Treasurer's statement was read, showing a debit balance of £8.17.6. The following a/c's were passed for payment.  
S. B. Jackson 75c, Coal £1.-.10, Coke £2.6.4.

Treasurer's  
business  
(cont'd)

Rev: Campbell Biss trade of £4 for two SD books was accepted.

Architects'  
Report.

The Architects' plans for the West end of the Central Block were passed, and they were instructed to obtain estimates. Certain suggestions for the back East wing was approved, and estimates were called for. Mr Bowen reported that estimates were being obtained for immediate repairs to roofs etc.

Personal Service  
Society.

Letters from the dispersed Personal Service Society were read, and the Committee decided that they could not consider giving them a lease of part of the College Lane property in order to Guild premises. The Committee also considered that no useful purpose would be served by a personal meeting.

Lettings.

It was decided that the English Folk Dance Society, who require the Central Hall to be heated for their dance on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, should pay an additional £1/4 for heating, making £2/2/- in all.

Tenancies.

The Secretary put in a statement showing the present position. It was resolved to offer Room 4 to The Christian Science Monitor at a rent of £15, exclusive of rates, lighting & heating.

The Secretary was instructed to get into touch with the Architects regarding the heating of Room 7.

The Secretary was instructed to consult with a representative of The Players' Club, and the with The Sea Insurance Co Ltd

regarding the requirements of the Club, in order to insure that the Insurance of the building would not be affected by the activities of the Players' Club.

Mr. Jay's offer of £20 for Room 12 was accepted.

A letter was read from the Architectural Society, dated 1/3/27 and agreed to, except that the Secretary was instructed to offer a lease of three years, or of seven years, with the option of reconsidering the rent at the end of three years, any disputes to be referred to an independent Estate Agent.

He was instructed to write to the Plithermanic Society in the same sense, and to consult with the architects as to when (approximately) work could be started on the rooms offered to them, and when they could be put in possession.

It was decided that the Committee could not quote Mr. Harris a rent, inclusive of rates.

It was decided to reduce Mr. Page's rent to £15, exclusive of rates, light and heating, for a period of two years.

The Secretary reported an interview which he had had with Mr. Edwin Thompson, and a letter was read from that gentleman.

The ~~case~~ decided that they could not offer him any accommodation in the building, and the Secretary was instructed to advise him accordingly.

It was decided to offer Room 10 to Mr. C. G. Coleman.

The Secretary was instructed to get in touch with Mr. Humble regarding accommodation for the Dinner Hour Club in the back



East wing, as joint tenants with the Blue Coat Junior Old Boys' Club.

J. H. Layton  
15 March 1927

### Bluecoat Society of Arts.

The 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March 1927 in the Music Room of the Sandon Studios Society.

Present. Mr Layton, in the Chair, Mr G. Rathbone, Miss S. Rathbone, Professor Badden, Mr Kelly, Mr Velarde, & the Secretary.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

#### Hon. Treasurer's Business.

The Hon. Treasurer's statement was read, showing a credit balance of £1424:13:6, a Mortgage for £10,000 having been <sup>raised</sup> paid. From this the sum of £396:13:6 was deducted, being the balance of Messrs Layton & Co's account. An amount of £301:1:-, promised donations is still outstanding.

The following accounts were paid for payment: Rockliff Bros, stationery £-:15:9; Allen's, cleaning material £1:9:-; Rates on office £1:14:6; Deposit for electric metre £10.

Messrs Layton & Co's account for £396:13:6 was paid, the Committee expressing a wish to place on record their appreciation of Messrs Layton & Co's generosity in making no charge for many

extensive and valuable services.

Tenants.

It was decided that M<sup>rs</sup> Jay should be allowed half the cost of distemping room 12; and the cost of repairing the window frame. Lighting. It was decided that pending the installing of a new lighting system tenants should be charged 10/- per quarter for each light, if they wish to use the electric light.

The Secretary was empowered to allow the Christian Science Monitor to retain room 15 until the 15<sup>th</sup> April 1927, rent being charged as for room No 4; to allow M<sup>rs</sup> Jay to retain her present room until the same date, on the same conditions, the office remaining in No 12, until the 15<sup>th</sup> April; to allow M<sup>r</sup> Preston to retain his present room until No 35 is made fit for occupation, if he accepts that room. The brass name plates of the Panda Studios Society, M<sup>rs</sup> Shepherd

& Room 9 M<sup>r</sup> Mackay were approved. It was decided that M<sup>r</sup> Mackay be instructed to remove the lettering from his north window.

Rooms 5 and 6. It was decided that the Anatomical Photographic Association's offer of £80 for these two rooms was too low, and that the Secretary should inform them of this. It was also decided to offer to extend the tenancy of the Blue Bird Cafe for six months of these two rooms, at the rate of £100 a year, exclusive of rates, light and heating, if they will accept these terms.

Room 4. It was decided that if M<sup>rs</sup> Nafel (Christian Science Monitor) and M<sup>rs</sup> Rawlin agree, they should be given a joint

tenancy of this room, as the Secretary reported that Mr. Naftel had called on him and suggested some such arrangements.

Liverpool Architectural Society. It was agreed to give this Society a lease of seven years.

Philharmonic Society. It was agreed to give this Society a lease of seven years. Minor details of the lease were referred to Messrs. Layton & Co.

Blue Coat Junior Old Boys' Club. A letter from Mr. Snape was read, and it was agreed that the rooms offered jointly to this Club and the Boys Dinner Home Club should be decorated & put into repair by the Committee.

Dinner Home Club. It was decided that room 35 could not be included with the other premises to be offered to this club jointly with the Blue Coat Junior Old Boys Club, as this room had been allotted to Mr. E. Carter Preston.

Room 24. It was decided to offer this room to the Committee of the Associated Learned Societies at a <sup>rent</sup> rate of £10 per annum exclusive of rates, heating & lighting.

### Architects Report

Mr. Bowen reported that he had gone into the question of the floors of the two central rooms. He recommended that a fire proof concrete floor, with a spring floor superimposed, should not be put into the first floor room, but that the ceiling of the ground floor room should be fire proofed, and a thin hard wood floor laid on top of the present floor of the first floor room.

It was agreed that this should be done, for the purpose of obtaining estimates.

He suggested that Messrs. Buzen & Co should be instructed to repair the surface of a small portion of the <sup>floor of the</sup> ground floor room as an experiment: and that the steps to be taken for repairing the whole of the floor should be based on the result of this experiment.

J. W. Layton  
5 April 1927

### Bluecoat Society of Arts.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the Music Room of the Sandon Studio Society on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 1927, at 2. p. m.

Present. Mr Layton (in the Chair), Mr George Robinson, Professor Budden, Mr C. Sydney Jones, Mr R. H. Thornton, Mr Velarde, & The Secretary.

Minutes. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Hon: Treasurer's The Hon: Treasurer's statement was read, showing a credit balance of £ 15 18 :- 11. The amount of promises outstanding is £ 25 1 1 :-.

Business.

The following accounts were passed for payment. Deficit etc for Electric Meters £ 3 3 6 ; General Electric Co. Ltd. Lamps, 9/- ; Shephard & Bowen, quarterly account £ 18 18 :-



Architects'  
Report.

Mr Bowen reported that immediate and urgent repairs would cost about £65, and that other repairs to roofs, less urgent but necessary, would amount to about £25. The Committee decided that the work should be undertaken forthwith.

Estimates for work on room 36, amounting to £26 and £23 + 5% were submitted and approved. The work to be undertaken forthwith.

Plans for heating and the supply of hot water to lavatories were submitted and considered satisfactory. The Secretary was instructed to write to the Sanden Studio Society & the Photographic Association regarding the extension of the heating system to part of their premises at a cost of £24 and £22 respectively.

Repair of  
Clock.

The Secretary reported that he had accepted Mr Robert Gladstone's offer to have the clock repaired. The Committee approved of this, as also of the suggestion that the old works should be offered to the Museum.

Lighting  
Survey.

The Secretary reported that he had authorised Messrs Shephard & Bower to instruct Messrs John Hunter & Co to prepare a scheme for lighting the building, and to draw up specifications. Messrs John Hunter & Co's fee will be twenty five guineas, which will be included in their charge for carrying out the work, if it is given to them. This was approved.

Windows, Ground  
Floor Central  
Hall.

The Secretary reported that after consultation with Messrs Shephard & Bower, & Mr Layton, he had approached Messrs Sykes, Waterhouse & Co regarding the reinstatement of the windows in the ground floor central hall, and had finally agreed to free Messrs Sykes, Waterhouse & Co of all obligation in the matter in return for a payment of £25. This was approved.

Lettings.

It was decided to let The Central Hall to the English Folk Dance Society for a period of one hour once a week for four weeks in May at the rate of 10/- for each hour.

The Secretary was instructed to go inform the National Council for Animals' Welfare Week of the conditions -

which the Central Hall could be let to them.

Tenancies Rooms 5 and 6. It was agreed to accept the new offer of the Liverpool Photographic Association of £100 per annum, exclusive of rates, heating and lighting for these two rooms and a dark room on the ground floor, on a three years tenancy, from the 5<sup>th</sup> October 1927.

Correspondence with the Blue Bird Café regarding these two rooms was read, and the Committee decided that they could not do more than offer an extension <sup>of tenancy</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> October at a rent of £100 per annum. The Secretary was instructed to point out that refunds amounting to £35 would be paid to the Blue Bird Café under their existing agreement, and that therefore the increase in rent was purely nominal.

Rooms 21/34. A letter from the Liverpool Boys' Association was read, and it was decided to fix the rent of these rooms at £60 a year, exclusive of rates, lighting and heating.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Association that the Committee was not in a position to give any definite undertaking regarding dates, but that the points raised in the Association's letter would be kept in mind.

Room 8. It was agreed to offer the Playsovers' Club a lease of one, three or five years.

"Muriel". The Secretary reported that he had extended Mrs. Lancaster's tenancy for two weeks at a rent of 14/6 a week

This was approved.

M<sup>r</sup> Bidger. It was agreed to remit £1/0/- of M<sup>r</sup> Bidger's rent if he vacates his room on the 16<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> April 1927.

Sander Studios Society. Sanction was given to this Society to sublet their Music Room.

Rooms 25 and 28. It was agreed to let these rooms to Mess<sup>rs</sup> Budden & Marshall, pending the carrying out of alterations, at a rent of £12 per annum, plus rates, <sup>heat</sup> ~~rent~~ & lighting.

Room 35. A letter from M<sup>r</sup> Carter Preston was read. The Secretary was instructed to inform him that it was not yet possible to say when room 35 would be ready for occupation.

It was decided that the rent for M<sup>r</sup> Preston's present room, £10, exclusive of lighting, heating and rates, could not be reduced.

J. H. Layton  
5 May 1927

### Bluescoat Society of Arts.

The 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the Society's office on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 1927, at 2. p.m.

Present. M<sup>r</sup> Layton, in the chair. M<sup>rs</sup> George Rathbone, Miss Sylvia Rathbone, Professor Budden, M<sup>r</sup> Thornton, M<sup>r</sup> Velarde, & The Secretary.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed



Hon: Treasurer's The Hon: Treasurer's statement was <sup>produced</sup> read, showing a credit balance of £ 1968: 5: 7. All promised donations have now been collected.

Secretary's Remuneration Therefor It was resolved that the Secretary's salary be paid quarterly on the 5<sup>th</sup> Jan, 5<sup>th</sup> April, 5<sup>th</sup> July and 5<sup>th</sup> October of each year, the first payment, due on 5<sup>th</sup> April 1927 to be made at once.

Accounts passed. The following accounts were passed for payment: S. Hill & Son, stationery - : 18/6; T. Mayne Reid, filing cabinet £ 1: 3: 6; Williams & Tilling, repairs to office furniture 17/-; Rockliff B<sup>ros</sup>, stationery £ 1: 14: 9; Liverpool Gas Co. 6/4; L'pool Corporation, Electric light. £ 8: 3: 10; Telephone £ 2: 11: 9; Weightman, Bulmer & Keland, survey and advice £ 36: 10: -.

Name plates. A design for a name plate for The Society was submitted & approved. Mr Tyson Smith's quotation of £ 5 was accepted. Blue Bird Cafe. It was decided that the Blue Bird Cafe should be instructed to remove their large board from the wall of the building: that they should not be allowed to erect a sign in the court: that the small notices outside their door, and the name on the door should be approved: and that they should be instructed not to place miscellaneous notices on the landing outside their room.

It was decided that Mr Parker Lynch's name plate should be submitted to Mr Budden, Mr Keland & The Secretary

Name plates  
(cont'd)

The lettering of The Christian Science Monitor, for the door of room 4, was approved.

The Secretary was instructed to get in touch with Miss Kelly regarding the advertisements on the wall near her door, but the Committee came to no decision regarding their removal or the reverse.

Lettings  
and  
Tenancies.

Alexandra Rose Day. It was decided to let the central hall to the Committee of this charity for a sum of £30, dates to be arranged by the Secretary.

Liverpool Hospital Saturday Fund. It was decided to let the central hall to the Committee of this charity, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, for £1/10/- subject to the room not being let to the Alexandra Rose Day Committee by that date.

M<sup>rs</sup> Jay. It was agreed to pay £3 towards the decoration of room 12. The Committee decided that M<sup>rs</sup> Jay should not be pressed for payment of her rent for the current quarter, immediately, but that it should be made clear to her that in future she would be expected to pay her rent within 15 days of the date on which it is due.

Exchange Telegraph Co. The Secretary reported that he had given this Co. way leave for a wire to be attached to a chimney stack at the North end of the East wing at an annual rental of 1/-

Tenants

Associated Learned Societies. It was agreed to let the small central hall, when complete, to this body for ten Committee meetings in the course of a year for a rent of £4/4/-, the Secretary to make it clear that this low rent was a special concession, & that the normal charge for the room would not be based on it. It was also agreed to allow the Associated Learned Societies to fix a nameplate outside the office & to have letters delivered there. It was decided that they could not be allowed to have a desk for correspondence in the Society's office.

Liverpool Amateur Photographic Society <sup>Association</sup>. The Secretary reported that he had had an interview with officials of this Association. He was instructed to inform them that, if possible, no annual charge would be made for heating, if they paid for installing radiators etc. but, that the Society might find it necessary to make a small charge, if additional expense was caused by such heating.

Rent. It was decided that they must pay their rent in advance, but that assurance should be given to them that they would not be pressed for immediate payment of the first quarter's rent, and that such payment might even be postponed until January, when they could pay rent for two quarters, if that course would be convenient.

Sub-letting. It was decided to give them permission to let their room from time to time for suitable purposes.

Playgoers' Club. It was decided to offer a three years'

At this point Mr. Layton had to leave, and Mr. Budden took  
the chair.

Tenants

tenancy to this Club, either party having the option to break the tenancy at the end of the first year.

Liverpool Boys' Association. (It was decided to offer these tenants Blue Coat Junior Old Boys' Club) a lease of either one or two years, at their option.

Mr Tyson Smith. It was decided to charge this tenant only 50% of his rent from the 25<sup>th</sup> March 1927 to such time as work on room 36 was completed.

Handwriting Academy. It was decided to offer no accommodation to this body.

→ Sander Studios Society. Heating. The Secretary reported that the Treasurer of this Society had informed him verbally that this Society were prepared to pay half the cost of installing central heating in the Society's music room. The Committee <sup>decided not</sup> declined to accept this offer.

Architect's Report.

The following estimates were approved:-

Gates, back court £ 30, as per specification

Repairs & alterations to back east wing £ 270.

Internal decoration, floor repairs, back east wing £ 26

College Lane Panmanger entrance between room 36 & 37 £ 25.

It was agreed that the outside stair to room 35 should be placed on the east wall, and that the Architects should plan accordingly.

It was agreed that a door, with porch, to College Lane, should

be made in the S.W. corner of room 34, the architects to obtain estimates.

The question of Mr Tyson Smith's use of the back court, & the arrangements regarding the old lavatories was raised. It was decided that if Mr Tyson Smith agreed to remove the ventilators on the old lavatories, repair the roof to the satisfaction of the Committee & nail up the doors on the west side, he should be given the use of the portion of the court east of the lavatories, & of the lavatory buildings: but that no permanency should be promised. Suggestions were made for the provision of lavatory accommodation & the architects were instructed to explore the possibilities.

A scheme for the provision of lavatories on the North staircase was approved, & the Architects were instructed to confer with Mr Campbell (the incoming tenant) regarding the heating of room 37.

It was decided to make two windows in the south wall of room 37.

J. H. Leyton  
19 May 1927

Bluecoat Society of Arts

The 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 1927, at 2 p.m. in the office of the Society.

Present.

Mr J. H. Layton, in the chair, Professor Budden, Mr C. S. Dwyer Jones, Mr Thornton, Mr Keland & the Secretary.

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Architects'Fees.

It was decided that the Architects should be paid, for the alterations to the building, a fee of £50 guineas down, plus a commission of 7½% on the total cost (exclusive of work on back premises, to be paid for on time basis as already agreed).

Hon: Treasurer'sBusiness.

The Hon: Treasurer's statement was produced, showing a credit balance of £1952:1:9.  
Cooper & Co L<sup>td</sup>'s account for cleaning materials, amounting to 57/4 was passed for payment.

Boys' Dinner Hour Club.

The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to a paragraph in the Liverpool Post regarding the Boys' Dinner Hour Club's tenancy. A draft of a letter to the Editor of the Liverpool Post was amended and passed. A letter from the Secretary of the Dinner Hour Club, expressing regret that the paragraph had appeared & disclaiming responsibility for it was also produced.

Boys' Dinner  
How Club &  
Blue Coat Junior  
Old Boys Club.

It was decided that the Committee should not pay for the cost of making a new door in the N.E. corner of room 28.

It was decided to renew the Blue Coat Junior Old Boys' Club's tenancy of room 8 for a month at the present rent of £40 a year.

Name plates.

Blue Bird Cafe. The resolution passed at the last meeting was rescinded and it was decided to allow the sign board of the Blue Bird Cafe to remain in place.

Water supply  
& Advertisements  
No 3.

No 3 Bluecoat Chambers. It was decided to permit the tobaccoist's advertisements to remain for the present.

-It was decided not to put <sup>a</sup>water <sup>supply</sup> into these premises in the meantime.

Inscription on  
front of  
central block.

The Secretary reported that Mr Robert Gladstone had suggested to him that the original Latin inscription should be reinscribed on the front of the central block. A copy of the inscription was produced. The Committee approved.

Liverpool Youth  
Movement for

Peace.

A letter from this body, applying for a room for meetings etc was read and the Secretary was instructed to interview an official of the body and report further to the Committee.

London Missionary  
Society.

A letter from this Society, applying for the hire of the central hall on or about 1<sup>st</sup> October was read. It was decided that no definite offer of the hall for that date could be



made at present.

Liverpool Amateur  
Photographic  
Association.

Permission was given to this Association to make a door communicating between rooms 5 and 6.

Mr H. Tyson  
Smith.

It was decided to close the gap in the east wall of No 36. Permission was given to Mr Tyson Smith to put in a ceiling over part of the room and to make a window in the South wall.

Main Gate

It was decided to rebuild the lower Bird over the main gate.

Architects'  
Report.

The following estimates were accepted for alterations  
Ground floor central hall £ 1430 (including £100 for contingencies)  
Lavatories, dark room etc, North staircase £765.

Electric light (f. Number 9 (0)) £429:10:6

Outside stair to No 35, to be made of wood, £30:10:-

Signing of  
Contracts.

It was decided that all contracts should be signed by Mr J. H. Layton as chairman.

A suggestion for the site of the lavatory in the back east wing, to be next to the coal & coke store, was approved.

J. H. Layton  
6 July 1927

## Bluscoat Society of Arts.

The ninth meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 1927, at 2. p.m. in the office of the Society.

Present. Mr J. H. Layton, in the chair, Professor Budden, Mr Kelly, Mr Thornton, Mr. Velarde and the Secretary.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

### Hon: Treasurer's Statement.

The Hon: Treasurer's statement was read showing a credit balance of £1811:3:11. An item of D<sup>r</sup> Bank Interest, amounting to £56:19:5 was queried & the Secretary was instructed to make enquiries.

### Accounts for payment.

The following accounts were handed for payment: - Mortgage interest to 1<sup>st</sup> July £133:16:2.; Layton & Co, Stamp duties on leases £4; Corporation of Liverpool, service lines, £15:2:6 and £4:5:-; M<sup>r</sup> H. Tyson Smith, name plate £5; J. G. Lees & Co, printing & siding, Liverpool Bid. 57/-; Samuel Hill & Sons, stationery, 19/-; Shephard & Bower, commission, part payment, £120, and quarterly account for mine work £28:7:-.

### Electric Lighting.

It was decided that where present lighting arrangements are being altered to suit the new system any expense in wiring should be borne by the Society: that the Liverpool

Philharmonic Society and The Liverpool Architectural Society should have the main brought into their premises, but that they should bear the cost of carrying <sup>the current</sup> it from the main to the points where it is required: and that in the case of rooms 31/4, 35, 36 & 37 half the cost should be born by the Society.

### Heating

The Secretary reported that The Sandon Studios Society had agreed to pay the cost (approximately £24) of carrying the heating system to their Music Room.

### Tenancies

It was agreed to cancel the lease of The Lake Min Page, as from 4<sup>th</sup> July 1927, if this course should be agreeable to her executors, Blue Coat Junior Old Boys' Club. It was agreed to extend this Club's Tenancy to the 31<sup>st</sup> of No 8 to the end of July.

Blue Bird Cafe. The Secretary reported that, after consultation with Mr. Layton, he had released the Blue Bird Cafe Lounge Co from their agreement as from 15<sup>th</sup> July 1927. He further reported that he had had an interview with Mrs. Shearman, who stated that owing to <sup>the</sup> illness of her husband Mr. Rashman was unable to attend to business, and asked for permission to use rooms 5 & 6 for a week or two longer (The Cafe being closed) in order to wind up the business.

The Committee approved the Secretary's action and instructed him to deal with Mrs. Shearman's request at his discretion.

Boys' Dinner Hour Club. The Secretary was instructed to inform this club that they would be able to move into their new premises by the 1<sup>st</sup> September.

The Committee confirmed their refusal to <sup>pay for the nighting of</sup> ~~undergo~~ a door in the north east corner of No 34.

Liverpool Youth Movement for Peace. It was decided to offer No 10 to this body at a rent of £20 per annum, exclusive of rates, lighting and heating, the tenancy to begin on 5<sup>th</sup> Oct: 1927. It was agreed that a flue, suitable for a gas stove should be installed: that permission to sublet to suitable <sup>persons or bodies</sup> <sub>access to</sub> the room should be given: and that the room should be available on Sundays.

Small Lecture Room. In connection with this application it was decided that the fee for the hire of the small lecture hall should be £3:3:- for each occasion but that discretion should be reserved by the Committee to modify this according to the circumstances of each application.

No 3 Bluecoat Chambers. The Secretary reported that the tenant of these premises was heavily in arrears with his rent. The Committee authorised him to ~~take any~~ eject the tenant, if he thought necessary, and to take what steps he thought fit to recover the rent.

Lettings.

Central Hall. The Secretary reported that this room had been let to The Sandon Studios Society for a dance <sup>on</sup> of 15<sup>th</sup> July

at a fee of £4:4:-. This was approved.

A letter from the League for the Restoration of <sup>Liberty</sup> Property by the Distribution of Property was read, and the Secretary was instructed to obtain further information.

London Missionary Society. It was decided that it would not be possible to let the central hall to this Society at the beginning of October.

Nameplate. Messrs Campbell & Honeyburn's nameplate was approved.

Architects Report. Messrs Shepleaf & Baver submitted the following accounts which were passed:

J. G. Lees, Roof of No 36 £49:10:-

Wall of No 36 £3:15:-

Channelling of floor for Electric Light £10:6:6.

Taking down old wall in boiler house £7:5:-

J. B. Johnson & Co, payment on account of contract, for work done £650.

The following estimates were passed and the architects were authorised to proceed with the work.

Door in south wall of No 34. £47:--:-

Water room £27:9:-

Windows in No 37 £8 each, plus cost of frame.

New floor in Central Hall. It was decided that this should be taken in hand at immediately after the 15<sup>th</sup> July, on the lines already approved.

Centre block, east end. It was agreed that the constructional work on the east end of the centre block should be done on a time and material basis; and that the work should be put in hand as soon as possible.

During the consideration of the items reported by the architects, Mr Layton left and Professor Badden was moved to the chair.

JM Layton.

5 August 1927

### Bluecoat Society of Arts

The 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> August 1927, at 2 p.m. in the office of the Society.

Present. Mr Layton, in the chair, Mr Rathbone, Miss Rathbone, Mr Badden, Mr Kellock & the Secretary.

Minutes. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Arising out of the Minutes the Secretary stated that the item in the Hon. Treasurer's statement of D<sup>o</sup> interest, was incurred on account of the overdraft between 26<sup>th</sup> January and 12<sup>th</sup> March. With regard to the tenant of No 3 Bluecoat Chambers, Mr Flanagan, he stated that he had arranged for the arrears of rent to be paid off at the rate of 35/- a week.

Hon. Treasurer's Statement. The Hon. Treasurer's statement, showing a credit balance of £878:10:2 was read

Accounts for payment. The following accounts were passed for payment: -  
 Killick & Cochran, leaking, on account, £150:--; H. Tyson Smith, cutting holes in stonework for telephone wires, & new lock £1:12:6.  
 J. G. Lees, chimney repairs £3:19:6, Hot water pipe repairs £3:11:6  
 Fireplace in No 12. 16/6; lock in No 12, 2/6; W.C. cistern 3/6:  
 Post Office Telephones £2:14:11

Blue Bird Cafe. A request from the Blue Bird Cafe for compensation for the cost of installing water main, gas and electric current, amounting to £38:11:7 was refused. The Secretary pointing out that refunds of rent, under their tenancy agreement, to the amount of £38:15:-- had already been made.

Library, Museum & Arts Committee The thanks of the Library, Museum & Arts Committee for the gift of the works of the old clock were read.

Tenancies. M<sup>r</sup> E. Carter Preston. The Secretary reported that he had interviewed M<sup>r</sup> Preston, who requested the Committee to treat the walls of his new studio in such a way as to eliminate the reflected light caused by their coating of tar. In view of M<sup>r</sup> Preston's low rent the Committee decided to take no steps for at least a year.

Liverpool Youth Movement for Peace. The Secretary reported that this body had accepted the offer of No 10 at a rent of £20, exclusive of rates, lighting and heating.

League for the Restoration of Liberty by the Distribution of Property. The Secretary reported that he had had an interview with the Secretary of this League, who may apply for the central hall for an Arts & Crafts exhibition in November. Owing to the nature of the League's activities the Committee considered that it would be very undesirable to accommodate them.

Architects' Report.

Men: Shephard & Borer reported that the cost to date of the structural work on the east end of the centre block was £161:17:7. They submitted Men: Moten & Co's estimate for plumbing for the lavatories, amounting to £212:10:-. This was accepted.

A scheme for the repartition of the first floor of the back west wing was approved, the Secretary to make the necessary arrangements with the tenants. The approximate cost was estimated at £160.

Vestibule, west wing. The architects were authorised to proceed with the alterations to the staircase & <sup>first</sup> floor on a time and material basis.

West end, centre block. The architects were authorised to proceed with the alterations to the west end of the centre block, when and as convenient, the constructional work to be on a time & material basis.

J. H. Layton  
30 Aug 1927



Burscot Society of Arts.

The 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> August 1927, at 2 p.m. in the office of the Society.

Present. Mr Layton, in the chair, Mr G. Rathbone, Mr Badden & the Secretary.

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

Mr's Treasurer's Statement.

The Mr's Treasurer's statement was produced, showing a credit balance of £ 743: 14: 3

Accounts for payment.

The following accounts were passed for payment: The Liverpool Corporation, Electric lighting £ 16: 17: 1 and £ 4: 9: 4. Income Tax, Schedule 'A' £ 68: 16: -.

Five Extinguishers

The Secretary was authorised to purchase one dozen fastenings.

Drawing of Main Doorway

The Secretary reported that the Liverpool Review Ltd offered the Committee a block of a drawing of the main doorway for 25/-. The offer was refused.

Liverpool Civic Week.

A letter was read from the Music Committee of this organization asking permission for bands to perform in the front court during civic week. It was agreed to give permission, provided that the general public was not admitted to the court and that the entrance of tenants & their cars

was not obstructed.

Liverpool Amateur

Photographic Assoc. Permission was given to this Association to take photographs in and about the port court & entrances on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Stage & Furniture

Sub-Committee. A Sub-Committee consisting of Mr. Rathbone, Professor Rudkin & the Secretary was appointed to consider & report on stage arrangements, and the furniture of the large hall, the small hall & the dining rooms, cloak rooms and approaches. They were authorized to consult with any outside experts, whose advice they might consider of value, as well as with the architects.

Lettings.

It was decided that the ~~entire~~ large hall might be let for Badminton on Sundays, and on week day afternoons, and (upto Christmas) on week day evenings. No definite price was fixed, but it was considered that the charge should be from 15/- to £1/6/-.

English Folk Dance Society. It was agreed to let the large hall to this body each Wednesday, upto the end of the year, from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m. at a fee of 10/-, on condition that the Society would <sup>waive</sup> cancel its right to the room on any occasion on which a more profitable let might offer.

It was decided to let the large hall to Mr O. Rosman Clark for a choral and orchestral concert early in February at a

fee of £7/7/-.

Small Hall. It was decided to offer to let the small hall to Mr. C. W. Sharpe for a picture exhibition at £2/2/- a week, it being understood that, if required to do so, he would take down his pictures from the walls on any evening ~~when it might be desirable~~ when the room was otherwise let.

Tenancies.

Liverpool Boys' Association. The Secretary reported the substance of a conversation with Mr. Humble on 29/8/27. It was decided to repair the fireplaces in rooms 31/34, to glaze the cellar windows, and to put a spring on the inner entrance door in room 34.

The Secretary reported that the Liverpool Boys' Association contemplated asking permission to build a second story over their premises. It was decided that the Secretary should inform Mr. Humble that such a request would be refused.

Outside  
Architects

In connection with this application, it was decided that the employment of architects, other than the official architects of the Bluecoat Society of Arts, on any work in the building could not be sanctioned in any circumstances.

Playgoers'  
Club.

The Secretary reported that he had given permission to this club to remove a portion of the ceiling of No. 8, on their giving an undertaking to reinstate the ceiling, if required, at the end of their tenancy; and that this undertaking had been given.

His action was approved.

Miss Connor.

It was agreed to partition off part of room 30 for Miss Connor, as her present studio with shanty be destroyed, and to wash the walls cream colour for her.

Sandwich Studio Society.

Permission was given to this Society to construct a vestibule and cloak room opposite the centre door in the west wing, in accordance with plans prepared by Messrs Shephard & Bower.

Permission was also given to them to remove their brass name plate from the railings to the exterior wall of the building.

Architects' Report.

Messrs Shephard & Bower's account for £80 was passed for payment.

Mr Shephard reported that he had issued the following certificates.

Messrs J. B. Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> certificate on first contract £750:--:—

1<sup>st</sup> certificate on second contract. £400:--:—

Messrs W. H. Mandley & Co. 1<sup>st</sup> certificate for laying new floor £140:--:—

The Committee accepted these, and agreed that the accounts, when rendered, should be passed to the Hon. Treasurer for payment. ~~passed these for payment.~~

Mr Shephard reported that the cost to date of the 2<sup>nd</sup> contract (work at east end of centre block) was £515:13:1.

J. H. Lawton  
29 Sept 1927.

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J.H.L.

Bluescott Society of Arts.

The 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1937 at 2 p.m. in the office of the Society.

Present. Mr Layton, in the chair, Mr Budden, Mr Velarde, Mr Han: Treasurer, and the Secretary.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Financial Position. The Secretary's report on the financial position was considered. The following decisions were reached.

- (1) That a joint meeting of the Trustees and Committee should be held on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 1937, at 2.30 p.m.
- (2) That Mr Layton should discuss with the S&C Insurance Co the question of an increase of mortgage.
- (3) That work at the west end of the centre block should not be started before the 10<sup>th</sup> October.

Accounts for payment. The following accounts were passed for payment:-

J. B. Johnson & Co, 2 <sup>nd</sup> payment on 2 <sup>nd</sup> contract	£ 600.
Allen <sup>rs</sup> Shephard & Bower, fees	£ 45.
George Angus & Co L <sup>td</sup> , Fire extinguishers	£ 15:12:-

Name Plates. The type of name plates which the Philharmonic Society & the Amateur Photographic Association should be allowed to place

on the exterior wall of the building was left to the decision of Professor Budden.

Staff.

The Secretary asked permission to engage a man to attend to the central heating and to do odd jobs (cleaning etc.) about the building. He mentioned that he had three names before him. He was instructed to select one, and employ him for a month on probation at a wage of £2.10.0 a week.

Playgoers' Club.

Downy. Permission was given to this Club to alter the doorway of their room, at the own expense, subject to the approval of the Society's architects.

Decoration. The Committee regretted that, in view of the financial position, they could not make any allowance to this Club for the decoration of their room.

Rev. J. Blundell. The Committee decided to accept with thanks the Rev. J. Blundell's offer of a portrait of a Mrs. McCalmant (formerly a Miss Blundell) who died in 1836.

Sander Studios Society.

A letter from this Society was read, stating that last spring they had let their Music Room to the Liverpool Chamber Music Circle for 6 evenings, and asking if alternative accommodation could be provided when the alterations to the building rendered the music room unfit for use.

Lettings.

It was also decided to let the large hall to the English Fold Bazaar Society for a children's class on Mondays upto Christmas, from 5.30 to 6.30 pm, at 10/- for each occasion, on the same conditions on which it is let to them on Wednesdays.

It was agreed to let them have the small lecture room for 25/- for each occasion.

Letting.

It was decided to quote a fee of £2:2:- for each occasion to the Congregational Ministers Fraternal for the use of the small lecture room.

Architects.

Report

The Architects were authorised to purchase a lantern screen for the small lecture hall, the price to be about £6/10/- to £8.

The Architects were requested to obtain sample chairs, suitable for the small lecture hall.

Repairs to the roofs of 36 & 37, removing the old ventilators, were authorised.

JH Layton.

Bluecoat Society of Arts.

A meeting of Trustees and Committee was held in the Society's office on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 1927, at 2.30 p.m.

Present.

Mr Layton, in the chair, Mr R. K. G. R. R. R. Budden, Mr Mackean, Mr Thornton, Mr Velarde, The Hon. Treasurer & the Secretary.

Financial Position.

The financial position was considered, and after full



discussion, it was decided to proceed with the full program of alteration, if the Sea Insurance Co are willing to increase the mortgage by £8000

*J. E. Bawling*

### Bluecoat Society of Arts.

A meeting of the Trustees and Committee was held on Thursday, the 29<sup>th</sup> October 1927, at 3.30 p.m. in the small lecture room.

Present: The Lord Mayor, in the chair, Miss Holt, Mr. Rathbone, Professor Budden, Mr. Jeans, Mr. Sydney Jones, Mr. Sydney Kelly, Mr. Layton, Mr. Tinsell, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Kellock, Mr. Macleay, The Hon. Treasurer & The Secretary.

Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Letters. A letter of apology for Col. Shute's absence from his Secretary was read, and a letter of apology for her absence from Mr. Calder. In her letter Mr. Calder wrote "If a loan is to be raised, or debentures, I could, I think, manage £500 this year, and another £500 next year, or if the matter is to be arranged by a guaranteed overdraft, I would be responsible for £1000 of it."

Financial Position. The Lord Mayor called on Mr. Layton, who explained the financial position to the Committee meeting, stating that

The Sea Insurance Co would not increase the existing mortgage: that a sum of approximately £8000 was required to carry out the necessary alterations, and that of this about £4400, including the Bank overdraft, was due for payment. He suggested that one way of raising this money might be by the issue of debentures. Mr. Shawyer enquired the value of the back part of the property, which the Trustees have power to sell. Mr. Kelly stated that in his opinion it was worth about £8 a yard, and that there appeared to be approximately 1500 yards.

Mr. Sydney Jones enquired raised the question of an approach being made to the gentleman who, last year, contributed an anonymous gift of £18,000. After some discussion, in which it was made clear, that the meeting did not wish to impose on his generosity, Mr. Jones undertook to lay the position before him.

Mr. Tinsell raised the question of the contracts under which the alterations were being carried out. The Secretary made a statement, outlining the steps which the Committee had taken.

The Lord Mayor then called the attention of the meeting to the payment of pressing accounts. On the strength of Mr. Collier's guarantee of £1000, and a further guarantee from the Lord Mayor of £500, Mr. Shawyer stated that the Bank of Liverpool would increase the overdraft to £3000. It was then agreed that payments on account should be

made to Messrs J. B. Johnson & Co, John Hunter & Co, & J. Lees.

It was decided that, pending Mr Jeans' negotiations with the anonymous donor of the £18,000, consideration of the financial position should be adjourned till Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup> November 1927, at 4 p.m.

Inauguration. It was agreed that an inauguration of the building should be held in the early summer. The Secretary reported that he had made enquiries as to whether the Duchess of Atholl would consent to inaugurate the building, and that he had reason to think that she would. He was authorised to make arrangements accordingly.

J. C. Spurr  
Chairman

### Shelton Society of Arts.

On the adjournment of the foregoing meeting, the 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held.

#### Present.

Mr Layton, in the chair, Mr Rathbone, Mr Budden, Mr Kelly, Mr Sydney Jones, and the Secretary.

#### Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

#### Furniture.

The Secretary reported that the furniture sub-committee had ordered three, wheel-back, arm chairs @ £6.1.0 each, and a hundred single wheel back chairs @ 10/6 each for the

small lecture room. This was approved.

Liverpool  
Boys' Association. Permission was given to this Association to erect a gallery in room 33, subject to their plan being approved by the Architects.

Mr Carter  
Preston A letter from this gentleman was produced, asking the Committee to reconsider their decision regarding the walls of his new studio. The Committee again decided that they could not defray the cost of covering the tax on the walls, as they did not wish to make a precedent.

Playgoers  
Club. <sup>in the special circumstances</sup> It was decided to pay one third of the cost (i.e. £8:6:8) of redecorating No 8, this amount to be deducted from next quarter's rent.

Lettings. The large hall was let to the Sandan Studio Society as follows.  
Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, Dance £4/4/-  
Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December, Cabaret £4/4/-  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December, Hogmanay party £6/6/-

Liverpool  
Medical Research  
Committee. Letters from Mr Carey & the Secretary's reply were laid before the Committee. On the suggestion of Mr Sydney Jones it was decided that the Secretary should write again & ask Mr Carey to call to see if No 38 would be a suitable room.

Note 10/11/27 Certificate issued to J. B. Johnson 9 Co L<sup>td</sup> for £500 and £~~500~~<sup>600</sup>  
11/14/27 Certificate issued to John Hunter 9 Co for £200  
Certificate issued to J. G. Lees for £200

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Accounts  
for  
Payment.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -  
 Messrs Shephard & Bowen, fees. £8:17:-  
 L'pool Corporation, electric light £11:10:6, and £1:14:8. Of this  
 the sum of £10:1:- has been recovered from the Soudan Studios  
 Society.

Liverpool Gas Co. 18/5. J. G. Lees, minor repairs £2.  
 Also that payments on account to Messrs J. B. Johnson & Co.,  
 J. Hunter & Co & J. G. Lees should be made when the Architects'  
 certificates are issued.

J. H. Layton  
 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 1927

Bluecoat Society of Arts.

A meeting of the Trustees and Committee was held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup>  
 November 1927, at 4 p.m. in the small lecture room.

Present.

Mr F. C. Berrington, in the chair, Mr Calder, Mr Rathbone, Professor Budden,  
 Mr Jeans, Mr Sydney Jones, Mr Layton, Mr Velarde, & the Secretary.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Letter

A letter was read from Mr Tinnel apologising for his absence.

Financial  
Position.

Mr Jeans stated that he had received a letter from the anonymous  
 giver of £10,000, who offered to arrange a mortgage for £10,000  
 @ 5 1/2%, to be repaid in 40 years, interest & repayment to be by  
 half yearly installments of £558:15:8.

This offer was discussed at some length, and it was finally

It was also decided to ask the gentleman in question, to become a Trustee.



agreed that the gentleman in question should be asked to arrange a mortgage of £18,000 @ 5 1/2% ; but that no sum should be paid towards the reduction of the <sup>principal</sup> ~~debt~~ for the first five years. This was decided as it did not appear likely that the Society could pay the required amount (£558:15:8) half yearly for the first few years.

It was also agreed that if this could not be arranged, Mr. Jones should be given a free hand to make the best possible arrangement.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Jones for the trouble which he had taken was passed with acclamation.

### Inauguration.

The Secretary read a letter from the Duchess of Atholl regretting that she could not accept the Society's invitation.

Mr. Bowring agreed to write to Lord Dally, to enquire whether Lord Dally considered that there was any possibility of securing the Duchess of York.

As an alternative, Lord Crawford & Belconnen was suggested: and Mr. Sydney Jones agreed to write to him, if necessary.

J. H. Layton  
23 Nov 1927

### Bluecoat Society of Arts.

At the close of the foregoing meeting, the 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held.



Present. Mr Layton, in the chair, Mr. Collier, Mr. Rathbone, Professor Budden,  
 & the Secretary.

Minutes. The Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

Hon. Treasurer's It was reported that the Society's Bankers had not been furnished  
business. with the necessary resolution authorising the account to be overdrawn.  
 It was, therefore, resolved: that the Society's account at the  
 Bank of Liverpool and Martins Ltd be overdrawn from time to time  
 to such an extent as the Society may require and the Bank  
 may think fit to allow, and that Mr Arthur Frederic Slawyer,  
 the Hon. Treasurer, be and is hereby authorised to overdraw for  
 and on behalf of the Society the said account accordingly.

Accounts for The following accounts were passed for payment:-  
payment. Pioneer Stores Ltd. furniture. £ 54: 8: -  
 Shephard & Bower, fees 45: -: -  
 S.B. Jackson & Son, coke 3: -: -  
 E. Evans, cleaning material 2: -: 3.

Central Hall. A letter from the Soudan Studies Society regarding stage lights  
 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December <sup>was read</sup>. The Secretary was authorised <sup>to arrange</sup> for temporary  
 lighting arrangements to be made, if necessary.

J. Layton  
 23 Nov 1927.

Bluecoat Society of Arts.

A meeting of the Trustees and Committee was held on Wednesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1927, at 2 p.m. in the small lecture room.

Present.

Mr Layton, in the chair, Miss Holt, Mr. Rathbone, Professor Budden, Mr. Jeans, Mr. Sydney Jones, Mr. Thornton and the Secretary.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Letter of apology.

A letter from Mr. Sydney Kelly, apologising for his absence, was read.

Financial Position.

Mr. Jeans reported that the anonymous benefactor was Mr. W. E. Corbett: that he had considered the proposal put to him by Mr. Jeans, on behalf of the Trustees, but did not consider it a business proposition: and that he was prepared to give a second mortgage of £5,000 @ 5½%, without any conditions regarding repayment.

On the proposal of Mr. Layton, from the chair, seconded by Mr. Jeans, it was resolved to accept this offer, and the Secretary was instructed to convey the gratitude of the meeting to Mr. Corbett.

Trusteeship.

Mr. Jeans further stated that Mr. Corbett would be willing to become a Trustee. On the proposal of Mr. Layton, seconded by Mr. Sydney Jones, it was resolved that he should be invited to become a Trustee.

J. H. Layton  
10 Dec 1927.

Shuscoat Society of Arts.

At the close of the foregoing meeting, the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held.

Present.

Mr Layton, in the chair, Mr. Rathbone, Professor Budden, Mr. Sydney Jones, Mr. Thornton & the Secretary.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Petty Cash.  
~~Working~~

It was resolved that the Secretary be authorized to hold petty cash to the amount of £30 in future.

Accounts for payment.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -  
The Liverpool Corporation (Electric Supply) £ 1:10:6.  
Post Office Telephones. £ 9:17:7.

Back Court.

It was decided to give Mr. Tyson Smith permission to alter the old lavatories in the back court, at his own expense, and to use the space between them and the back east wing, with the proviso that this should not deter the Trustees from withdrawing this part of the court from his use at any future time.

West wing.

It was agreed that the work at the west end of the centre block should be put in hand forthwith.

Sander Studios  
Society.

Permission was given for this Society to use the Secretary's office when their own office becomes untenable, owing to the alterations. The Secretary was also authorised to allow them to use the lecture hall on Sunday evenings, when their music room becomes untenable owing to the alterations.

Lettings.

Large hall. It was decided that the large hall could not be let to the Liverpool & District Boy Scouts Association for a folk dance on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 1928, but that they should be offered the lecture room for a fee of £3:3:-.

Lecture room. It was agreed to let the lecture room to Mr E.

Carter Preston for an exhibition for a fortnight from 12<sup>th</sup> December for a fee of £2:2:- a week, or £4:4:- in all. The Secretary was instructed to inform him that this rate would be increased after 15<sup>th</sup> January 1928.

J.H. Layton  
15 Dec 1927

Bluescoat Society of Arts.

The 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup> December 1927, in the office of the Society.

Present:

Mr Layton, in the chair, Mr G. Ratbone, Miss S. Ratbone, Mr Thornton, Mr Velarde & the Secretary.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Accounts for  
payment.

Men<sup>r</sup> Shephard & Borden, having found the necessary certificates, the following accounts were passed for payment, as soon as the funds raised on the second mortgage are paid into the Society's account.

J. G. Lees. £200. J. B. Johnson & Co<sup>rs</sup> £600. Killick & Cochran £125. R. W. Staughton £200.

The following were also passed for payment at the same time:-  
Men<sup>r</sup> Shephard & Borden £60. S. B. Jackson & Son, col<sup>r</sup> £6:6:8.  
S. Hill & Sons, Stationery 15/-.

Large Hall.

After discussion it was decided that the basic charge for the large hall should be £7:7:-, up to midnight; or £8:8:- after midnight, all attendance etc to be extra. It was decided that where an electrician was required, his wages should be charged to the hirer, but that he should be engaged by the Secretary.

Parking of  
Cars in front  
court.

The question of the parking of cars in the front court was discussed, and the Committee decided to make no regulation for the present.

Lettings.

The Secretary reported that he had let the large hall to the Panda Studios Society for rehearsals on the 16<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> December at 10/6, and for a dress rehearsal on the 21<sup>st</sup> at £1:1:- This was approved. He was further authorised to let it to them on similar terms for rehearsals in connection with their

Hogmanay party.

It was decided to let the large hall to the English Folk Dance Society for an hour each Monday and Wednesday from 16<sup>th</sup> Jan: 1928 at the rate of 10/- for each occasion, but with the proviso that on Wednesdays they must vacate the hall by 6. p.m.

It was also decided to let it to them for a special meeting on Monday: 20<sup>th</sup> February from 8 to 10 p.m. for a fee of £5:5:-

Repts.

The Secretary reported that the rents of Min Corner, The Amateur Photographic Association, and The Architectural Society were outstanding. Mr Velarde undertook to communicate with the Hon: Treasurer of the Architectural Society.

J. H. Layton

27 January 1928.

Bluecoat Society of Arts.

The 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 1928, at 2 p.m. in the Society's office.

Present:

Mr Layton, in the chair, Miss Rathbone, Profena Budden, Mr Kelly, Mr Thomson, Mr Velarde and the Secretary.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Accounts.

The following accounts were handed for payment: -

Accounts for  
payments.

Layton & Co., Mortgage Interest, ten Income Tax. £220, & Fire Insurance  
Premium £87:10:-

Rates, Office £33:10:-, Cartaker £8:4:3.

L'pool Gas Co. £1:8:8 & 4/3.

P.O. telephones £2:18:1.

W. R. Bunden. Sundry joiner's work £23:-:4

J. G. Lees. Repairs £1:7:4 & 4/6.

D. K. Reardon L<sup>td</sup> Coke £6:12:-

Rockliffe B<sup>ros</sup>. Stationery £-:14/3.

Lettings &  
Tenancies.

It was decided that if M<sup>rs</sup> Howard Felmer took the lecture room  
for a Bridge Drive tables should be supplied without extra charge;  
and the Secretary was authorised to purchase 20 tables if he could  
obtain them for less than 4/- each.

It was decided to let the large hall to The Sandon Studies Society  
on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, for £5:5:- (from 12 to 12 midnight).

Alexandre Day. An application for the large hall from 14<sup>th</sup> May  
to 30<sup>th</sup> June was considered & deferred.

The Secretary was authorised to renew the following tenancies, at  
the present rent: - No 24 M<sup>rs</sup> Neffel, No 11, M<sup>rs</sup> Lynch, No 22 M<sup>rs</sup> Harris,  
No 23 M<sup>rs</sup> C. W. Sharpe, No 29 Miss Humphreys, No 30 Miss Connor,  
No 36, M<sup>rs</sup> Tyson Smith, No 37 M<sup>rs</sup> D. R. Bunden.

He was authorised to renew No 21, M<sup>rs</sup> Carr, or to offer No 20  
to M<sup>rs</sup> Carr at £10 per annum, and No 21 to M<sup>rs</sup> Atkinson

at £18 P.A., and to offer No 28 to Min Matchin at £6 P.A instead of No 27; and to offer No 26 (when completed) and No 27 to Messrs Budden & Marshall.

Architects  
Report.

Heating West Wing. Mr Bowen produced plans showing a proposed alteration in the heating arrangements of the West wing so as to include all dressing rooms, at a cost of £62, of which the Sanden Studios pay £24. This was approved.

Stage. Mr Bowen produced a report & recommendations from Mr T. Robinson. After discussion this was remitted to the Stage and Furniture Sub-Committee with instructions to report to the Committee.

Ventilation, Music Room, Sanden Studios Society. Mr Bowen reported that he had considered ventilating the space under the floor by grids opening into Messrs Watts' area, but that after consulting Messrs Watts' architect, he had decided not to do this, on grounds of economy. His decision was approved. His plan for carrying out this ventilation by flues was approved.

Sir Frederick  
Bowring.

It was resolved that hearty congratulations be tendered to Sir Frederick Bowring on the well deserved honour conferred on him by His Majesty.

JH Layton  
23 Feb 1928



Bluecoat Society of Arts.

The 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1928, in the office of the Society, at 2. p.m.

Present: Mr Layton, in the chair, Mrs Rathbone, Profena Budden, Mr Velankar & the Secretary.

Minutes: The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Hon. Treasurer's  
business &  
accounts for  
payment.

It was reported that the second Mortgage had been completed, and that after paying sundry accounts, already authorized by the <sup>& expenses</sup> case, Messrs Layton & Co had paid £762.15.- into the Society's account with Martins Bank Ltd.

The following accounts were passed for payment: - Layton & Co, Employers' liability premium, £1.3.3 :: D.K. Rea & Son Ltd., coke £7.16.-, Liverpool Corporation, electric light £10.19.3 & Sandon Studios Society, refund of payment made by them for electric light, of passages etc £5. 8. 6. less, sundry items, £1., Messrs Stephen & Raven, fees £52:10:-. ~~J.A. Johnson & Co Ltd. £700.~~

Caretaker's  
Rooms.

The Secretary reported that he had accepted estimates of £7.10.0 & £6.18.0 for the decoration of two rooms (caretaker) from J. & L. His action was approved.

Lettings.

It was decided to quote for the small hall £6:6:- for a

fortnight for an Architectural Exhibition by the Architects Group of the Sandon Studios Society.

Large Hall. It was decided to let the large hall to The Sandon Studios Society for a dance on 30<sup>th</sup> March 1928 for £6.6.-.

It was also decided to let it to them for 2 weeks from 5<sup>th</sup> May 1928 for an exhibition of works of art for £6.6.- a week.

It was decided that the small hall should be offered to the Alexandra Day cases from 14<sup>th</sup> <sup>May</sup> ~~March~~ to 30<sup>th</sup> June for £30.

### Tenants

The Secretary reported that all tenants to whom renewals of their leases had been offered had accepted: That Mr Carr had decided to retain Room 21, and that he had let room 20 to Mr<sup>s</sup> Atkinson for £12: and that Miss Malcolm had accepted Room 28. It was decided that Messrs Budden & Marshall's rent for Rooms 26 & 27 should be £20.

It was decided that No 20 could not be redecorated for Mr<sup>s</sup> Atkinson.

It was decided that No 24 should be put into tenenable repair & let to Miss Mace at £10 P.A. exclusive of rates, light & heating.

It was decided that if a suitable tenant could be found for No 14, Mr Mackay's request that his lease should be cancelled should be acceded to.

### Mr Carter Preston.

A letter was read from Mr Carter Preston asking that he should have a right of way to his studio through the vestibule

an emergency door in the east wing. It was decided that this could not be granted, but that he should be allowed, as an act of grace, to use this approach during the alterations to the building.

Architects  
Report.

Mr Shephard reported that he had issued a certificate to Messrs Johnson & Co<sup>rs</sup> for £700. This was passed for payment. He presented the final accounts for No 1 contract, showing a saving of £181:15:3 on the contract price; against this were sundry items amounting to £35:6:7, showing a net saving of £146:8:8. The Committee regarded this as satisfactory.

A certificate of £159:1:4, the balance due on No 1 contract was passed for payment.

Messrs Shephard & Rowe's account for fees on this contract £107:0:6 was passed for payment.

The Committee informed the Architects that they wished all work to be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> June 1928.

JH Layton:  
26 March 1928.

Bluecoat Society of Arts.

The 19<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee of was held on Monday, the 26<sup>th</sup> March 1928, at 2 p.m. in the office of the Society.

Present. Mr Layton, in the chair. Mr's Ratkbone, Mr Thornton, Mr Keland and the Secretary.

Minutes The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Accounts for The following accounts were passed for payment:

payment. J. B. Johnson & Co L<sup>td</sup>, £ 600.

Shepherd & Bower, fees £ 45.

J. G. Hess, decoration of caretaker's rooms £ 14: 8: -

D. K. Rea & Son L<sup>td</sup>, chks £ 6: 18: -

W. R. Bunden, joinery £ 100

W. R. Mandley & Co, balance for glass £ 14

} subject to issue of Architects  
} certificate.

Members of  
Committee  
to retire.

The following members of Committee were chosen by ballot to retire, but to remain eligible for re-election: - Mr Sydney R. Kelly.

Mr C. Sydney Jones and Mr R. H. Thornton.

The Secretary was instructed to notify the Trustees and to enquire whether they wished to make any other nominations.

Date of  
General  
Meeting.

It was decided that the ~~date~~ General Meeting should be held <sup>on between 1<sup>st</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> May</sup> in the first week of May. The exact date & time to be arranged by

The secretary, after making enquiries as to the most generally suitable day and hour.

Print of  
Building.

The secretary reported that Miss Layland had offered to present the Society with a coloured print of the St. George's Day procession from the building, and that he had accepted her offer. This was approved.

The Sanden  
Studies Society.

It was decided to allow the Sanden Studies Society to use the lecture hall as a supper room on the 30<sup>th</sup> March, without additional charge, as their music room and life room were not available owing to the alterations.

Associated  
Learned  
Societies.

As the Committee of the Associated Learned Societies to be only holding 5 meetings in the lecture hall, instead of the 10 to which they are entitled, the secretary was instructed to charge them £2:2:- in all.

Curtains.

The Sub-Committee on Furniture & Stage were instructed to obtain curtains for the lecture hall.

J. H. Layton.

23 April 1928.

Bluecoat Society of Arts.

The 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1928, at 2 p.m. in the office of the Society.

Present: Mr Layton, in the chair, Mr Budden, Mr Velarde and the Secretary.

Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Accounts for The following accounts were passed for payment: -

<u>payment</u>	Layton & Co, Schedule 'A' income tax	£160:16:-	✓
	J.B. Johnson & Co L <sup>td</sup>	£600:-:-	✓
	Stephens & Bower, fees.	£45:-:-	✓
	P.O. Telephones	£2:1:8.	✓
	Liverpool Gas Co	£3:9:10 and 6/3.	✓
	D.K. Ree & Son L <sup>td</sup> , coke	£6:15:-	✓
	J.G. Lees, laundry repairs	£3:3:6.	✓
	Rockliff B <sup>ros</sup> , stationery	13/-.	✓

Statement  
of Accounts. The Secretary presented the accounts for the period January 1927 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1928. Capital account shows a credit balance of receipts over expenditure of £2157:10:8. Revenue account shows a debit balance of expenditure over receipts of £250:3:3. The credit balance at the Bank on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1928 was £1907:7:5. These accounts were approved, and the Secretary was instructed to have them audited & to submit them to the General Meeting.

General Meeting.

It was decided to hold the annual general meeting on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 1928, at 3 p.m., in the office of the Society.

Article in Echo.

The Secretary reported that the Liverpool Echo desired to publish an article on the large hall. He was authorised to supply the necessary information.

Lettings.

Small Hall. The Secretary was instructed to quote to the Liverpool & District Teachers' Association a fee of £25 guineas for the hire of the small lecture hall for nine monthly meetings.

He was also instructed to quote to The Challenge Books & Pictures L<sup>td</sup> a fee of £10/- for the hire of the small lecture hall for an exhibition & sale of handicrafts etc on 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> November 1928.

Architects' Report.

The Architects submitted estimated figures for the completion of the work. A sum of approximately £3100 is required. This is about £1000 in excess of the original estimate. The Committee, while regarding this as very serious, wish to record their opinion that Messrs Shepherd & Bown have kept down the cost to a minimum, & have exercised every possible economy. Mr Bown reported that the contractors had given every assistance, by using old material etc, to meet them in the efforts. It was decided that the position should be fully explained at the General Meeting.

The architects submitted figures for alterations to, and equipment of the stage. It was decided that work on the stage (except what is included in the general alterations) should not be undertaken until after the position has been considered by the General Meeting. An exception was made in the case of the electric mains, & the wiring of the home lights. All existing wiring has been condemned by the local authorities. The cost of bringing in the main, wiring for the home lights & providing a switch board will be about £45. This was approved.

Secretary.

The Secretary reported that he had applied for another appointment, & that if his application should be successful, he would be required to take up his new work on 1<sup>st</sup> May 1928. The Committee gave him permission for him to do so, if he should be appointed.

JH Layton

14 June 1928.



### Bluecoat Society of Arts.

The first annual general meeting of the Society was held on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 1928, at 3.15 p.m., in the office of the Society.

#### Present.

Mr J. H. Layton, Mr. Calder, Mr. George Rathbone, Miss Sylvia Rathbone, Professor Budden, Mr. Hewitt, Mr. Mackay, Mr. Tinnis, Mr. Velarde & the Secretary and the Architects.

#### Chair.

Mr Budden proposed, & Mr Tinnis seconded, that Mr Layton, in the absence of the President, should take the chair. This was carried unanimously.

#### Notice.

Mr Layton read a notice concerning the meeting, in accordance with clause 6 of the Deed of Constitution.

#### Letters of apology.

Mr Layton stated that letters of apology for their absence had been received from Mr Sandeman Allen, Mr Colett, Miss Holt, Mr Sydney Jones, Mr Sydney Kelly, Mr Shawyer and Colonel Shute.

#### Secretary's Report & Statement of Accounts.

The Secretary was then called upon to read his report, covering the period ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1928. He explained that had been done in securing tenants, that attractions had been carried out, and the financial position. The debt is £15,000. In addition attractions will cost about £1000 more, apart from stage equipment, which will cost upwards of £1000.

The deficit on the revenue account was £320. Rents amount to £1147 per annum.

A few questions were asked, and after a short discussion Professor Badden proposed, & he handsly seconded that the report & accounts be adopted. This was carried unanimously.

Mr Layton moved, from the chair, that the report & accounts be printed & circulated to the members of the Society. This was carried unanimously.

### Architects' Report.

Mr T. F. Shephard explained to the meeting the nature of the work which had been carried out, some of the difficulties that had been encountered, and the present position. He then dealt with stage requirements.

Mr Tinnis asked for figures for the cost of equipping the stage. These were produced. After some discussion, it was proposed, from the chair, that the Architects be authorized to carry out the structural work necessary for the stage, at an estimated cost of £550. This was carried unanimously.

### Election of Officers & Committee members.

Sir Frederick Bowring, proposed by Mr Layton, seconded by Professor Badden was re-elected President. Mr Shauger, proposed by Professor Badden & seconded by Mr Calkin, was re-elected Hon. Treasurer. Mr Sydney Jones, Mr Sydney Kelly & Mr R. H. Thornton, nominated by the Trustees, were re-elected as members of the Committee.

Inauguration

M<sup>rs</sup> Calder offered to write to Lord Salisbury, and, if he still finds himself unable to accept, to Lord Howard de Walden. The meeting accepted her offer with gratitude.

M<sup>r</sup> Layton.

24 June 1929

Bluecoat Society of Arts.

The 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Thursday, the 14<sup>th</sup> June 1928, at 2.30 p.m. in the office of the Society.

Present:-

M<sup>r</sup> Layton, in the chair, M<sup>rs</sup> Calder, M<sup>rs</sup> George Rathbone, Miss Sylvia Rathbone, M<sup>r</sup> Budden, M<sup>r</sup> Sydney Jones, M<sup>r</sup> Thornton, M<sup>r</sup> Kellock & the Secretary

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Formal Opening.

It was reported that both Lord Salisbury & Lord Howard de Walden were unable to accept the Society's invitation to open the building. It was therefore decided that the ceremony should be postponed until the autumn, and that M<sup>r</sup> Layton should enquire, through Sir Leslie Scott, whether there is any possibility of securing the Prime Minister.

Accountsfor payment.

The following accounts were passed for payment: -

J. B. Johnson & Co L <sup>td</sup>	£ 900.
Robert W. Haughton	£ 200.
Killick & Co. Cochran	£ 100.
Shepherd & Barn, fees	£ 90

Accounts for  
pay ment.

Liverpool Corporation, Rates. Office £34:12:6.  
 " " " Large Hall £72:6:7  
 " " " Small Hall £65:8:1.  
 " " " Water Rate - : 7: - 172:14:7  
 D.K. Rees & Son L<sup>td</sup>, Coke, £6:6:-  
 H.T. Woodrow & Co L<sup>td</sup>, R/c Books. £7:10:- & 2/-.  
 C. Tinkling & Co L<sup>td</sup>, Printing of report £8:17:6.  
 S. Hill & Sons L<sup>td</sup>, Printing - : 15: -

The Secretary reported that the following accounts had been paid on Mr Layton's authorisation:-

W.R. Bunden, joinery £100. } These payments  
 Liverpool Corporation, Electric light £8:9:6. } were approved.

Tenancies  
& Lettings.

No 3. The Secretary reported that he had given Mr Flanagan notice to quit at the end of the current week, unless he paid up a considerable portion of his arrears. The Committee authorised him, in that event, to write off the arrears (£12:11:6 + £6.10.0 for current quarter) as a bad debt.

No 26/27. It was decided that Mr Bunden & Marshall's rent should not be raised to £20 until the end of the present quarter.

No 27 and 28. It was decided, that as these rooms had not been tenanted for a large part of the quarter, Mr Malcolm & Mr Humphreys should only pay 1/3 of the rent (ie 10/- each).

No 12. Mr Jay's tenancy was renewed for one year.

Meetings.

Large Hall. The Secretary was instructed to find out what the Rodwald Society had paid for the use of the Yamen for their concerts, & to offer them the large hall for 6 concerts for £30. If they did not accept this, to bring the matter before the Committee again.

The Secretary reported that the Sandon Studios Society had altered the date of their exhibition. It would now open on the 28<sup>th</sup> June.

Small Hall. The Secretary reported that he had let this hall to the Sandon Studios Society for a luncheon to Sir Edwin Lubbock on 11<sup>th</sup> May for £2/2/- & that the Society now requested that this charge should be waived, on the ground that, if the building had not been in occupation, the function would have been held in their own music room. After discussion, it was decided by a majority, that the charge should NOT be waived.

Mr. Tyson Smith.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Tyson Smith had been given leave to erect a garden & trolley for unloading stone, on the understanding that he might have to remove it at any time, should the Committee decide to develop the back court. This was approved.

Donations.

The Secretary reported that Miss Sylvia Rathbone had sent a donation of £10/0/- to the Society.

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Architects  
Report.

The Architects reported that Messrs Baxendale wished to erect two additional stories on their present premises, above the height of the building line stipulated in the deed of sale. It was decided that Mr David Bullen should be consulted as to whether (1) the Trustees should consider that this is a proposal to which they should agree, and (2) if so, what sum they should demand in compensation.

It was further decided that Mr Bullen's report should be referred to a sub-committee consisting of Mr Hayton, Mr Budden, Mr Keland & the Secretary, who should have full power to act on it.

Small  
Court.

It was decided that the small court, outside the Sanden Studio Society's music room should be ceded to that Society as part of the premises without additional rent, on condition that they undertake to keep it in proper order.

JH Hayton  
22 Aug 1928

Bluecoat Society of Arts.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1928, at 2. p.m., in the office of the Society.

Present: Mr Layton (in the chair), Mr Velude, & the Secretary.

Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read.

Accounts for The following accounts were passed for payment:-

<u>payment.</u> Layton & Co, Mortgage Interest, 1 <sup>st</sup> Mortgage	£ 220:--
E.A. Clark L <sup>td</sup> , fireplaces.	£ 35:11:--
T. Robinson, stage. (on account).	75:--
Corporation of Liverpool, Rates 1927/8, Central halls.	48:7:10.
Bellman Sons & Gaskell, Mortgage Interest, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mortgage.	144:13:2.

Lettings. It was decided to offer the small hall to Mess<sup>rs</sup> James Smith & Son for a series of 26 concerts for 50 guineas (if held in the afternoon) or 75 guineas (if held in the evening), & the large hall for 6 concerts for 36 guineas.

If Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith & Son do not take the small hall, the Secretary was instructed to offer it to Miss Reeves, for an exhibition, for one week, @ £ 10/10/-, at the end of November or beginning of December.

Mr Bullen's Report. Mr Bullen's report, on Mess<sup>rs</sup> Barendale's request to increase the height of the premises, was considered. It was decided

to agree, subject to the conditions suggested by Mr Bullen, viz that all expenses should be paid by Messrs Rowlands, that a legal agreement should be drawn up, at their cost, that certain stipulations regarding material to be used etc (as indicated in Mr Bullen's report) should be observed, and that they should pay to the Society the sum of £250.

The Secretary was instructed to ask Mr Bullen to negotiate on behalf of the Society.

Gratuity. In view of the extra work involved in cleaning etc, recently, the Secretary was authorised to pay a gratuity of 10/- to W.T. Macfield.

J. Holroyd  
22 Aug 1928



Bluescoat Society of Arts.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Wednesday, the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1926, at 2 p.m., in the office of the Society.

Present. Mr Layton, in the chair, Mr<sup>s</sup> Rathbone, Mr Budden, Mr Thornton and The Secretary.

Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Financial Position & Accounts for payment. The Secretary put in a statement showing that the present overdraft is £ 629:1:3, accounts due amount to £ 1517:7:-, making a total of £ 2146:8:3. Rents due amount to £ 76:5:- & £ 24 is due from The Sanden Studios Society for extension of central heating. £ 400 is due from Mess<sup>rs</sup> Baxendale & Co, but the Sea Insurance Co L<sup>td</sup>, holders of the 1<sup>st</sup> mortgage, have requested that this amount be paid to them. As the overdraft is only guaranteed to £ 1500 it was decided that the payment of £ 1000 due to Mess<sup>rs</sup> J. A. Johnson & Co L<sup>td</sup> must be deferred until further funds are raised.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Post Office telephones. £ 2:5:10.

Electric Light £ 2:14:10 & £ 1:3:1

L'pool Gas Co. 8/6, 18/3, 2/4 & £ 4:5:5 (fittings).

L'pool Corporation, Water rates etc £ 2:7:10 & 6/9

John Burden, "Exit" boxes £ 7:4:6.

Liverpool Ladder, Trestle & Barras work. ladder	£ 2: 5: -
S. Hill & Son L <sup>td</sup> , stationery	£ 1: 1: -
Allens (Liverpool) L <sup>td</sup> , cleaning material	£ 1: 9: -
Shepherd & Bowen, fees	£ 91: 11: -
W.R. Burden, joinery	£ 60: -: -
Killick & Cochran, central heating	£ 100: -: -
T. Robinson, stage.	£ 1: 18: - and £ 37: 5: 8.
J. Hunter & Co, Electric light	£ 200: -: -

Letter to  
members of  
The Society.

The draft of a letter to members of the Society, explaining that an appeal would be issued shortly, and asking them to send any amounts they might be prepared to contribute as soon as possible, without waiting for the public appeal, was approved.

Hire of  
Piano

Mr. Ruskworth & Draper's quotation for the continuous hire of a piano for the concert hall, of £ 4 a month from October to May, & £ 1: 10: - a month from June to September was accepted.

Rates for  
hire of  
Concert &  
Lecture halls.

The following rates were approved for the hire of the two halls:-

Dramatic Productions:-

1 performance	£ 7: 7: -
2 " "	£ 14
1 week	£ 35.

Matinee or dress rehearsal £ 4: 4: -

Wages of Electrician & Fireman in addition.

Concerts. Evening £6:6:-, afternoon £4:4:-.

Special quotations may be given for a series of concerts.

Dances. £6:6:- to 12 midnight, £7:7:- after 12 midnight.

Lecture Hall. 1 evening £3:3:-, 1 afternoon £2:2:-, 1 whole day £5:5:-, 1 week £12:12:-. Special quotations may be given for a series of bookings or for exhibitions of works of art.

Agency. The Secretary read a letter from Messrs James Smith & Son, suggesting that they should be appointed exclusive agents for the two halls. It was decided that they could not be appointed exclusive agents, but that the Secretary should discuss with them the question of granting them agents' commission on any bookings they might obtain.

Bookings. The Secretary reported that he had, in consultation with Mr Layton, arranged the following bookings with Messrs James Smith & Son:  
 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> Sept: both halls, for 25 guineas.  
 25-26 Oct: large hall, afternoon & evening £12:12:-  
 Six afternoons, small hall £12:12:-

It was decided that, as it was not at present possible to equip the stage, the concert hall could not be let to the Sanden Studies Society for the 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> October.

It was decided to let the concert hall to Miss Pierce for a Shakespearean recital (matinee) on the 19<sup>th</sup> January, for £4/4/-.

The Secretary reported that the Rodwald Concert Society had definitely booked the concert hall for their six concerts at the special rate of £30.

Liverpool  
Playgoers'  
Club. An offer from this Society of a dramatic production for the funds of the Society was gratefully accepted, the production to take place when the stage is equipped.

Tenants. It was decided to lease Mr Mackay's lease and to give a three years lease of No 14 to the Women Citizens Association. It was decided to offer to renew <sup>the lease of</sup> the Liverpool Youth Movement of Peace for 1 year from the 5<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1925 of No 10.

Amateur  
Photographic  
Association A letter from this Society asking for financial assistance was read, and the Secretary was instructed to send a sympathetic refusal.

Architects'  
Business. Mr Shepherd was instructed to accept Messrs J. B. Johnson & Co's tender of £136 for the decoration of the hall, and £6 for alterations to ventilators, and to put the work in hand forthwith; also Messrs Killick & Cochran's tender for a ventilating system of £24.

He was instructed to obtain quotations for curtains. He was instructed to carry the covering of the ceiling across the recess in the south wall, if the cost did not exceed £4.

He was instructed to obtain a wooden gate for the creak hall for £4.

Furniture of the lecture hall was discussed & the matter left over to the next meeting.

FR Velarde

21-IX-28

Bhacost Society of Arts.

The 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> September 1928, at 2 pm, in the office of the Society.

Present: Mr Velarde, in the chair, Miss Ratbone and the Secretary.

Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Financial Position. The Secretary reported the amount of the Society's overdraft, £948:11:7. As payment of £1000 to Messrs J. B. Johnson & Co<sup>sd</sup> is urgent, he was instructed to confer with the Chairman & Messrs Treasurer, with a view to paying this amount as soon as possible.

Chairs. The Secretary reported that the charge for hiring 400 chairs for a week would be £8., but if they are battered together, in pairs, as they must be, £15/10/- for two nights the charge would be £15. This amount was considered exorbitant.

as it would involve a loss on every letting. As an alternative the Society considered the Pioneer Co's offer of 400 chairs, of a selected folding pattern, for £255, or for £30 down and 24 monthly payments of £10 each. It was decided that the second alternative should be adopted, unless the Secretary could obtain a lower price for an equally satisfactory type of chair. He was instructed to ~~consult the~~ go into the best method of bettering these chairs, and the cost of doing so.

He was, however, instructed to hire chairs for Civic Week, as the others cannot be ready by then.

### No 3.

Tenants &  
lettings.

The Secretary reported that Mr Flanagan's tenancy had been terminated when one of his ~~debt~~ creditors sued him in the County Court: and that Messrs Hayton & Co had recovered £13 on account of rent. The Committee authorised the Secretary to write off the balance (£3.0.3) as a bad debt.

The Secretary reported that a Mr J. P. Brockbank had applied for the premises as a stationer's shop. He was instructed to give him a quarterly tenancy @ £26 per annum exclusive of rates, lighting & heating, subject to his producing a satisfactory reference. He was also to be allowed to place, outside his premises, show cases, in the place of the former tobacco advertisements.

No 10. Permission was given to the Liverpool Youth Movement

Sandra Studio Society. In the event of this Society being able to obtain an occasional licence for ~~the~~ an operatic performance on 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> October, with a dress rehearsal on 18<sup>th</sup> Oct, and on their undertaking to pay the cost of stage lighting & equipment for the occasion, it was decided to let the Concert Hall to them for £16, and to allow them to rehearse, when they could do so without heating or lighting, on the stage, without additional charge.

for Peace to sublet their room to the Holiday Fellowship, on three nights each week.

Lettings. The Secretary reported that he had let the ~~lecturer~~ <sup>concert</sup> Hall to Messrs Rushwater & Deaper for a recital by Mr. Harold J. Stretch on 21<sup>st</sup> January 1929, and that he had had an enquiry from Messrs James Smith & Son for an operatic performance on two nights in February.

Rev. J. Blundell. Letters between this gentleman & the Secretary regarding Mr. Calvert's portrait were <sup>produced</sup> read & approved. It was decided to accept with gratitude Mr. Blundell's offer of an old silver snuff-box.

Agency. The Secretary reported that the commission which Messrs James Smith & Son wanted, as agents, was 15% on any bookings they might secure. He was instructed to offer 7 1/2 %.

Mr. Leachey. It was agreed to pay Mr. Leachey £2.14.- in respect of electric light from his meter, used by the Society.

Architects  
business. The Architects produced estimates for curtains for the halls from The Pioneer Co. & from Mr. Robinson. It was decided to accept the Pioneer Co.'s quotation of £19.12.0 for curtains for the lecture hall, & to instruct them, also, to provide curtains for the fan light & glass panels of the door. The question of curtains for the



concert hall was deferred to the next meeting.

Furniture for the lecture hall was considered and a decision was postponed.

The Architects reported that The Building Surveyor required the steps in the south west corner of the court to be repaired, 9 guard rails to be provided, as also for the steps in the south east corner: and a pilot light to be placed at the south east door. This was approved.

It was decided to take gas to the cleaner's room in the east wing and to instal gas rings to facilitate catering for the concert hall if the cost did not exceed £5.

JH Layton

30 Oct 1928.

### Bluescott Society of Arts.

The 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Tuesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> October 1928 at 2 p.m., in the office of the Society.

Present, Mr Layton, in the chair, Mr Budden, Mr Rathbone, Miss Rathbone, Mr Velarde and the Secretary.

Minutes. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Accounts for payment. The following accounts were handed for payment: -

Liverpool Corporation, electric light	£ 1:14:10 and 15/4.
Post Office Telephones	£ 2:1:8

<u>Accounts</u>	Liverpool Gas Co.	5/5 and 1/10.
<u>for payments:</u>	Rochliff Bros. Stationery	£1:1:-
	David Lewis Theatre, hire of curtain	10/6.
	Rushworth & Dreaper, hire of piano. Oct-Jan.	£12.
	G. Angus & Co L <sup>td</sup> , overhaul of fire extinguishers	£1/10/-
	Williams & Tilly, hire of chairs	£14/13/4.
	H. Tyson Smith, Signs for Concert Hall	£2/10/-
	D.K. Rea & Son L <sup>td</sup> Cofe	£6/0/5
	Baxendale & Co L <sup>td</sup> , Boiler	£2/16/-

The Hon: Treasurer was also authorised to pay The Pioneer Stars L<sup>td</sup> £10:4:10 on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month, there being the amounts due for the purchase of the Concert Hall chairs.

Performing The Secretary produced correspondence with the Society. It  
Rights Society was decided to obtain their license for the Concert Hall, the  
L<sup>td</sup> Hon: Treasurer to pay the required sum of £5:5:-.

Notice The Secretary reported that he had given James Smith & Son L<sup>td</sup>  
Board permission to exhibit bills on a notice board on the front railing  
Advertising for a few days before each of their concerts. He stated that the  
 printing was unsatisfactory, but that he was taking the  
 matter up. His action was approved.

Agency The Secretary was instructed to consult Mr. Rushworth regarding  
 the commission which his firm would expect.

Lettings.

The Secretary reported that the fees for the Concert and Lecture Hall for the first two quarters of the financial year amounted to £52:2:6. Bookings, to date, for the two winter quarters were £182:19:- for the Concert Hall, and £18:18:- for the Lecture Hall.

It was decided to quote the following rates to James Brink & Son Ltd for a dramatic performance, in February, subject to the necessary license being obtained: three performances and a dress rehearsal 21 guineas; four performances and a dress rehearsal 26 guineas; the hires to provide their own stage lighting.

German Literary Society. The Secretary was instructed to quote the sum of £10:10:- for five meetings in the Lecture Hall, to include a meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> October, for which a fee of £3:8:- has already been quoted and accepted.

Sunday evenings. The Secretary reported that he had enquired from the National Secular Society and, ~~the~~ <sup>from the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>Concert Staff on</sup> Studio Society (unofficially) for a quotation for Sunday evenings. He was instructed to quote £4:4:- for an evening. He reported that he had enquired from a Miss Higginbottom for the Lecture Hall for the meetings of a social club, on about 25 occasions during the winter. He was instructed to make further enquiries.

M<sup>r</sup> Carter  
Preston.

A letter from M<sup>r</sup> Carter Preston regarding his use of the Concert Hall & Emergency door was read. The Committee decided that this could not be allowed and reaffirmed their decision of the

\* see page 119 & 121.

28<sup>th</sup> February 1928 \*

Mr. J. Blundell. A letter was read from this gentleman, which had accompanied his gift of a silver snuff-box.

It was decided that Mr. Alison Martin should be employed to repair Mr. Mc Calmont's portrait, and to obtain a suitable frame, and that Mr. Blundell's offer to bear part of the cost should be accepted. It was also considered that it might be possible to arrange for Mr. Blundell to unveil the portrait on the occasion of the official opening of the building.

Furniture.

The Secretary reported, that after consultation with Mr. Layton, he had authorised the purchase of a reading desk and lantern table for the lecture hall; <sup>at a price of £12</sup> and had cancelled the order for curtains for this hall. This was approved.

Mr. Rathbone offered to present <sup>some</sup> curtains for the lecture hall, if they should prove suitable. This generous offer was accepted with great appreciation.

Opening Ceremony.

The Secretary reported that Professors Reilly and Libercrombie had received no replies from the gentlemen whom they had approached regarding Mr. Winston Churchill; and Professor Budden reported that he had had no reply from Prince Ribesco, regarding Sir Joseph Duveen. He mentioned that there was a probability of Lord Astor being in Liverpool early in December. He

agreed to take steps to find out if he would open the building.

J. H. Layton:  
4 Dec 1928.

Bluecoat Society of Arts.

The 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 1928, at 2 p.m., in the office of the Society.

Present: Mr Layton, in the chair, Mr. Rathbone, Mr. Thornto & the Secretary.

Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Resignation. A letter from Mr Sydney A. Kelly resigning from the Committee was read, and the following resolution was passed:— that this Committee accept Mr Kelly's resignation with profound regret: and wish to place on record their great appreciation of his valuable services as a member of the Lord Mayor's Appeal Committee and of the Committee of the Bluecoat Society of Arts.

It was decided to invite Mr W. E. Corbett to fill the vacancy, and, if he should refuse, to invite Mr William Ruckwold.

Accounts for The following accounts were passed for payment:—

payment.

J. G. Bell, repairs.	£ 5:17:6 and	£ 1:5:4
D. K. Rea & Son L <sup>td</sup> , coke	£ 5:14:-	
Corporation of Liverpool, repairs to stopcock.		10/6

Accounts for  
payment.

Contribution of Liverpool. Water rate 6/9.

Gift of an  
Engraving.

The Secretary reported that Mr Gladstone had presented an engraving of a picture by Mr Joseph Kirkpatrick of a Blue Coat service in 1904. He was instructed to convey the Committee's thanks to Mr Gladstone.

Rev. F. Blundell.

A letter was read from Mr Blundell regretting that it would not be possible for him to come to Liverpool, & suggesting that Mrs Hartley Smith should be invited to unveil the portrait of Mr Mc Calmont. It was decided that she should be asked to do so on the occasion of the formal opening of the building.

Agents'  
Commission.

The Secretary reported that, after consultation with Mr Layton, he had agreed to give Messrs James Smith & Son Ltd a commission of 10% on any bookings secured by them. This was approved.

Christmas  
Gratuities.

The Secretary was authorised to give Christmas gratuities of £1 each to Mrs Beck, Mrs Bealane & W. T. Warfield.

Lettings.

The Secretary reported that since the last meeting of the Committee the concert & lecture halls had been let to a value of ~~about~~ about £80, making a total for the year of about £280.

He reported that he had let the Concert Hall to the Sanden

Lettings

Studio Society on Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> November, for £2:2:-. In view of the special circumstances this was approved.

It was decided that the charge, when the hall is let to the same person on the same day for both afternoon & evening, should be £8:8:-.

It was decided to charge the French Literary Society £12:12:- for a dress rehearsal, matinee and evening performance: and an extra £5:5:- if they should wish to give a second evening performance.

It was decided that the Lecture Hall should be offered to the English Folk Dance Society for ~~the~~ the evening of 12<sup>th</sup> December for £2:10:- or, if that was more than they could pay, £2:3:-.

It was decided to charge Miss Grundy 10/- for each rehearsal, except for the rehearsal on the day of her performance, for which no charge would be made.

It was decided to allow Mr. Rushworth & Dreaper to place a notice board, 90 inches by 40 inches, outside the railings to advertise Mr. Goo's recital on the 17<sup>th</sup> December.

The Wirral Society's application for the lecture hall for a week in April was considered, and the Secretary was instructed to see Miss Royden and arrange terms.

Tenancies.

It was decided to break Miss Conner's lease as from the end of the current quarter and to let No 30 to Miss Gae-Wallace & Miss Levine at the same rent.

Advertising



Tenancies. No 35. It was decided to renew Mr Preston's lease for a year on the existing terms.

Parking of Cars. It was decided to allow the guests of the Alhambra reception of the 14<sup>th</sup> December to park their cars in the front court, provided that they placed a man in charge. It was decided that ~~parking~~ the back court could not be let as a parking ground, as the consequent noise would seriously handicap the letting of the concert hall.

Opening. It was decided to invite Sir James Baine to perform the opening ceremony.

Financial Position. The Secretary reported that the Bank overdraft was £1205:16:3. and that £500 was long overdue to Messrs J. B. Johnson & Co L<sup>td</sup>. It was decided that the Hon: Treasurer be instructed to pay Messrs J. B. Johnson & Co L<sup>td</sup>. £250 on account.

JH Clayton:  
20 Dec 1928.

### Bluecoat Society of Arts

The 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> December 1926 at 2 p.m. in the office of the Society.

Present. Mr Layton, in the chair, Mr Ratbone, Professor Budden, Mr Thurston, Mr Rushworth (later), Mr Yelande, and the Secretary.

Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

New members. The Secretary reported that Mr Rushworth had accepted the invitation sent to him to join the Committee.

Financial Position. The Secretary reported that the bank overdraft was £1458:13:9 against guarantees of £1500, and that various sums, amounting to about £160 were urgently due for payment. Mr Layton offered to guarantee the overdraft to a further amount of £250.

Mr Budden proposed and Mr Ratbone seconded: "That this Committee wish to place ~~of~~ record their great appreciation of Mr Layton's exceedingly generous offer, which they accept with the warmest gratitude". This was carried unanimously.

The following accounts were then passed for payment:—

W. Alison Martin, restoring picture	£10:--
Hughes & Johnson, number & letter plates	3: 1: 6
D. K. Rea & Son L <sup>td</sup> coke.	5: 18: 3
Allott, Jones & Co L <sup>td</sup> Seating plans	4: 15: --
The Liverpool Gas Co. (4 accounts).	1: 10: 11

<u>Financial</u>	Samuel Hill & Sons Ltd, stationery	17/-
<u>Position</u>	Killick & Cochran. Ventilating	£24:--
<u>(contd)</u>	W. Borden. joinery. (on account).	£35:--
	George Lowe & Co. Iron railings etc	27:12:6
	Maudslayi & Co. Flooring.	14:17:9
	Shepherd & Bann, fees.	33:15:--

Lettings. It was decided to quote to Liverpool Practical Psychology Club a rate of £5 per evening for the Concert Hall for a series of 25 meetings.

It was decided not to let the halls to the Christadelphian Church

Tenancies. It was decided to give permission to the Sandon Studio Society to sub-let their life room, if necessary, to a tenant to be approved by the Committee: but to point out that if they ceased to be a Society promoting the arts, the Committee would have to consider very seriously whether their tenancy could be renewed in April 1930.

Advertising. It was decided to allow the Liverpool Bach Choir to place a poster of moderate size on the railings of the court, provided the printing was satisfactory

notice  
board

Secretary. Permission was given to the Secretary to accept an

Opening  
Ceremony.

The Secretary reported that Sir James Baine had refused  
the Society's invitation.

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appointment as part time Secretary to the Liverpool Geographical Society.

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Opening

Ceremony.

It was decided to approach Sir Joseph Duxon, by telegram. As alternative, should he refuse, it was decided to approach the President of the Royal Academy or Lord Astor. The carrying out of this was left to a sub-committee of Mr. Rathbone, Mr. Budden and the Secretary.

*H. B. ...*

British Society of Arts.

The 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive committee was held on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 1929, at 2 p.m. in the office of the Society.

Present.

Sir Frederick C. Baring, in the chair, Mrs Rathbone, Mr Budden, Mr Sydney Jones, Mr Layton, Mr Rushworth, Mr Keloude & The Secretary.

Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Opening

Ceremony.

The Chairman stated that the President of the Royal Academy had accepted the Society's invitation and would open the building on the 4<sup>th</sup> March.

The Secretary was instructed to send him full information.

The draft of the circular letters and the invitation card were

discussed, amended and approved.

It was decided that a subscription form should be sent out with these letters.

The Chairman stated that he was in touch with the Lord Mayor.

It was approved that Sir Frederick Baring should take the chair & introduce the President of the Royal Academy; that the Lord Mayor should be asked to propose a vote of thanks, and Sir Leslie Scott to second it; and that Sir Benjamin Johnson should be asked to thank Sir Frederick Baring for presiding.

It was decided that in addition to the speakers, the Bishop of Liverpool, the Archbishop of Liverpool, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Mr Carlett & Mr Layton should be asked to sit on the platform; and Mr Collier should also be present.

It was decided to invite the Players' Club to put on a performance on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> March for the funds of the Society.

Mr Rathbone, Mr Rushworth & the Secretary were <sup>appointed</sup> invited to a sub-committee to complete the arrangements.

### Chair.

Sir Frederick Baring had to leave at this point & Mr Layton was named to the chair.

### Accounts

for  
payment.

The following accounts were passed for payment, subject to the agreement of the Hon. Treasurer:—

Post Office Telephone.

£ 2:3:7

<u>Account for payment.</u>	Liverpool Corporation. Electric light (2 accounts)	£ 14: 15: 6.
	do do Corporation Water Rate	- 1 6: 9
	do do Gas Co. (3 accounts)	2: 1: 11
	Rushworth & Dreaper, hire of piano	12: - : -
	David Lewis Theatre, hire of curtain	1: 12: 6.
	Commercial Electric Co L <sup>td</sup> , light globes	5: 1: 2.
	William & Watson L <sup>td</sup> , glazed roof.	3: 9: 3.
	Allens (Liverpool) L <sup>td</sup> , cleaning material (2 accounts)	3: 8: -
	J. G. Lees. Repairs. (4 accounts)	6: 19: 4
	D. W. Rea & Son L <sup>td</sup> , coke, 2 accounts.	15: 7: 9
	Samuel Hill & Sons. L <sup>td</sup> , stationery	- : 18: 6
	University of Liverpool, mirror.	1: 10: -
	London Studios Society, hire of tables	2: 2: -
	William & Telling, hire of chairs	5: 12: 6.

The Secretary reported that mortgage interest amounting to £216: 2: 4  
+ £176 had been paid. This was approved.

He reported that the Bank overdraft was £1898: 8: 1.

Letting. It was decided not to let room No 38 to The Christian Science  
and Church.

Tenancies. It was decided that no reduction from the usual charge for the  
hire of the Concert Hall could be made either to Miss Pilkington  
or to the Maritime Insurance Co L<sup>td</sup>.

It was decided to let the Lecture Hall to the Alexander

Day Committee from 27<sup>th</sup> May to 13<sup>th</sup> July. for £30.

Liaison  
Boys'  
Association. A letter from this Association regarding structural alterations was read. The Secretary was instructed to deal with the matter in conjunction with the Society's architects & the Boys' Association.

J. H. Layton: 7 March 1929.

Bluscoat Society of Arts.

The 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March 1929, in the office of the Society.

Present. Mr. Layton, in the chair, Mr. Ratbone, Mrs. Ratbone, Mr. Budden, Mr. Rushworth & the Secretary.

Minutes. The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Position of  
affairs. The Secretary reported that donations, promised & received, amounted to £959:6:-.

The position was discussed at length & it was decided that steps must be taken by individual members of the committee & by trustees to approach all those who had already taken interest in the building.

The Secretary was instructed to prepare lists.

The Secretary was also instructed to ~~see~~ approach the Philharmonic



society with a suggestion that they should either raise a considerable sum as a donation, or should agree to pay an enhanced rent.

It was decided that, through the press, it should be made clear that the committee had not been extravagant in their expenditure.

The secretary was instructed to collect donations which have been promised but not paid.

Accounts  
for  
payment.

The secretary reported that the overdraft was £1398:15:1. When outstanding donations are collected (£405) this will be reduced to £993. 15. 1.

The following outstanding accounts were reported

J. B. Johnson & Co L<sup>td</sup>, decorating £140. Owing on certificate issued last August £250, further (exact amount not yet finally ascertained) £1500/2000.

Killick & Cochran, heating, balance £6. 16. 0.

J. G. Lees, repairs etc £133: 4: 11

R. W. Haughton, plumbing £167: 13: 6.

W. R. Barker, joinery £60: 8: 10.

Pioneer Furnishing Co., curtains £43. 10. 6.

Shepherd & Bowen, fees, say £200.

It was decided to make the following payments

J. B. Johnson & Co L<sup>td</sup> £140 & £250 = £390.

Killick & Cochran £6. 16. 0.

J. G. Lees £100. 0. 0

R. W. Haughton £100.

} on issue of  
Architects  
Certificates.

Accounts for W. R. Burden £50. on issue of certificate.  
payment. Pioneer Furnishing Co £43. 10.6  
 Shephard & Bowen, fees £100.  
 The London Students Society, catering 4<sup>th</sup> March £5:12:6.  
 D. K. Rea & Son L<sup>td</sup> coke £5. 14. 0.  
 Rockliff B<sup>ros</sup> stationery 10/-  
 Allens L<sup>td</sup>, floor polish 14/-  
 Layton & Co, insurance of staff £1:5:3.

Tenancies. The Secretary was instructed to obtain applications for No 22, vacancies vacant by the much regretted death of Mr G. W. Harris.

Lettings. It was decided to charge the Museumside Art Circle £1/6/- on each occasion for the hire of the Lecture Hall.

Next meeting. It was decided to call a joint meeting of the Trustees & Committee for the purpose of furthering the appeal, on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 1929.

concert stall. It was decided that, in future, an extra charge of £1:1:- should be made for the use of the piano.

JH Layton  
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Blascock Society of Arts.

The 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee was held on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May 1929, at 2 p.m., in the office of the Society.

Present.

Mr Layton, in the chair, Mr Rathbone, Mr Badden, Mr Ruckwold, Mr Norton, Mr Kellock and the Secretary.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Appeal & Financial Position.

The Secretary submitted a list of donations, showing that in 1928, ~~£222~~: £226:2:6 was subscribed, and that the present appeal had brought in £1702:6:0. It was decided that these lists should be published in the Liverpool Post.

A statement was laid before the Committee showing that on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1929 the debt was £21,699:19:7. This included the final accounts for alterations etc.

It was decided that every effort should be made to obtain further subscriptions either from individuals or public bodies. Various definite suggestions were made, such as approaches to the Liverpool Corporation, the Carnegie Trustees, and Sir Joseph Dawson.

Accounts for Payment.

The following accounts were passed for payment -

John Hunter & Co, elects on issue of certificate	£ 250:--:0
J. G. Lees	120:15:7

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R. W. Haughton, on issue of certificate	£ 77:13:6	
W. R. Burden, " " " "	7:11:4.	
Shepherd & Bower, fees	£ 83:10:-	
L'pool Corp: Electric light Dec/Januch	£ 14:16:6	
L'pool Corp: Water rate	-:6:9.	
Mess Thomas & Co L <sup>td</sup> , printing, appeal a/c	5:8:6.	
Rockliff Bros, printing, appeal a/c & office use	1:14:-	(£1.1.0) -13.0.)
Chalman, Wade & Co, fees audit 1927/28	26:5:-	
J. G. Lees, repairs, Dec/Jan.	1:4:5.	
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Rumboldt & Deafor L <sup>td</sup> , piano hire	8:-:-	
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Members of  
Committee to  
retire.

The following members of Committee were selected by lot to retire, but to remain eligible for re-election - m<sup>rs</sup> R. K. Bone, m<sup>r</sup> Budden, m<sup>r</sup> Layton.

Tenancies.

Liverpool Boys' Association. It was decided to offer this Society a renewal of their tenancy from Oct 1929 for three years at the present rent, £60, exclusive of rates, lighting & heating; or a renewal for five years at a rent of £70 exclusive of rates lighting & heating.  
It was decided to offer No 22 to Miss Timmins at a rent of £20, exclusive of rates, lighting & heating.

Lionshead?  
Playgoers'  
Club.

It was decided that the cost of providing an emergency door for this club could not be incurred; but that they should be given permission to make such a door at their own expense.

Concert  
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It was agreed to confer with the Rodwell Society regarding the accounts & seating of the Concert Hall.

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