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Bedloe House  
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To  
General Pitt Rivers

Sir  
Being a member of the  
Borchester Debating Class  
whose report I enclose for your  
perusal I am taking the  
liberty of writing to you to  
ask you if you would be kind  
enough to lend me any  
pamphlets or books against  
the present observance of  
Sunday. I am bringing  
forward a paper against  
our present observance

& should esteem it a great  
favor if you would give me  
some of your experience

I should like to be very  
strong in my arguments as  
I expect a good deal of  
opposition.

Trusting you will be  
favorably inclined towards  
me & again apologising for  
writing, I am,

Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
Sidney Lacey

Clerk to  
J. S. Ensor  
Auctioneer  
Borchester

→ † Dorchester Debating Society. † ←

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR SESSION 1896=7.

Cash Received.	£	s.	d.	Cash Paid.	£	s.	d.
By 94 Member's Subscriptions ...	9	15	0	To Mr. Ling ...	2	8	2
„ Rules sold ...	13	0	0	„ “Western Chronicle” Co. ...	3	0	0
				„ “Telegram” Co. ...	3	0	0
				„ “Dorset County Chronicle” ...	17	0	0
				„ Mitchell (Town Hall) ...	5	0	0
				„ Gould ...	15	0	0
				„ Gas, Coal, etc. ...	14	0	0
				„ Cleaning Schoolroom ...	7	0	0
				„ Secretary's expenses ...	8	3	0
				„ Balance at “The Wilts and Dorset Bank, Ltd” ...	4	7	7
	£10	8	0		£10	8	0

(Signed), C. J. FOSTER,

Hon. Treasurer.

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**DORCHESTER**  
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# REPORT.

(SESSION 1896-7.)



THE Committee of the "Dorchester Debating Society" have great pleasure in presenting their First Annual Report, and congratulate the members on the unqualified success which has attended their first session. The large number of members (94) who have joined the Society, fully realises the most sanguine anticipations of the Committee, who are induced to express the hope that the Society will still further increase in the time to come, and that the ensuing Session will be even more successful than the last.

During the past Session the following members have brought forward motions :—

THE PRESIDENT,	Mr. EVANS,
The Rev. J. McCLUNE UFFEN,	The Ven. Archdeacon SOWTER,
MISS CUSSANS,	Mr. COSENS,
Mr. LACEY,	

While the following have taken the initiative in opposition to them :—

The Rev. J. McCLUNE UFFEN,	Mr. COSENS,
Mr. W. REED,	Mr. G. P. SYMES,
Capt. MANSEL.	

As a rule the debates have been spirited and well contested, and the Committee express the hope that the interest hitherto shown will be continued.

The Committee desire to record their warmest thanks to the Ven. Archdeacon Sowter, and the Trustees of the Holy Trinity Infant Schoolroom, for so kindly placing the building at their disposal free of charge.

By the annexed Statement of the Hon. Treasurer's Accounts it will be seen that an available balance of £4 7s. 7d. is brought forward for the purposes of next Session.

Unless prior to the first Meeting of the next Session for debate, Members inform the Hon. Sec. that they do not wish to renew their Membership, it will be assumed that they intend to continue as members.

*Members are urged to inform the Hon. Sec., without delay, of Subjects for Debate, intended to be introduced by them during the ensuing session.*



The ANNUAL GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING will be held at the Shirehall, on Thursday, October 7th, at Eight o'clock p.m.

*Agenda :—*

- (a).--To Elect Officers for the ensuing Session.
- (b).--To receive names of any wishing to become members of the Society.
- (c).--General business.

