

10 WEST NEWINGTON TERRACE

EDINBURGH

14th March 1885

My dear Sir

You will see by
the constitution and by-laws,
a copy of which is
inclosed, the objects
of the Club which
has of late been
formed in Edinburgh.
At the last meeting
your name and those
of the Principals of
Toronto & Fredericton

universities were proposed
as Honorary members.

I write to ask if you
will be good enough to
allow yourself to be
elected. All that is
expected from the Honorary
list, is that their
names will add additional
interest to the
students, and stimulate
the good purpose of
the club. I am, with
very kind regards
yours very faithfully
J Douglas Webster

Dear Mr. Dawson

J. Webster
Nov/85



The Trans-Atlantic Club.

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AT a MEETING of TRANS-ATLANTIC STUDENTS held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Edinburgh, November 29, 1884, it was unanimously decided to form a Club, with the following objects in view, viz.—

First, That the Members might meet at stated intervals for mutual improvement, and at all times have the opportunity of reading home papers and journals.

Secondly, To extend to new-comers, on their arrival in Edinburgh, a hearty and home-like greeting, so that they may not feel themselves strangers in a strange land, and to supply them promptly with all necessary information to aid them in their work.

In this way it is hoped to secure a means of social intercourse, and to cultivate a feeling of fellowship among Trans-Atlantic Students in Edinburgh, who otherwise, among the general mass of students, would probably conclude their course of study and still remain strangers to each other.

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The Club was therefore duly constituted in terms of the following Resolutions :—

I. That the Club be entitled THE TRANS-ATLANTIC CLUB.

II. That the Club consist of Trans-Atlantic residents in Edinburgh. Trans-Atlantic gentlemen, non-resident, may be elected Honorary Members.

III. That the Officers of the Club be an Honorary President, a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

IV. That there be a Standing Committee, to consist of five Members of the Club, together with the Executive Officers.

V. That the Officers of the Club and the Members of the Standing Committee be elected semi-annually.

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BYE-LAWS.

I. That gentlemen may become Members of the Trans-Atlantic Club who are Trans-Atlantic by birth, or have been Trans-Atlantic residents for two years. That the annual fee shall be One Pound sterling, payable within two months of enrolment. The fee for transient residents in Edinburgh shall be Ten Shillings for six months or less, payable on enrolment.

II. That the Club shall meet in their rooms on each Saturday evening at 7.30 o'clock; that the last meeting of each month shall be a business and literary one, a programme being previously arranged by the Standing Committee; and that all other meetings (unless otherwise arranged for) shall be informal and social.

III. That the election of Officers and Members of the Standing Committee shall take place by Ballot, and that the elections shall take place upon the second Saturday in November and May of each year. Officers shall be eligible for re-election.

IV. All nominations for any office shall be made by acclamation and seconded before being received as nominations. A vacancy in office occurring in the Club through any reason whatever shall be filled by special election at the first Business Meeting after the vacancy occurs.

V. That it shall be the duty of the President to enforce strict observance of the constitution and Bye-Laws, and to preside at all regular meetings of the Club. In the absence of the President, the 1st Vice-President, and in his absence the 2d Vice-President, shall preside. That the Secretary shall take and preserve the minutes of all Club meetings; and that the Treasurer shall keep a record of all accounts and moneys entrusted to his care, and submit a full statement of the same, duly audited, half-yearly at the business meeting immediately preceding the election of officers. The Treasurer shall keep

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an account with one of the Banks of the city, and deposit therein any sum in his possession exceeding five pounds.

VI. That the standing Executive Committee shall be empowered to elect their own Chairman.

VII. That twelve Members at any meeting of the Club shall constitute a quorum.

VIII. That no intoxicating beverages shall be consumed within the Club Rooms; that no gambling be allowed in the rooms at any time, and no card-playing be permitted at social or business meetings.

IX. That Honorary Members shall be balloted for, upon motion of Ordinary Members—such Members, at a formal meeting, held at least one month previous, having given due notice of such motion. That three adverse votes shall be considered sufficient to disqualify for Honorary Membership.

X. That at any Ballot for Honorary Membership, those Members who may be absent shall be allowed to vote by proxy.

XI. That an amendment to an amendment to any motion shall be final.

XII. That on a requisition being handed in to the Secretary, signed by ten members, he shall call an Extraordinary Meeting of the Club.

XIII. That no alteration or amendment shall be made to the Constitution or Bye-laws unless due notice be given one month previous, and then only by a two-thirds vote of the Members present.

ROOMS:

37 CHAMBERS STREET, EDINBURGH.