

The allocation of funds from Head Office to the Branch was considered, and it was unanimously agreed to accept 45 per cent. in lieu of the present 50 per cent.

The SECRETARY read the report from the Sussex Branch re Projector Examination Scheme, and after general discussion the members felt they were quite capable of looking after their machines.

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE

For the fourth successive year Mr. W. J. WRIGHT was elected Chairman of the North Staffordshire Branch at its annual meeting, thus setting up a record in the history of the Branch.

R. SMITH offered the congratulations of the members to the Chairman and paid a tribute to his valuable services in that capacity during the past three years.

Acknowledging the compliment, the CHAIRMAN thanked the members of the Branch for the good feeling they had always shown towards him. He said he deeply appreciated the honour conferred upon him, and he would do all in his power for the benefit of the Branch and the trade.

Other elections resulted as follows:—
General Chairman, L. Hodgkinson; Delegate to General Council, R. Smith; Treasurer, L. Myatt; Secretary, T. A. Grant.

The following were elected on the Committee, with power to add to their number:—
Mrs. Macmanis, Mrs. Burrows, R. Beresford, G. H. Barber, J. Mervyn Yardley, J. Bar-
rington, J. C. Pico, H. Grice, W. H. Govier,
G. Edney, W. Allan and R. G. Grant.

A small balance in hand was shown in the accounts for the year, which were presented by the Secretary and adopted as satisfactory.

W. J. WRIGHT presided over a large attendance at the monthly meeting, at which R. SMITH, commenting on the unusually large number of members present, asked whether something could not be done to secure as good an attendance at each monthly meeting.

On the question of the advisability or otherwise of changing the day of meeting, it was agreed that Friday had proved to be the most convenient day. The meeting, therefore, decided that no change in the day of meeting be made.

The CHAIRMAN stated that, seeing an

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT BRANCH

The annual meeting of this Branch was held on Thursday, January 22nd.

Charities
Application from Mr. Doyle for a Flag Day during 1925 was ordered to be accepted, and it was further resolved to support during the year 1925 the following charities: St. Dunstan's, Alexandra Rose Day, Our Own Hospital Day, National Lifeboat Institution.

Cinematograph Trade Provident Institution
Correspondence and rules received from head office were laid before the meeting, when considerable discussion ensued thereon, and arising out of such discussion the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

1924 Accounts
The accounts for 1924 signed by the Chairman, Treasurer and Branch Secretary,

Vice-Presidency

This matter was left to the Delegate as the members had every confidence that his support would be given to the right man on behalf of the Association and the Branch.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Cooper for presiding and for the use of his office.

advertisement of certain exhibitions of films, he took immediate action in order to prevent them. He communicated with the Chief Constable of Stoke-on-Trent, who saw one of the exhibitions with him. As a consequence the shows were stopped. At the show in question practically every regulation imposed upon the cinema exhibitor by law was being broken. "Non-flam" films were not being used, film was exposed to a length of 5,000 feet and enclosures did not comply with the requirements.

The thanks of the meeting were tendered to the Chairman and the Chief Constable for their action in the matter.

In reference to the Vice-Presidency of the C.E.A., letters were submitted from the Southern Midlands Branch and Councillor Hewitson relative to the candidature of Mr. Blake.

R. SMITH expressed the opinion that Mr. Blake was the best man for the position. He proposed that the Branch support Mr. Blake's candidature.

This was seconded by J. SLATER and carried.

The meeting discussed the question of the opening of cinemas on Good Friday, the general opinion being in favour of the suggestion. A resolution was proposed by J. SLATER, seconded by R. SMITH, and carried, that application be made for permission to open the cinemas on Good Friday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The GENERAL SECRETARY wrote reminding exhibitors that, in order to comply with the Registration of Business Names Act, 1916, and the Companies (Particulars as to Directors) Act, 1917, it is necessary for letters, handbills and throwaways to have printed on them the names of the directors (in the case of a limited company) or of the partners or proprietors (in the case of a firm).

were submitted to the meeting, and the Secretary read and reported thereon, when it was resolved that the same be adopted and confirmed.

Appointment of 1925 Officers

After discussion, it was resolved that the following officers be appointed for the year 1925: Mr. Councillor H. J. Hood, Chairman; Mr. Councillor W. D. Buck, Vice-Chairman; Mr. F. Bromley, Treasurer; Mr. Councillor H. J. Hood, Delegate to General Council.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Secretary for his attention to matters during 1924, and members present referred to the usefulness of his work.

Annual General Meeting

Mr. Councillor H. J. Hood and Mr. Mit-
chener was appointed Delegates to the annual general meeting to be held on

February 25, 1925, and it was resolved that Mr. W. N. Blake be supported for the Vice-Presidency of the Association.

New Members

Application for membership from the following halls were considered and ordered to be accepted: The Lyric Cinema, Southampton; the Picturedrome, Northam, Southampton.

Projector Examination Scheme

The SECRETARY reported that he had written all members in connection with this matter, and sent a copy of the Sussex Branch report thereon, when a discussion ensued, and Mr. HOOD reported that the General Council were already considering a scheme from a national standpoint and the matter was deferred until the next meeting.

Registration under Business Names Act

The SECRETARY reported correspondence in connection with this matter received from head office, and reported that he had written all members briefly explaining the matter.

Branch Treasurer

Resolved that owing to Mr. Councillor W. D. Buck accepting the Vice-Chairmanship of the Branch, his resignation as Treasurer be accepted and that Mr. F. Bromley, of the King's Theatre, Southampton, be appointed Treasurer in his stead.

The "Livingstone" Film

The "Livingstone" film, an all-British production, which deals with the life and work of the great explorer and missionary, will be exhibited at the Albert Hall on Wednesday, January 28th, and the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress are expected to be present. The chief scenes in the film were taken in Africa by an expedition under the leadership of Mr. M. A. Wetherell, which returned to this country in November last. In addition to realistic incidents, which included an attack by a lion in Tanganyika, an encounter with "hippo" on the Zambesi, and a slave raid in the Dedza Territory, the expedition filmed an old slave market in Zanzibar and the famous discovery of Livingstone by Stanley—immortalised in the phrase "Dr. Livingstone, I presume."

"Mrs. May Featurettes"

Film Booking Offices (1919), Ltd. have completed arrangements whereby they will control throughout the United Kingdom the Quality Film Plays series of "Mrs. May Featurettes." These two-reel playlets are all adapted from the original stories by Thomas le Breton, and each will feature Sydney Fairbrother as the sly, resourceful, yet lovable Mrs. May, the character made famous throughout the English stage world by the late Fred Emney. The titles of the first six are: "Cats," "Raising the Wind," "Billets," "A 'Fowl' Proceeding," "Spots," "A Friend of Cupid." Release will commence in April next at the rate of one each fortnight.