

General Meeting of Brigade

Wednesday May 13th 1903

Present: Mr. Rogers (Vice President) in the Chair & Mess^{rs} J. E. Bryan, H. Boatman, W. Pleasance, H. W. Lawrence, W. Stacey, W. Farling, C. Perry, R. A. Parmiter with the Hon Sec W. Morris.

The Minutes of the last General Meeting were read & confirmed.

Chief Officer of Brigade

The following letter from Mr. F. S. Lawrence was read:-

"28 April 1903"

"In reply to yours of the 22nd inst I must first tender my sincere thanks for the compliment which the Fire Brigade have paid me by offering me the post of Chief Officer. I regret that circumstances prevent me accepting the Office. I need hardly say that the Brigade may count upon my earnest assistance in any other way & with the best of wishes for its success

"I remain Yours faithfully,
Fred N. Lawrence"

As it was suggested that Mr. Lawrence had declined the post mainly on account of his being ignorant of the duties it was decided that the Brigade should provide a proper instructor to give a course of drills.

Mess^{rs} Rogers, Parmiter & H. W. Lawrence were appointed to interview Mr. Lawrence & inform him of this. A further Meeting to be called as soon as Mr. Lawrence's decision was known.

Drill

It was arranged that a Drill with the Engine should