

ALAWOONA'S NEW INSTITUTE

Fine Building Nearing Completion

Alawoona, December 11.
On November 5, 12 months ago, the foundation stone of the new institute was laid by Dr. C. Tanko, and the work of erecting the walls was then proceeded with. Unfortunately unforeseen circumstances necessitated a delay in the progress of the work. However with an undaunted Institute committee at the wheel these have eventually been surmounted and the building has since been pushed along. To-day the stately edifice is now nearing completion and is fast becoming a very handsome addition to the town. The masonry has been finished, plastered, and set. The contractors for the ceiling are also nearly finished and both have made a splendid job. There is still quite a lot of work to be done but it is thought that all being well this will be complete in January.

MEETING OF COMMITTEE

On Wednesday the committee met in the usual monthly meeting. Mr. T. B. Flint occupied the chair in the absence of Mr. T. W. D. Wilson. Many matters of interest pertaining the new building were dealt with. Quotes from various firms for the electric lighting of the building were considered and the tender of Newton McLaren Ltd. (Western Electric) for a 1½ h.p. plant was accepted; also price for wiring. It was resolved to write asking exemption from license on a ball game which is used for institute funds only.

The secretary reported that the total proceeds of the annual strawberry fete was about £67 6/11, and the expenditure about £19, leaving approximately £48—which was considered very satisfactory.

A petition was received from the R.A.O.B. Lodge for permission to erect under the stage a receptacle in the new building in which to store regalia, etc. This was granted. A recommendation from the ladies of the institute committee to add "The Woman's World" to the magazine section was adopted.

The plan of proposed marble roll of honour for the new hall was shown and discussed, and it was resolved to get quotes for the work as per plan. It was also resolved that caretaker repair the front door and construct shelves in recesses in old hall.

The opening of the new building is arranged for January 31, 1929. The sports committee is to be approached to arrange a sports programme for the afternoon and ladies to conduct stalls during the evening. Mr. Kay, manager of the State Bank at Berri, will be asked to perform the opening ceremony.

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There will be a marble memorial to the two who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War—Privates C. L. Finey and Bawden of Alawoona. Another pleasing feature will be a marble tablet in appreciation of the grand effort made by the children of Alawoona school and town in raising over £50 to the institute funds.