

their opinions, and, therefore, that it was not intended that a literal report of their remarks during the discussions should be given, but merely a plain statement of the *res gestæ* of the meeting, detailing the business brought before the Council, the substance of the opinions expressed, and the decision, by vote or otherwise.

The Council resolve to meet weekly, every Monday at six p.m., "until the members shall become more fully acquainted with the business of the Corporation."

1834.

13th January.—Council meetings to be held fortnightly in future.

3rd February.—Resolution by Council that office of Public Executioner be abolished, and his residence in Canal Terrace sold.

5th March.—Instructions given "that the Tolbooth bell shall in future be rung every morning at five o'clock, as was the ancient practice in the burgh."

31st March.—Council memorialise the Commissioners appointed for inquiring into the Royal Burghs of Scotland [then sitting in Edinburgh], for the appointment of a Stipendiary Police Magistrate for the City to be paid by Government.

11th August.—Council voted 1000 guineas towards fund for rebuilding Marischal College.

1st September.—Permission given to proprietors along the Loch to contract it to a three feet wide course covered with stones.

3rd October.—The Show of the Highland and Agricultural Association held in Aberdeen. [The Association's Shows were also held in Aberdeen in the years 1840, 1847, 1858, 1868, 1876, and 1885.]

10th November.—Council resolve to lend the Town's Standard Scale (considered of great value) to the Royal Astronomical Society for comparison with their's—"the Scale to be sent by sea to prevent damage by knocking about, and to be delayed till summer when there will be less risk of loss or damage." [The instrument is now in the custody of the Senatus of the University.]

The rebuilding of the East Church and the erection of Dr. Bell's School in Frederick Street engaged the attention of the Council during the year.