

## ROBERT FOTHERINGHAM MEMORIAL.

The adjourned meeting of subscribers to the above fund was held at the Institute on Tuesday evening, April 27. The object of the meeting was to decide what should be done with the balance of the money available for expenditure. There were about thirty gentlemen present. Mr. J. Varley, S.M., was voted to the chair.

The CHAIRMAN in opening the proceedings explained what transpired at the last general meeting of subscribers, and the condition in which the business stood when the adjournment was carried. There was, he said, a resolution agreed to rescinding that portion of the proposition carried at the original meeting relating to the erection of a drinking fountain, and a motion was then moved to the effect that the money available for the further perpetuation of Mr. Fotheringham's memory should be invested and the interest devoted to the purchase of awards to be made at the Christmas examination of the State school. To this an amendment was proposed by Mr. Rowett, that an obelisk with a suitable inscription should be erected in some public place in the town. The meeting having adjourned these propositions were still before the meeting, and it was quite competent for any who disagreed with them to propose further amendments.

During the course of a discussion initiated by Mr. Scandrett, it was mentioned that all the cards were not in, some of the outstanding ones being known to contain more or less large amounts. The meeting agreed with a remark made by the Secretary, that the collectors who had not yet sent in their cards notwithstanding repeated applications treated the Committee as well as the subscribers whose names were on the cards very disrespectfully. It was considered probable that the amount would yet be raised to £160.

The CHAIRMAN then asked the gentlemen present to discuss the propositions before the meeting or propose other amendments.

MR. SCANDRETT referred to the various suggestions made, and said they had a very good monument of their late friend in the reading room of the Institute, which was all that was necessary in that direction. They all knew that Mr. Fotheringham was always willing to help those in distress, and he was quite sure that if Mr. Fotheringham could be consulted in this matter he would heartily approve of devoting the money to ameliorating the condition of those in want. He would certainly say—don't spend money in putting up a marble column for me. His (the

speaker's) idea was this, that the money be invested, and the interest devoted annually at Easter or Christmastide to the relief of distress. The poor they had always with them, whether the times were prosperous or not, and the trustees would have to look up the most deserving cases. He believed something in this direction would be in accordance with their deceased friend's views.

DR. BYRNE suggested that the money should be invested and the interest given to the Hospital for the maintenance of patients to be called the Fotheringham patients, the Mayor for the time being to have the power of nominating the patients.

MR. R. J. DAY believed the money was subscribed on the understanding that the memorial was to take a particular form, and when this form had to be departed from, in order to keep faith with the subscribers it should be followed as closely as possible.

Plans of monuments of various forms were then handed round by Messrs. Russell, Patrick, and Munro.

MR. A. H. GREENSHIELDS suggested the erection of a memorial gate at the public cemetery, with a suitable inscription. It was a public place, frequently visited by the townspeople, the last resting place of Mr. Fotheringham, and whilst keeping as near to the subscribers' wishes as possible would be a suitable monument to him whose memory they wished to perpetuate. He begged to move an amendment to this effect.

MR. WHEATLEY seconded.

MR. SCANDRETT moved that the money available for expenditure be vested in three trustees to be annually distributed for the relief of the poor in Kapunda.

MR. MELLOR supported the suggestion made by Mr. Greenshields.

DR. BYRNE seconded Mr. Scandrett's amendment, and MR. DUNKLEY supported it.

MR. PALMER made a few remarks in support of the proposition to purchase prizes with the interest of the money for distribution at the Christmas examination at the Model School.

The various suggestions were then put to the vote, with the result that the amendment in favor of erecting a memorial gate at the cemetery was carried by a considerable majority.

A special committee, consisting of Messrs. Varley, Mellor, Cameron, Greenshields, and Wheatley, were appointed to make the necessary arrangements and supervise the erection of the memorial.

The Chairman was thanked for presiding, and the meeting then closed.