

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING,

The meeting was called at the "Prince Albert" on 22nd December, 1958, to discuss a letter from the Old Finchleians' Club, giving proposals for the future relations of the Club and Association, arising from certain recommendations put before the Club by their Officers.

A brief history of relations between the O.F. Club and the Association was given by the Chairman. A meeting was held at Southover in November 1958 between officers of both organisations and as a result a letter had been received from the O.F. Committee containing an offer for the Association to become a section of the Club, providing the Association would accept certain restrictions on its membership and surrender its powers to make its own rules. The letter was read to all members present.

The matter was discussed at great length; the advantage of Southover and the O.F. newsletter were mentioned; but this was more than offset by the feeling that the Association should retain full powers over its own affairs and rules. Some members spoke of the importance of not prejudicing the aims of the Association in an attempt to reach a compromise and another expressed the fear that integration might result in the Association losing its identity and members.' It was felt that the Association could not, indeed should not, compel members to join a Club, which they had so far declined to do.

Members unanimously approved the motion - "That the Association does not accept the offer by the Club to become a section of the Club".

Discussion followed concerning future meetings with the Club, and as to whether the initiative should be taken by the Association or left to the Club. After considerable discussion, the motion - "That in the Association reply to the Club a further meeting be requested" - was approved by 35 votes to 4.