

26th Nov 1839

This day the Committee met having been duly summoned by circulars.

Cap^t Smyth J. P. in the Chair

It was moved by Mr Stodd seconded by Mr Reeves that the Committee do now adjourn to morrow Evening at 7 o'clock. Carried. adjourned accordingly W. Morrison and Sec^y

27 Nov 1839

This day the Committee met pursuant to adjournment Present Pres^t J. P. in the chair, D^o Mc Cord. Cap^t Smyth Mess^{rs} Reeves Mr Arthur. Peers. Rushton Stodd. Bollen Wrotte Mayne Burns. Rankin. + Res^t J. Forbes.

The Committee then proceeded to adopt or frame a code of Laws for the Gov^t of the Institution as follows - Resolutions as afterwards adopted as the Code of Laws were then unanimously adopted, after which the motion (see opposite page) April 2nd 1840

Present, Mr. M^r Arthur in the chair, Messrs Graham Peers, Luthelaine, Beaver, Anderson, Murphy, Caulfield, and Stode. In the absence of the Secretary the chairman read, a Letter from the Rev^d Mr. Osborne - according to the request of the Committee to deliver, an Introductory Lecture, also one from the Rev^d Mr. Geoghegan expressing his willingness to deliver, a Lecture. Other Letters had been received, one from Captain Smith who declined, and from Mr. Anderson stating that he would be happy to advance the interests of the Institute in any way he could, employ his abilities -

Proposed by Mr. Stode seconded by Mr. Peers, that Mr. Cursons name be added to the list of Lecturers, and that the Secretary be requested to write to him soliciting, a Lecture -

Proposed by Mr. M^r Arthur seconded by Mr. Stode, that Mr. Barry be admitted, a Member of the Melbourne Mechanics' Institution. Carried unanimously

3rd Resolution. Moved by Mr. W. Luthelaine 2^d by Mr. Bodein that the payment of an annual subscription of one pound with an entrance fee of one pound shall constitute a member and shall confer all the privileges of membership that a donation of £25 shall constitute a member for life without annual subscription carried unanimously

4th Resolution - Moved by Mr. Rushton 2^d by Mr. Anderson that the Committee shall exclude all such books from the Library as contain polemical divinity or other matters which they may deem objectionable

Amendment moved by Mr. Reeves 2^d by J^r Milkie that it be left to the Committee to decide what works should be excluded from the Library - amendment lost Original motion carried

Moved by Mr. Arden 2^d by Mr. Phurlow that the Rev^s Mess^{rs} Grylles, Waterfield & Geoghegan do form a Committee for the Management of the Library Not carried

5th Resolution. Moved by Mr. Bodein 2^d by Mr. Cursons that the Committee now appointed do draw up a code of laws for the Gov^t of the Institution subject to the approbation of a general meeting of Members on an early day - and that Ten form a quorum Amendment moved by Mr. Peers 2^d by Mr. Robertson that 5 form a quorum am^t carried -

W. Morrison. ass^t Sec^y

See opposite page

It was afterwards moved by the Rev^d J. Forbes seconded by Mr. Arden - that the affairs of the Society shall be regulated by the Laws now approved of herein and after this date, that the present office-bearer be requested to continue in office until the first Monday in June 1840. with the exception of the Rev^d J. Forbes whose resignation of the Office of Secretary is hereby accepted - That Andrew McCallum Esq^r be requested to accept the Office of Secretary - W. Luthelaine Chairman

Proposed by Mr. M^r. Arthur seconded by Mr. Anderson, that Mr. Sewell be admitted a Member - carried unanimously -

Proposed by Mr. M^r. Arthur seconded by Mr. Strode, that Mr. William Kerr be admitted a Member - carried unanimously -

Proposed by Mr. Sutherland seconded by Mr. Beaver, that the Secretary be requested to return the thanks of the Committee to the Rev^d Mr. Osborne for the prompt manner he has come forward to deliver a Lecture on the "advantages of Mechanics Institutions"

Proposed by Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Graham that the Secretary be requested to solicit the Rev^d Mr. Forbes to use his influence with the Trustees to procure for the Committee the use of the Scots School for the delivery of the opening and other Lectures -

Proposed by Mr. Sutherland seconded by Mr. Beaver, that the Secretary be requested to return the thanks of the Committee to the Rev^d Mr. Geaghegan and accept with pleasure his offer to deliver a Lecture on the Existence of the Westy proved and illustrated by Nature and Reason Solely -

Proposed by Mr. Sutherland seconded by Mr. Murphy that the first Lecture be delivered on Thursday next the 9th April -

Proposed by Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Sutherland, that Mr. Robinson, Chief Protector, be solicited to deliver a Lecture on the manners and Customs of the Aborigines; and also to Mr. Arden for his kind offer of a Lecture - *Doc Gordon Macart M.M.*

March 17th 1840

Present Mr. Murphy in the Chair, Messrs. M^r. Arthur, Strode Peers, Mayne, Morrison. Stat. of the funds about to be considered

Moved by M^r. M^r. Arthur seconded by Mr. Mayne that the Laws be printed forthwith - carried unanimously -

Moved by Mr. Mayne seconded by Mr. Strode that the Rev^d J. Cane be requested to give the Introductory Lecture carried unanimously -

Moved by Mr. Strode seconded by Mr. Peers that a Communication be made to each of the following gentlemen requesting them to Lecture and that an answer be obtained from each viz. Messrs. Brewster, Rev^d W. Waterfield, Forbes, Geaghegan, W. M^r. Crae, D. Wilkie, Osborne, Messrs. Dean Barry, Croke, Thomas, Arden, Thomson and a stranger (Osborne)

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April 13th 1840

Present Mr. Murphy in the Chair, Messrs. Anderson M^r. Arthur, J. J. Peers, Sutherland, and Sim. Letter from Rev^d J. Forbes granting permission for opening Lecture being delivered on Thursday next - Letter from Mr. Kemp Secretary of the Sydney Mechanics School of Arts enclosing Report of the Mechanics Institution of Sydney for the year 1839 and requesting Copy of any Report or other Document published by the Melbourne Institution may be sent to Sydney Institution - Thanks to the Institution voted -

Moved by Mr. Peers seconded by Mr. Sutherland and unanimously carried that Mr. John Miller be admitted a Member - Moved by Mr. M^r. Arthur seconded by Mr. Sutherland that D. M. C. G. Arnold be admitted a Member unanimously carried -

A Letter from Mr. Croke having been read consenting to deliver a Lecture, if possible - it was

Moved by Mr. M^r. Arthur seconded by Mr. Sutherland

and unanimously carried that Mr. Crabbe, admitted a Member. Thanks voted for his kind offer of a Lecture -

Moved by Mr. M^r. Arthur seconded by Mr. Lutherland and unanimously carried that Dr. Sprout, be admitted a Member

Moved by Mr. M^r. Arthur seconded by Mr. Peers and unanimously carried that His Honor Charles Joseph La'Trobe and Captⁿ. Soudale be written to intimating first Section on Thursday Next - and inviting their presence -

Moved by Mr. M^r. Arthur seconded by Mr. Sim and unanimously carried that Messrs. Murphy and Peers wait upon His Honor and Captⁿ. Soudale with the Letters - and that Messrs. Peers, Lutherland and Anderson make the necessary preparations for Lecture - Thanks were then voted to Mr. Peers for use of Methodist Chapel as a Committee Room - and also for his present to the Library of J. H. Murphy

16th April 1840

I present Mr. M^r. Arthur in the chair, Messrs. Peers, Sim, Murphy, Lutherland, Peers and Anderson - A Letter from Mr. Forbes having been read -

According to request to deliver a Lecture and intimating the subject Colonization. it was -

1st Moved by Mr. Peers seconded by Mr. Sim, and unanimously carried that Mr. Forbes be requested to deliver a Lecture on Colonization -

2nd Moved by Mr. Lutherland seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously carried that Mr. Osborne be requested to act as Secretary at a Salary of £52 per Annum.

3rd Moved by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Peers and unanimously carried that Mr. M^{rs}. Watkins be admitted a Member.

4th Moved by Mr. Peers, seconded by Mr. Murphy and unanimously carried that Mr. Horsfall be admitted a Member -
D. H. Watson M.A. Secy

23rd April 1840

I present Mr. W. G. M^r. Arthur in the Chair - Messrs. Beaver, Stode, Sim, Lutherland & Peers -

A Letter from Mr. G. H. Osborne having been read - accepting the Office of Secretary, it was -

1st Moved by Mr. Lutherland, seconded by Mr. Beaver and unanimously carried that Mr. Osborne be admitted to all the privileges of the other Members of Committee -

2nd Moved by Mr. M^r. Arthur seconded by Mr. Stode that Mr. Howard be admitted a Member of the Institution - carried unanimously

3rd Moved by Mr. Peers seconded by Mr. Stode and carried unanimously that the Secretary write to Mr. Barry requesting that he would favor the Institution with a Lecture on Agriculture on the 1st proximo -

4th Moved by Mr. Peers seconded by Mr. Stode that the Secretary write to the Rev^d. Mr. Forbes requesting that he would favor the Institution with a Lecture on Colonization on the 15th proximo -

5th Moved by Mr. Peers seconded by Mr. Stode and unanimously carried that the Lectures be open to the Public until the first General Meeting in June next -

6th Moved by Mr. Peers, seconded by Mr. Peers, and unanimously carried that Notice of the Lectures be published once in each of the three Melbourne Newspapers -

7th Moved by Mr. Stode seconded by Mr. Peers

by Mr. Lutherland and unanimously carried that the Secretary be authorized to purchase Stationary for the use of the Institution to the amount of Five pounds -

30th April 1840 -

Present, Mr. Peers in the Chair, Messrs - Mr. Arthur, Strade, Beaver, Anderson, Caulfield and the Secretary - Minutes of previous Meeting being read it was 1st Moved by Mr. M^o Arthur seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously carried that the Secretary on the next evening of Lecture answer in the negative the question put by some person on the evening of the first Lecture whether after each any discussion should take place - It was at the same time suggested that the Secretary should draw the attention of the Meeting to the 28th Regulation of the Institution's "Code of Laws" by which provision is made for a debating or any similar ~~deals~~ in connexion with the Institution -

2nd Moved by Mr. M^o Arthur seconded by Mr. Lutherland and unanimously carried that Mr. Galdridge be admitted a Member of the Institution -

3rd Moved by Mr. M^o Arthur seconded by Mr. Osborne and unanimously carried that Mr. Muston be admitted a Member of the Institution -

4th Moved by Mr. M^o Arthur seconded by Mr. Strade that Mr. O'Cook be admitted a Member of the Institution - unanimously carried

5th Moved by Mr. M^o Arthur seconded by Mr. Beaver that Capt. Poach be admitted a Member of the Institution - unanimously carried -

6th Moved by Mr. M^o Arthur seconded by Mr. Strade and unanimously carried that Mr. M^o Killop be admitted a Member of the Institution -

7th Moved by Mr. Osborne seconded by Mr. M^o Arthur and unanimously carried that Mr. Harrington be admitted a Member of the Institution -

8th Moved by Mr. Strade seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously carried that a Collector be appointed to receive the subscriptions of the Members of the Institution -

9th Moved by Mr. Strade seconded by Mr. Lutherland and unanimously carried that Mr. Parkerville be requested to accept the Office of Collector at 5 per Cent. Commission - and that the Receipt of the Secretary be a sufficient acknowledgement of payment -

10th Moved by Mr. M^o Arthur seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously carried that Two Hundred (200) Receipt Books be printed -

11th Moved by Mr. Strade seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously carried that a Deputation be appointed to wait upon His Honor the Superintendent, respecting assistance from Government in aid of the Institution -

12th Moved by Mr. M^o Arthur seconded by Mr. Lutherland that Messrs. Strade, Murphy,

.. (Recess)

Peeves, Peers and Osborne compose the
Deputation - unanimously carried -
J. W. Osborne Secretary

7th May 1840

Present Mr. Strade in the Chair, Messrs
M^r. Arthur, Peers, Beaver, Caulfield, and
Osborne -

Mr. Strade having stated that
Mr. Baskerville would accept the Office of
Collector, it was -

1st Moved by Mr. Caulfield seconded
by Mr. Beaver and unanimously carried
that all those persons who have joined the
Institution previous to the 1st April 1840 be
called upon by the Collector immediately to
pay their entrance and subscription up to the
31st May 1840 - viz Ten shillings entrance and
Ten shillings for six months subscription, and
that all those who have been admitted since
the 1st April 1840 be called upon by the Collector
to pay their entrance and subscription money
to 31st May 1841 viz Ten shillings entrance money
and one pound as one years subscription -

The Secretary having reported
the favorable reception which the Deputation
appointed to wait upon His Honor The Super-
intendent - it was

2^d Moved by Mr. M^r. Arthur seconded by
Mr. Beaver and unanimously carried that
a sub-Committee consisting of Messrs. Strade,
Peers and Osborne be appointed to write and

forward with the least possible delay, a letter
to His Honor the Superintendent reporting for
the information of His Excellency the present
state of the Institution, and requesting Govern-
ment aid -

3^d Moved by Mr. Caulfield seconded by
Mr. Beaver and unanimously carried that
Mr. Chidgy be admitted a Member -

4th Moved by Mr. Beaver seconded
by Mr. Caulfield that Mr. George Stevens be
admitted a Member -

5th Moved by Mr. Peers seconded by
Mr. Beaver and unanimously carried that
Mr. Henry Caulfield be admitted a Member -

6th Moved by Mr. Strade seconded by
Mr. Osborne and unanimously carried that
Mr. Mitchell be admitted a Member -

7th Moved by Mr. Osborne seconded
by Mr. Peers and unanimously carried that
Mr. John Sevier be admitted a Member -

8th Moved by Mr. M^r. Arthur seconded
by Mr. Peers and unanimously carried that the
thanks of the Committee be returned to Mr. Barry
for his able and eloquent Lecture upon Agriculture
on the 1st Inst -

9th Moved by Mr. Beaver seconded by
Mr. Caulfield and unanimously carried that
a sub-Committee consisting of Messrs. M^r. Arthur,
Peers, Murphy and Osborne be appointed to draw
up the Annual Report to be laid before the
General Meeting in June next

10th Moved by Mr. Caulfield seconded by

Mr. Beaver, and unanimously carried that 200 Copies of Forms for proposing the Members be printed -

J. H. Osborne Secretary
Thomas Peers

14th May 1840

Present Mr. Peers in the chair, Messrs. Beaver, Bodice, Canfield M^r. Arthur, Osborn and Trade -

The Minutes of last meeting having been read by the Secretary it was -

1st Moved by Mr. M^r. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Trade, and unanimously carried that Mr. James Montgomery be admitted a Member Entrance Fee 10/- paid -

Mr. Peers having handed in the annual subscription of Mr. Osborn for the session ending 31st May 1841; and also having stated that he was authorized by Mr. Osborn to tender a number of Books belonging to him for the Library of the Institution until his return from Europe, it was -

2^d Moved by Mr. M^r. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Trade, and unanimously carried that the thanks of this Committee be returned to Mr. Osborn for his handsome offer, which they gratefully accept, and that he be requested to hand over the Books to Mr. Peers, who has kindly consented to take charge, until a Press for the Library of the Institution be procured -

3 Moved by Mr. Beaver, seconded by Mr. M^r. Arthur that Mr. J. E. Beaver be

admitted a Junior Member - unanimously carried Entrance fee 5/- paid -

4th Moved by Mr. Canfield, seconded by Mr. Trade that Mr. Adam Anderson be admitted a ^{Junior} Member - unanimously carried

5th Entrance fee 5/- paid -

6th Moved by Mr. Bodice, seconded by Mr. Trade that Mr. Mark H. Bodice be admitted a Junior Member - unanimously carried Entrance fee 5/- paid -

7th Moved by Mr. Trade, seconded by Mr. Anderson that Mr. David Coll^d. Arthur be admitted a Member - unanimously carried

8th Entrance fee 10/- paid -

9th Moved by Mr. M^r. Arthur seconded by Mr. Beaver that Mr. George Arden be admitted a Member, ~~and~~ requested to deliver a Lecture on the 29th Inst. on the Mechanical Agency of the Press in the dissemination of general knowledge - unanimously carried -

J. H. Osborne Secretary

21st May 1840

Present Mr. Anderson in the chair, Messrs. Beaver, M^r. Arthur, Osborn, and Trade -

1st Moved by Mr. M^r. Arthur, seconded by Mr. Trade and unanimously carried that Mr. S. Brodie be admitted a Member - entrance fee 10/- paid -

Mr. Beaver having presented to the Institution from Mr. Rushton "an Analytical Table of Mechanical Movements" with "a Key" to the same

it was 2nd Moved by Mr. Strade seconded by Mr. M^c Arthur, and unanimously carried that the thanks of this Committee be given to Mr. Rushton for his appropriate present.

3rd Moved by Mr. Strade seconded by Mr. M^c Arthur that the Rev^d Mr. Geoghegan be requested to favor the Institution with a Lecture on Friday the 12th prox. and that Mr. Cooke be solicited for a similar favor on the 26th prox. on the subjects respectively named by these gentlemen -

4th Moved by Mr. Strade seconded by Mr. Peaver that Mr. Green and Baylie be requested to favor the Institution with Lectures

G. W. Osborne Secretary
J. Morrison

25th May 1840

Present Mr. Mayne in the chair, Messrs. Arden, Anderson, Canfield M^c Arthur, Osborne and Strade.

1st Moved by Mr. M^c Arthur seconded by Mr. Strade and unanimously carried that a subscription be now commenced for the erection of a Mechanics' School of Arts -

2nd Moved by Mr. M^c Arthur seconded by Mr. Anderson that the Committee of Management recommend that the 14th Regulation of the Code of Laws be altered so as to admit of all Office Bearers having a vote in Committees and that their intention be forthwith notified in the Public Papers - carried unanimously -

The Draft of the Report to be laid before the Annual General Meeting on the 1st June having been read the Committee adjourned until the regular day of meeting: 28th May
G. W. Osborne Secretary

Tuesday Evening Mar 17. 1840 : I. L. House
Committee meeting pursuant to advertisement
Present

Mr^s Murphy MacArthur. Peers Peers Mayne
Mr Murphy in the Chair

Moved by Mr MacArthur 2nd by Mr Mayne that the laws be printed forthwith. Carried -

Moved by Mr Peers 2nd by Mr MacArthur that 300 Copies be printed and that Members be furnished at 1/4 per Copy - carried

Moved by Mr Mayne 2nd by Mr Peers that the Rev^d Mr. Elow be requested to give an introductory lecture. Carried

Moved by Mr Peers 2nd by Mr Peers that a communication be made to each of the following Gent^l requesting them to deliver lectures and that an answer be obtained from each -

Gen^l Brownlee, Rev^d Mr. Waterfield, Forbes J. J. M^c Donnell, Mr^s Gibbons, Deans Barry Crook Thomas Arden Thomson

adjourned to Mar 24. 1840. W. Morrison Sec

Committee meeting 24 Mar 1840. Wesleyan Chapel
Present. Mr^s Murphy MacArthur. Peers Peers. Corfield
Sutherland - Mr. Murphy in the Chair

Moved by Mr MacArthur 2nd by Mr Peers that the printing of the rules be balloted for. agreed -
Result, to be printed at the Gazette office

Moved by Mr MacArthur 2nd by Mr Peers that a subcommittee be revised the Rules be now appointed. Carried

Moved by Mr Peers 2nd by Mr Sutherland that Mr^s Murphy, MacArthur & Sec^y do form the Subcommittee. Carried

Moved by Mr Corfield 2nd by Mr Peers

that Mr. Rev. Mr. Wilson be requested to deliver
a lecture carried

Moved by Mr. Macarthur 2^d by Mr. Sutherland
that Cap. A. Smith be requested to deliver a
Lecture. carried

Moved by Mr. Macarthur 2^d by Mr. Sutherland
that Religion & Politics be not given subjects
for lectures. carried

Meeting adjourned until Thursday 27th next
at the Wesleyan Chapel

28th May 1840

I Present Mr. Sutherland in the chair, Messrs. Ander-
-son, Mr. Arthur, Osborne, Peers, ~~Osborne~~ and Strade -

1st Moved by Mr. Mr. Arthur seconded by Mr.
Strade that Mr. G. M. Mac Lavin be admitted a
Member - carried unanimously -

2nd Moved by Mr. Mr. Arthur seconded by
Mr. Strade that Mr. George ^{Peers} Pain be admitted, a Member
- carried unanimously -

3rd Moved by Mr. Osborne seconded by Mr.
Peers that Mr. Overton be admitted a Member Extra
fee 10/- paid - carried unanimously -

4th Moved by Mr. Strade seconded by Mr.
Mr. Arthur that Mr. Green be admitted a Member
- carried unanimously -

5th Moved by Mr. Peers seconded by Mr.
Anderson that Messrs. Mr. Arthur and Osborne be
appointed as a Sub. Committee to make any verbal
alterations they may deem necessary in the Report, now
read, to be laid before the Annual General Meeting
on the 1st June - carried unanimously -

6th Moved by Mr. Strade seconded by Mr.
Anderson that Messrs. Peers and Osborne be appointed
a Deputation to wait upon His Honor C. J. La Trabe
and Capt. Lardale to solicit subscriptions towards
the erection of the proposed School of Arts and to solicit
either of them to take the chair at the Annual General
Meeting on the 1st June - carried unanimously -

G. H. Osborne Secretary -
John Sutherland

29th May 1840

Present Mr. Peers in the chair, Messrs. Anderson
Beaver, Mr. Arthur, Osborne and Strade -

1st Moved by Mr. Osborne seconded by Mr.
Mr. Arthur that W. Patterson be admitted a Member -
carried unanimously -

2nd Moved by Mr. Mr. Arthur seconded by
Mr. Anderson that Mr. W. W. Parks be admitted a
Member - carried unanimously -

3rd Moved by Mr. Mr. Arthur seconded by
Mr. Anderson that Mr. Hugh Walker be admitted a
Member - carried unanimously -

G. H. Osborne Secretary

1st June 1840

Present Mr. Sutherland in the chair, Mr.
Peers, Anderson, Beaver, Mr. Arthur Osborne
Strade & Reeves.

Moved by Mr. Mr. Arthur seconded
by Mr. Peers that Mr. G. Pittman be admitted
a Member unanimously carried -

Wm Sutherland

Annual General Meeting

1st June 1840

Capt. Sarsdal, President, in the chair
Report

of Committee for Session ending 31st May 1840.

In meeting with the members of the
Melbourne Mechanics' Institution, at their first
Annual General Meeting the Committee of Manage-
ment, as is usual on such occasions, beg to submit
to the Society a Report of their proceedings during
the period they have held office -

Owing to many unexpected, as well as
anticipated difficulties, the Lectures were much later
in being commenced than your Committee could
have wished; and, as from the inauguration Lecture
may be properly dated the commencement of the session,
few occurrences have taken place within the short
period which has since elapsed of such moment as to
warrant your Committee in occupying much of your
time or attention by their either general or particular
detail. It is certainly true that many things of im-
portance have occurred previous to the date of the first
Lecture, which might be brought forward upon the pre-
sent occasion, but, being so generally known to the Body,
their narration would be in a great degree superfluous.
At the establishment of every similar institution it al-
most invariably happens that little incidents occur
calculated to mar the harmony which each person in-
terested may have resolved to maintain and that the grand
object, which all desired to promote is for a time lost sight
of amongst the number of different opinions advanced
and in the warmth of debate to which they give rise -

Surgeons; therefore, to draw a veil over the unpleasant part your Committee have the pleasure of announcing that the Melbourne Mechanics' Institution is at present in a most flourishing state, and that there are the most cheering prospects to encourage its friends to future exertion. At every meeting of Committee since the opening of the session, several new Members have been admitted and the entire number is at present 114.

A Circular requesting Lectures was forwarded to different Literary Gentlemen, in Melbourne and its Vicinity, who were known to be friendly disposed to the Institution, and were likely to comply with the wishes of the Committee, and all the answers yet received are of the most satisfactory nature. Several have consented to lecture upon subjects which they have named, the favours of a few have already been received, and others have been arranged for the ensuing session. To all these gentlemen your Committee feel deeply indebted, and would derive thus publicly to state that in making arrangements for the particular evenings of their respective Lectures they have been guided by several circumstances, all of them, however, totally unconnected with a desire to give a preference to any one by priority of call. As sectarianism, in its most unlimited acceptation, is by a fundamental Regulation excluded from the Society your Committee have endeavoured to avoid even the suspicion of its influence, and have been guided solely by a desire to promote, to the utmost of their abilities, the professed and

real object of its formation - "the diffusion of scientific and other useful knowledge".

The Gentlemen who have already favoured the Institution with Lectures with their respective subjects are as follow -

- Rev. G. W. Osborne - on the advantages of Mech^s Institutions
- Edmond Barry Esq - on Agriculture
- Rev. James Forbes - on Colonization
- George Arden Esq - on the Mechanical Agency of the Press in the dissemination of general knowledge

On account of the Institution not having a suitable place for the delivery of Lectures your Committee were under the necessity of applying to the Managers of the Scots School House for the use of their Building for that purpose and in the most handsome manner has their request been granted. They were under the necessity also of applying to the Trustees of the Wesleyan Chapel for the use of their place of Worship for the Committee Meetings and their application has by these Gentlemen also been met with a ready assent in the most liberal terms.

As however, your Committee could only expect and solicit these favours for a short time, until they could erect suitable accommodations for themselves, a Deputation was appointed to wait upon His Honor, The Superintendent, to request that he would kindly bring under the favorable consideration of His Excellency, Sir George Gipps, the claims of the Institution to Government aid.

By His Honor the Deputation was graciously received and every exertion promised that was likely to forward the wishes of the Society. A Letter has since been written to His Honor by whom it has been forwarded to His Excellency requesting a Grant of Ground, upon which to erect a Mechanics School of Arts, a Gratiuity to assist in its commencement, and an Annuity to enable the Society to carry into effect the ultimate objects of its formation. An answer could not yet have been received, but your Committee, judging from the warm feeling His Honor has manifested in its favor, are fully satisfied it has been strongly recommended. The Committee for the ensuing session may, therefore, anticipate an early and a favorable reply and may calculate upon the pleasure of having it in their power to embody in their Report to the next Annual General Meeting that what has been commenced by the present Committee has through their exertions been crowned with success. So soon as a favorable answer from His Excellency shall have been received your Committee are satisfied have no doubt that their Successors in Office will adopt the best means of giving effect to the decision, and it is with pleasure they have to congratulate them upon the favorable auspices under which they will be enabled to enter upon their duties owing to the liberality of a number of Gentlemen who have so honorably come forward to patronize by their name and influence the first literary and scientific In-

stitution of the rising Capital of our adopted Country, and who have given the strongest proof of sincerity of profession by already contributing so handsomely towards the erection of the proposed Building, to which we may look forward as an ornament to our Town and creditable to the Community at large.

In addition to the gentlemen who have already subscribed there are known to be many others ready to come forward to assist by their contributions so soon as the answer of the Government to our application shall intimate that their co-operation is needed. As a general call upon the public in aid of the Institution has not yet been made, and as, therefore, many gentlemen may be ignorant of the necessity of their pecuniary assistance in the erection of the contemplated Mechanics' School of Arts it cannot be expected that the Amount already subscribed can be so great as your Committee are satisfied the mere publication of the wishes of the Institution will ensure. The favorable answers of the Government, however, being all but certain, your Committee would beg respectfully to urge upon the Members and through them upon the Public generally the necessity of present exertion in securing the same in order to avoid delay when the time for Building shall arrive. Although much is expected from the Government still yet much is requisite from ourselves. Government will assist but the duty of effecting our own object must remain with ourselves. Many may not be able to subscribe largely to the erection of the Building, but there is scarcely

any one who may not contribute something and although Money be wanting there are and will be opportunities for all to manifest their dispositions in one way or another. Besides pecuniary resources upon which the Institution must have to draw there are also Literary Resources of no less Moment - there is a literary as well as a Money Fund upon which it must rely and upon which also its stability and success must depend.

Upon the want of suitable accommodations also is consequent another great disadvantage. Several Gentlemen have already contributed to the establishment of a Library in connexion with the Society, and others have intimated their intention of encouraging it by similar donations but we have not yet a place belonging to the Institution for their reception.

To the gentlemen to whose kindness the Institution is thus indebted for the nucleus of a Library the Committee in its name, would tender their grateful acknowledgements, and would at the same time intimate that although they have not a suitable place belonging to the Institution in which to deposit Books for a Library, specimens in the various Departments of Nature and Art for a Museum, Models or requisites for a Laboratory, Apparatus for experiments in the illustration of Lectures and other addenda of a Mechanics' Institution, yet they are prepared to take possession of donations of any of these the kindness of different gentlemen having ensured their safe custody. The public, therefore,

are requested to bear the Institution in mind and when opportunities offer to secure for its advantage any article they may deem appropriate for any of its Departments. In a new Colony like this there are many things which their present abundance may render common and, therefore, comparatively of little interest, which to the Antiquarian of future generations or even to the curious of different countries at the present time would be highly appreciated.

As at the formation of such an Institution considerable Correspondence, and other clerical duties are absolutely necessary, and as in this Country time is so valuable that it cannot be expected that sufficient would be devoted to perform them satisfactorily without some pecuniary emolument, it was considered indispensable to engage a Secretary to whom they have agreed to pay at the rate of Fifty Two pounds per Annum from the 20th April to the present time. In their official offer to the present Secretary, when they understood he would accept the Office, your Committee pledged themselves to recommend his re-appointment to the present General Meeting with such increase of Salary as the Funds would admit. This pledge, therefore, your Committee beg at present to redeem.

Your Committee would also beg to recommend that all the Office Bearers of the Institution have a vote in the Committee of Management.

As a Collector has been only recently

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appointed, all the regular Fees, and Subscriptions of Members have not yet been received, and, therefore, the Treasurer's Balance Sheet, now submitted for inspection, is not so perfect as your Committee could have wished, and as they have no doubt it will be in a short time.

Your Committee cannot omit mentioning that they have received a very friendly Letter from the Sydney Mechanics' School of Arts accompanied with a Copy of the Report of that Institution for the last year. In that Report occurs the following Paragraph which is extracted, as an example and proof of the sympathy which is there felt in the exertions of the Melbourne Mech's Institution to obtain for the Country of their adoption a place and a name amongst the other civilized Countries of the Earth -

"Since the last Annual Meeting your Committee perceive by the public papers that two other Institutions of a similar nature to this have been formed - one at Maitland, Hunter's River, and another at Melbourne, the capital of the Southern districts of the Colony; and although no communication has yet been received from the Officers of either of these bodies, they understand that there is no doubt of their being successfully and firmly established. This intelligence the Committee received with much satisfaction, for they feel that the formation of these Institutions in the interior must have the effect of improving the condition of the mechanical portion of the inhabitants." - Report Sydney School of Arts 1839.

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This Communication has been answered by a return of thanks for the Courtesy and friendship which it manifests, and a pledge given of a reciprocal feeling, which it is hoped, both for the interests of science generally and our respective Institutions in particular, will long continue. From the well known Literary and Liberal character of the Hobartton Mechanics' Institution your Committee anticipate from that quarter also the encouragement derived from an expression of a sympathetic feeling -

Your Committee deem it almost unnecessary to allude at the present day to the advantages of Mechanics' Institutions for the purpose of exciting a spirit in favor of the Melbourne Institution. The number and respectability of the Audience on each evening of Lecture prove incontrovertibly that our fellow-colonists know and fully appreciate these advantages. If the unanimity which at present exists amongst its Members and the deep interest felt in its prosperity by the public generally continue uninterrupted the Melbourne Mechanics' Institution will at no distant date stand upon an equality, whether as regards numbers in comparison with our Colonial population, respectability or usefulness, with any similar Society of the Mother Country or the oldest of her Colonies. Firmness, however, is still requisite to enable its supporters to withstand difficulties, and exertions must be continued by its friends to mature the plans already formed and effect its permanent establishment and real usefulness.

for the use of their respective Buildings for the delivery of Lectures and the ~~Comm~~ Meetings of Committee -

Moved by Mr. [unclear] seconded by Mr. Lutherland that the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Melbourne Press for the kind manner in which it has advocated the interests of this Institution -

8 Moved by Mr. Newton seconded by Mr. Beaver that all Office Bearers of the Institution have a vote in the Committee of Management -

9 Moved by Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Bodiceu that the Salary of the Secretary for the next Session be £55 -

Amendment moved by Mr. Reeves seconded by Mr. D. G. M^c Arthur, that the Salary of the Secretary for the next Session be £78 -

This Amendment was subsequently withdrawn and the original Motion carried unanimously with the addition that the sum specified should be increased to whatever amount the Committee of Management might consider the Funds would admit -

10 Moved by Mr. [unclear] seconded by Mr. Arnold that the following gentlemen be the Office Bearers of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution for the ensuing Session -

- Patron — His Honor C. J. La Trobe
- President — Capt. Soudale
- Vice Presidents — Rev. G. Clome & W. M^c Crae
- Treasurer — Mr. Wm. Bighett

The foregoing Report having been read by the Secretary the following Resolutions were then passed unanimously -

1st Moved by Mr. Michell seconded by Mr. M^c Killop that the Report now read, together with the Treasurer's accounts be approved and printed for general information -

2 Moved by Mr. Ware seconded by Mr. Michell that the thanks of this meeting be given to His Honor Charles Joseph La Trobe, Patron of the Institution, for the warm interest he has evinced in its favor -

3 Moved by Mr. Barry seconded by Mr. Sewell that the thanks of this Meeting be given to Capt. Soudale, President of the Institution, for his exertions in that office during the year -

4th Moved by Mr. Yaldwin seconded by Mr. Lutherland that the thanks of this meeting be given to those gentlemen who have favored the Institution with Lectures -

5 Moved by Mr. Arden seconded by Mr. M^c Killop that the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Vice Presidents, the Committee of Management and other Office Bearers for their Zeal and successful exertions in the establishment of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution -

6 Moved by Mr. Reeves seconded by Mr. Newton that the thanks of this Meeting be given to the Managers of the Scots School Room and the Trustees of the Wesleyan Chapel

Secretary — Mr. G. W. Osborne

Curator of Museum } W. Wilkie

Committee of Management

- Mr. Joseph Anderson. Mr. Andrew M^c Crae.
- Redmond Barry. " Alex. M^c Killap.
- George Beaver. " G. Y. Peers.
- John Caulfield. " Robert Reeves.
- G. M. Chisholm. " Thomas Strade.
- Gas. Crae. " John Sutherland.
- Patrick Mayne. W. Thomson.
- G. R. Murphy.

Auditors —

Mr. John Carey &

W. G. M^c Arthur.

Librarian — Mr. Thos. Burns.

Collector — Barkerille

Capt^m Soursdale having vacated and Mr. Galdwyn having been called to the chair the thanks of the Meeting were unanimously voted to Capt^m Soursdale for his gentlemanly conduct in the chair —

Messrs. Soursdale

4th June 1840

Meeting of Committee

Present Mr. Andrew M^c Crae in the chair, Messrs Anderson, Beaver, Chisholm, Murphy Osborne and Strade —

1st Moved by Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Chisholm that Com^{rs} Stelenski be admitted an Honorary Member of the Institution carried unanimously.

2nd Moved by Mr. Strade seconded by Mr. Chisholm that W. Nicholson, W. Wallace, Major Mitchell and Mr. ^{Handson} Hodson be admitted Honorary Members of the Institution — carried unanimously —

3rd Moved by Mr. Strade, seconded by Mr. Mayne that a subscription be immediately commenced in aid of the Funds of the Institution, and that Messrs. Chisholm and M^c Crae be requested to solicit pecuniary assistance from the Public for that purpose — carried unanimously.

4th Moved by Mr. Strade seconded by Mr. Mayne that Messrs. Fletcher and Adams be requested to favor the Institution with Lectures —

5th Moved by Mr. Strade seconded by Mr. Chisholm that all the Lecturers at the Institution during the present Session have the privilege of admitting their friends gratis on the evenings of their respective Lectures; that all Ladies be admitted gratis; that all the bona fide members of the family of which the Head or Representative is a Member be also admitted gratis; gentlemen not Members of the Institution to be ad-

-mitted upon payment of One Shilling each; boys under 15 years of age half price - carried unanimously -

6th Moved by Mr. Mayne seconded by Mr. Anderson, that all the Funds of the Institution be deposited in the Union Bank in the name of the Institution and drawn by Cheques signed by the Secretary and counter signed by Messrs. Chisholm and M^c Crae - carried unanimously -

Wm M^c Crae
Chairman

11th June 1840

Present Mr. Chisholm in the Chair, Messrs Anderson, Beaver, Caulfield, M^c Arthur, M^c Crae, Osborne, Reeves and Strude.

The Minutes of the last Meeting having been read by the Secretary, Mr. M^c Crae in reference to the 3^d Resolution handed in a Subscription List amounting to £208-19-0.

The Secretary then read a Letter from W^r M^c Crae thanking the Members of the Institution for the honor of having been unanimously elected one of the Vice Presidents for the current Session and intimating his subscriptions to the Funds £10-10-0 and £20 towards the erection of the proposed Mechanics' School of Arts.

The following gentlemen were then unanimously elected Members of the Institution having been regularly nominated at the last Meeting in accordance with the 2nd Regulation of the Code

of Laws" Messrs. Daniel Chisholm, G. Y. Pea and John Grey, G. Urquhart, E. Y. Newton, James Wadd, Samuel Crook -

1st Moved by Mr. M^c Crae seconded by Mr. Beaver that Major Barney, Roger Thery Esq^r and the Messrs. A' Bckett be admitted Honorary Members of the Institution - carried unanimously

2nd Moved by Mr. Strude seconded by Mr. Anderson that the Rev^d - Carmichael and Richard Windyer Junior be admitted Honorary Members of the Institution - carried unanimously.

3^d Moved by Mr. Peeres seconded by Mr. Anderson that 300 Tickets of Admission of Members be immediately printed - carried unanimously

4th Moved by Mr. M^c Crae seconded by Mr. Peeres that Messrs. Arden and Strude be the Printers for this Institution - carried unanimously

5th Moved by Mr. Strude seconded by Mr. Caulfield that Messrs. Anderson and Beaver be requested to act at the next Lecture in the admission of the Audience and thus give effect to the 5th Resolution of the last Meeting; and that the other Members of Committee take the Office in Alphabetical order - carried unanimously -

6th Moved by Mr. M^c Crae seconded by Mr. Strude that the Secretary furnish to the next Meeting of Committee a List of the Members of the Institution, and that the Treasurer for the last Session be requested to hand in a Balance Sheet, in the usual form, of the state of the Funds at the date of his retirement from Office - carried unanimously -

7th Moved by Mr. M^c Crae seconded

by Mr. Peever that, a sub. Committee be appointed to request persons of all Classes to become Members of the Institution. carried unanimously -

8th Moved by Mr. Strade seconded by Mr. Beaver that Messrs. Barry, M^o. Killap and Peers be appointed a sub. Committee to carry into effect the foregoing Resolution, and that they commence immediately and report proceedings to the next meeting of Committee on the 25th Inst.

9th Moved by Mr. Peever seconded by Mr. Strade that the Secretary after each Lecture announce that all persons desirous of becoming Members of the Institution will be prepared in the regular manner by giving in their names and addresses to the Secretary - carried unanimously

J. M. Chisholm
Chairman

25th June 1840

Present Mr. Peever in the chair, Messrs. Beaver, Chisholm, M^o. Killap and Osborne -

1st Moved by Mr. Chisholm seconded by Mr. M^o. Killap that Dr. Thomas be written to requesting him to lecture on the 24th July - carried unanimously.

2nd Moved by Mr. Beaver seconded by Mr. Osborne that Messrs. Chisholm M^o. Killap and Peever be requested to procure Rooms for the Library and Museum and the meetings of Committee &c. - carried unanimously.

The following gentlemen were admitted Members of the Institution having been

proposed in the regular manner at the previous meeting of Committee - viz. Messrs. David ^{Estlin} ~~Estlin~~ Henry Ward Mason, James Clarke and James Osborne & Wm. Estlin

J. M. Peever

9th July 1840

Present Mr. A. M^o. Crae in the chair, Messrs. Chisholm, Beaver, Main, and M^o. Arthur.

Messrs. Chisholm, and M^o. Crae handed in an account of the moneys received by them respectively on account of the Institution. By Mr. Chisholm's account it appeared that he had collected the sum of Twelve Pounds and six shillings, of which he paid into the Union Bank six Pounds and five shillings, and the Balance six Pounds and ~~one~~ shilling was then handed in to the Committee who requested Mr. Main to deposit the same in the Union Bank. By Mr. M^o. Crae's account it appeared that he had collected Forty One Pounds, Nine shillings and six Pence, of which he paid into the Union Bank Forty Pounds, Three shillings and six Pence, and the balance One Pound and six shillings was then handed in to the Committee who requested Mr. Main to deposit the same in the Union Bank.

Messrs. M^o. Crae and Chisholm also handed in a List of Subscribers who had not then paid, and which List was ordered should be placed in the hands of the Collector, the sum being One Hundred and Eighty Two Pounds and Fourteen shillings added to that collected made a Total of Two Hundred and Thirty six Pounds Nine shillings

Mr. Chisholm
£12-6-0

£6-5-0
£6-1-0

Mr. M^o. Crae
£41-9-6

£40-3-6

£1-6-0

£182-14-0
53-15-6

£235-9-6

and six pence - It was then moved by Mr. Main and seconded by Mr. Beaver that the warmest thanks of the Meeting be given to Messrs. M^c Crae and Chisholm for their zealous exertions on behalf of the Institution - carried unanimously

Andrew M. Crae
20th July 1840. Chairman
Special Meeting

Present Mr. W. G. M^c Arthur in the chair, Messrs. Beaver, Chisholm, Caulfield, Osborne, Peers, Stode and Sutherland.

The second Resolution of the meeting on the 25th June having been read by the Secretary, it was ^{1st} moved by Mr. Caulfield, seconded by Mr. Stode and unanimously carried, that the House in Bonke St. at present in the occupation of Capt^m M^c Sacklan be taken for the use of the Institution, at a Rent of £100 One Hundred Pounds per Annum, to be paid Quarterly, the Sub-Committee, appointed on the 25th for procuring a House, having reported that the one now mentioned was the one, in their opinion, most suitable that they could find for the purpose - the same to be taken for six Months from the date of Capt^m M^c Sacklan giving up possession, three months notice to be given by the Committee in case of wishing to leave at the expiration of the said six Months or any future six Months; and the like notice to be received by the Committee from the Owner or Agent Mr. J. M. Chisholm in case he may wish the Committee to give up possession

at the expiration of the said or any future six Months.
2nd Moved by Mr. Caulfield seconded by Mr. Chisholm that Mr. Osborne, the Secretary, be requested to occupy the House, without the payment of Rent, - carried unanimously.

3rd Moved by Mr. Sutherland, seconded by Mr. Peers, that the Secretary be requested and authorised to purchase for the Library and Museum and use of the Committee (12) Twelve Chairs and a Table, and that he get proper shelving for the Books of the Library the cost of the whole not to exceed (£20) Twenty Pounds. - carried unanimously -

A Letter bearing date 4th July 1840 having been read, from His Honor C. J. La Torre, intimating that His Excellency Sir George Gipps could not grant the application of the Committee for an Allotment of Ground upon which to erect a Mechanics' School of Arts, but that after a Building had ^{been} commenced and the Committee procuring a Certificate of their probable usefulness, that His Excellency would give a gratuity of (£300) Three Hundred Pounds, it was

4th Moved by Mr. Peers and seconded by Mr. Stode, that the Secretary be instructed to write to Sir George Gipps declining his offer of £300 - carried unanimously. An account ^{for stationary} from Mr. Kerr having been handed in amounting to Three Pounds and Three Shillings, which stationary the Secretary stated had been received by him for the use of the Institution, the Secretary was instructed to see the same paid as early as convenient.

The following gentlemen were then unanimously admitted Members, having been proposed in

£3-3-0

the regular manner the preceding evening of Meeting of Committee - viz Isaac Eburn, James Sue Lake Isaac Hind, Alex. Andrew, Fredrick Mantow, W. S. Campbell, G. C. Ingleton, W. H. Cropper, Stephen Henry Harris Robert Huddle, J. B. Wren, G. Wren, Rev. R. B. Grange Benjamin Deafe, Michael M. Namara - Beale Wm M. Carter, William Hawkey, James Shannon, Henry Townsend, G. G. Taylor - Curcoe, Peter Robertson Lewis Robertson - Roe, Oliver Goussley, James Malcolm William Harper, John M. Cole - Orr Archibald MacLachlan, Alex. Broadfoot, William Locke Rev. Mr. Walsh, William M. Nabb, Alex. M. Kinley William Langhorne, Arthur Kemmis, Ronald Fletcher

Don Gordon MacArthur

23rd July 1840 -

Present Mr. Strade in the chair, Messrs Anderson Beaver, Chisholm, Main and Osborne -

The Secretary after reading the 4th Resolution of the previous meeting having produced the draft of a Letter to His Excellency it was -

Moved by Mr. Mayne seconded by Mr. Beaver that said Draft be approved and that the Secretary be requested to forward the Letter to His Excellency through His Honor The Superintendent with the least possible delay - carried unanimously.

Thomas Pratt

See Letter Book Page 14

6th August 1840

Present Mr. Murphy in the chair, Messrs Beaver, Chisholm, M. Killap, Osborne and Sutherland -

Moved by Mr. Chisholm seconded by Mr. Sutherland, that the Secretary be requested to endeavour to purchase Lots 2 and 3 Block XI at the ensuing Government Sale for the use of the Institution, and that he be authorised to bid as high as £250 for each - carried unanimously -

J. R. Murphy
Chairman

31st August 1840 -

Special Meeting -

Present Mr. M. Crae in the chair Messrs Beaver, Anderson Chisholm Caulfield Barry M. Killap Murphy Osborne Reeves and Strade -

The Minutes of the 6th August having been read by the Secretary it was

1st Moved by Mr. Reeves seconded by Mr. Barry and unanimously carried that Messrs Chisholm M. Crae and M. Killap be appointed Provisional Trustees to receive on the part of and for the benefit of the Mechanics Institution of Melbourne all Conveyances of Land, and on Sales to grant Conveyances, to borrow on the real Property of the Institution and otherwise to act on the part of the Institution in buying and selling real property -

A Draft plan subdividing the allotments purchased for the benefit of the Institution having

been laid before the meeting and approved of,
2nd Moved by Mr. Reeves seconded by
Mr. Beaver and unanimously carried -

That the Trustees for the Institution
be authorised to sell the same or such portion thereof
as may be considered advisable and until such
sale or sales can be effected to borrow from the
Melbourne Auction Company or from any
Auctioneer, in Melbourne such sum or sums
as the Company or such Auctioneer or Auctioneers
may be inclined to advance on the security of the
Allotments for the benefit of the Institution

3rd Moved by Mr. Barry seconded by
Mr. M^c Crae and unanimously carried that Capt. Hunt
be elected an Honorary Member of the Institution

4th Moved by Mr. M^c Crae seconded by
Mr. Chisholm and unanimously carried that
Rupert Kirk, Esq. be elected an Honorary Member,

5th Moved by Mr. M^c Crae seconded by
Mr. Barry and unanimously carried that
the Rev. Mr. M^c Kenzie be elected an Honorary
Member.

6th Moved by Mr. Strode seconded by
Mr. Chisholm and unanimously carried that the
Rev. John Saunders be elected an Honorary
Member -

The following gentlemen were then unan-
-imously elected Members of the Institution Messrs
James Murphy George Button Wiles Michael J. J. J.
Henry Cordell John Gifford, Robt. Campbell John M^c Sure
John A. Mantow D. Baylie John Thomson Jas. Webster
Mrs Road Knight and Henry Road Knight -
And Mr M^c Crae
Chairman

3rd Sept^r 1840

Present Mr. Reeves in the chair Messrs. Anderson
Beaver Chisholm M^c Arthur Osborne and Strode.

Moved by Mr. M^c Arthur seconded by
Mr. Chisholm and unanimously carried that, a
printed Notice be sent to each person upon being
admitted, a Member of this Institution -

Mr. John Stephen was unanimously admitted
a Member having been regularly proposed the previous
evening of meeting -
R. Reeves

17th Sept^r 1840

Present Mr. M^c Crae in the chair, Messrs. Anderson
Chisholm Campbell Main M^c Arthur M^c Killap Osborne
and Lutherland -

The minutes of the last meeting having
been read by the Secretary, the following gentlemen were
admitted Members having been proposed in the usual
manner on the previous evening of meeting viz. Messrs.
Wm Bowman, Wm Empson, J. S. Townsend and Capt^r
Leans -

1st Moved by Mr. Lutherland seconded by
Mr. Anderson, that the thanks of this meeting be
presented to Mr. Robert Russell Surveyor for his having
executed a neat Plan without cost to the Institution, of
the Allotments purchased for its benefit and for his having
marked off thereon the portions proposed to be sold by
public Auction - Carried unanimously -

The Secretary having presented two yds for
furniture procured for the use of the Institution amounting
to seventeen pounds Ten shillings and Two pence it
was - 2nd Moved by Mr. Lutherland seconded
by

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L. H. H. 10-2

by Mr. M^cArthur that he be authorized to extend the amount of his purchases for the benefit of the Institution, from the maximum of £20, as sanctioned by the 3^d Resolution of the 20th July page 37, to a sum not exceeding Twenty Five pounds, and that the a/c's now presented be approved, and that the Secretary have them paid as soon as convenient - Carried unanimously - Thanks were given to Mr. Beaufield for a reduction of Twenty Shillings from his a/c, in favor of the Institution; and also to Mr. Anderson for having framed, without charge, three Phrenological Diagrams for the illustration of a Lecture delivered on the 4th Inst on Phrenology -

Memorandum

The undersigned, in the name and for the use of the "Melbourne Mechanics' Institution," obtained on the 16th Inst from Mr. Chisholm possession of the House in Burke Street lately occupied by Capt^l Charles M^cSachlan and rented on the 20th July Inst for a Temporary Library and Museum and Meetings of the Committee of the Institution - vide 1st Resolution of 20th July 1840 page 36.

G. H. Osborne
Secretary -

Inventory

of Furniture &c the Property of the Institution

Articles	No.	Articles	No.
Chairs	12	Window Blinds	2
Candlesticks	2	Cuffers (and Tray)	1/2
Belting for Books	2 sets		
Tables 12 ^{ft} long & 1 small	3		

18th Sept 1840

October 1st 1840

I Present Mr. Reeves in the chair, Messrs Anderson, Beaver, Chisholm M^cKillap Osborne and Sutherland.

The following gentlemen were duly elected Members of the Institution having been regularly proposed on the previous evening of Meeting - viz. Messrs. William Donald and James Rypie, Sayers, Baskerville, John Rice, Robins, M^cSachlan, J. P. Smith, John and Joseph Hawden, Purves, Hugh Jamieson, John Hunter, T. A. Pawlett, George James, William Barrell, G. Hitchens, Benjamin Baxter, Capt^l Cole, Messrs. J. M. Marshall, James Simpson, Charles Fowler and J. Nadin.

The following Bills were ordered to be paid as early as convenient having after examination been approved -

Patriot Office for Printing advertisements	£ 1 - 2 - 6
Herald "	" 15 - 6
Mr. Kerr "	" 18 - "
" Crook "	Table and cover 4 - 19 - "
Osborne "	Table purch ^d for Inst ⁿ 2 - " "
	<u>£ 9 - 10 - "</u>

1st Moved by Mr. Chisholm seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously carried that the Auditor be requested to audit the a/c's of the Institution as early as passably convenient.

2nd Moved by Mr. Sutherland seconded by Mr. Beaver and unanimously carried that as soon as the Auditors have reported the state of the Subscription

Sixth Messrs. M^o Killap and Osborne be requested to endeavour to obtain the amount of the Donations still remaining unpaid, and also from the Members their respective Subscriptions and fees which may be in arrear.

7th Moved by Mr. M^o Killap seconded by Mr. Chisholm that the thanks of this meeting be returned on behalf of the Institution to the proprietors of the Melbourne Gazette "Herald" and "Patriot" for having forwarded to the Library of the Institution a copy of each of their publications since the 21st Inst. and for their promise to continue their favours - Also to Mr. Douglas Surveyor for his donation of geological specimens to the Museum and to Mr. Hervey for a French Treatise on Algebra -

M Reeves

15th Oct. 1840.

I Present Mr. Anderson in the chair, Messrs
I Beaver, Caulfield, Chisholm and Osborne -

1st Moved by Mr. Chisholm seconded by Mr. Caulfield that Mr. Peers be requested to act, in the place of Mr. M^o Killap, with Mr. Osborne in endeavouring to obtain the Donations and Fees and Subscriptions yet unpaid to the Institution - Carried unanimously

2nd A Letter from Mr. Robinson Chief Protector having been read forwarding 5 Spears and a Waddie to the Museum of the Institution it was Moved by Mr. Chisholm seconded by Mr. Beaver and unanimously carried that thanks be returned to Mr. Robinson for his appropriate presents -

3rd Moved by Mr. Chisholm seconded by Mr. Caulfield that Books, of such description as may be

considered most suitable to the present circumstances of the Institution, to the Amount of One Hundred pounds, be procured from England, and that Messrs. Chisholm M^o Peers and Osborne be requested to carry this Resolution into effect - carried unanimously -

Mr. Whitcomb was unanimously elected a Member having been regularly proposed on the previous evening of Meeting -

A Bill amounting to Thirteen pounds, seven shillings and Nine pence for printing performed at the Gazette Office having been put in was ordered to be paid -

Josh Anderson

29th Oct. 1840

I Present Mr. Reeves in the chair, Messrs, Anderson, Beaver, Chisholm, Murphy, M^o Arthur, Osborne and Sutcliffe.

It having been reported by the Secretary that Mr. Baskerville, the collector, had resigned, it was

1st Moved by Mr. M^o Arthur seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously carried that Mr. Smith be elected his successor -

It having been reported by the Secretary that James Brooke Esq. had resigned as Member of the Managing Committee it was

2nd Moved by Mr. Chisholm seconded by Mr. M^o Arthur and unanimously carried that P. W. Welsh Esq. be elected his successor -

A Letter having been read from B. Y. - Bertelsen enclosing Eleven Pounds and Eleven shillings being the Amount received by that gentleman when at Sydney as a donation to the Institution from the following

gentlemen viz. Thomas Rider Esq. £5-5-0
 Charles Nicholson M.D. - 5-5-0
 J. B. Harvall Esq. - 1-1-0
 £11-11-0

it was 3^d Moved by Mr. Sutherland seconded by Mr. Peever that the thanks of the Meeting be presented to Mr. Berthelsen for the trouble he has taken and to the above named gentlemen for their respective donations - carried unanimously

4th Moved by Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. M^c Arthur and unanimously carried, that any Member wishing to make at any Meeting of Committee any Motion, except motions of course, shall give intimation of such intention to the Secretary at least Fourteen days previous to the said Meeting -

W. Peever

12th Nov. 1846

Present N. W. Welsh in the chair, Messrs. Anderson, Chisholm, M^c Arthur, M^c Crae, Osborne, Reeves and Sutherland,

Mr. George W. Smyth was unanimously admitted a Member, having been regularly proposed the previous evening of meeting -

1st Moved by Mr. Chisholm seconded by Mr. M^c Arthur and unanimously carried, that the Secretary be requested to procure a Collector -

2nd Moved by Mr. Reeves seconded by Mr. Sutherland that the meetings of Committee be held on Tuesdays instead of Thursdays and that

the next meeting be on the 24th Inst.
 3^d Moved by Mr. Osborne, seconded by Mr. M^c Crae, that Sir John Franklin R. N. Capt. Macrorochie, Moriarty and Cheyne be elected Honorary Members of the Institution - carried unanimously -

4th Moved by Mr. Peever, seconded by Mr. Chisholm and unanimously carried, that the Allotments, as marked on the plan of the ground purchased for the benefit of the Institution, be sold on Monday the 14th December next, and the purchase money ~~may~~ be paid by Bills of equal Amounts at 3 and 6 months, guaranteed by the Auction Company -

5th Moved by Mr. Sutherland seconded by Mr. M^c Arthur and unanimously carried, that Plans and Specifications be immediately invited for the erection of a "Mechanics' Institution", which name is still to be retained - and that Twenty Guineas are to be offered as a prize for those considered first in merit, Ten Guineas for the second, and Five Guineas for the third; and that the Plans and Specifications be received by the Secretary, who is hereby instructed to mention to Candidates that the "maximum" cost of the Building must not exceed Two Thousand Pounds.

6th Moved by Mr. Chisholm, seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously carried that Messrs. M^c Arthur, M^c Crae and Welsh be appointed a sub-Committee to decide generally upon the dimensions, accommodations, &c. of the proposed Building.

£21-0-0
 £10-10-0
 £5-5-0

£2,000

8th Dec^r 1840 -

Present Mr. M^c Killop in the chair, Messrs, Anderson, Beaver, Chisholm, Baulfield, Murphy, Osborne, Reeves, Stode and Sutherland -

It having been intimated by the Secretary that Mr. Thomson, on account of inability to attend the meetings of Committee, had resigned, it was -

1st Moved by Mr. Chisholm seconded by Mr. Sutherland and unanimously carried, that Mr. Thomson's resignation be received.

Notice was then given by Mr. Murphy, that on the next evening of meeting he intended to move, that H. C. M^c Arthur Esq^r be elected as Mr. Thomson's successor.

A Letter having been read by the Secretary from Captⁿ Sturt returning thanks for having been elected an honorary Member, and conveying some highly interesting information, and signifying his intention of continuing his correspondence, it was

2nd Moved by Mr. Reeves seconded by Mr. Chisholm and unanimously carried, that thanks be returned to Captⁿ Sturt for his friendly and valuable communication, and for the promise of the continuance of his favours.

3rd Moved by Mr. Reeves, seconded by Mr. Sutherland and unanimously carried that the Secretary's publication of Captⁿ Sturt's Letter be approved.

4th Moved by Mr. Stode, seconded by Mr. Osborne and unanimously carried that all letters shall be submitted to the Committee, either at a regular or special meeting

and their publication approved, previous to appearing in the Newspapers.

A Letter having been read from Mr. Rushton forwarding Copy of "a course of Lectures on the steam Engine", an historical table of the several improvements thereon, together with "a Compendium of Mechanics", it was

5th Moved by Mr. Stode seconded by Mr. Beaver and unanimously carried that thanks be returned to Mr. Rushton for his valuable present and for the friendly feeling he has ever evinced toward the Mechanics' Institution -

6th Moved by Mr. Baulfield, seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously carried that a Lunch be provided at the sale of the allotments of the Institution on Monday next the 14th Inst.

A. Mac Killop
Chairman

22nd Dec^r 1840

Present Mr. M^c Crae in the Chair, Messrs, Anderson, Chisholm, Murphy, M^c Crae, M^c Killop, Osborne, Reeves and Sutherland -

1st Moved by Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Sutherland and unanimously carried that H. C. M^c Arthur Esq^r be elected a Member of Committee vice Mr. Thomson, resigned owing to inability to attend the meet^g, he residing in the Geelong District.

2nd Moved by Mr. Chisholm seconded by Mr. Reeves that the thanks of the Committee be presented to J. W. Thurlow Esq^r Solicitor

for his valuable present of the Artists Portfolio to the Library of the Institution - carried mainly
2^d Moved by Mr. Reeves seconded by Mr. Chisholm and unanimously carried that on the next evening of meeting each Member bring a list containing at least five subjects to be submitted to the consideration of the Committee, as the subjects of the Lectures of the ensuing season.

1st Moved by Mr. Lutherland seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously carried, that the Rev. P. M. Lyaghegan be requested to open the Session of 1841 by an Introductory Lecture, and that the wish of the Committee be at the same time expressed, that such Lecture should be upon "the advantages of the study of the Sciences."

J. M. Crae
J. P. Chairman

5th Jan'y. 1841

Present Mr. Mc Killop in the chair
Messrs. Canfield, Murphy, Osborne, & Reeves.

The following gentlemen were unanimously elected Members having been duly prepared at the previous meeting - Messrs. Boyd Knight and Sundry.

1st Feb'y. 1840

Present Mr. M. Crae in the chair
Messrs. Beaver M. Crae Maine Reeves, Thode and Osborne.

A Motion, notice of which had

been given on the previous evening, by Mr. Osborne that the time for the Annual General Meeting should be changed from the 1st Monday in June to on or about the 1st of Oct. in each year, having been put from the chair, after considerable discussion it was

1st Moved by Mr. Reeves seconded by Mr. Maine and unanimously carried that the Motion do lie on the table for consideration on the next evening's meeting.

2nd Proposed by Mr. Main seconded by Mr. Beaver and unanimously carried that Mr. Arden be requested to favor the Institution with the Introductory Lecture at the commencement of the ensuing season, the Rev. Mr. Lyaghegan being unavoidably unable to comply with the previous request of the Committee.

The Plans (2 in number) of the proposed Building for the use of the Institution having been produced and minutely examined it was

3^d Moved by Mr. Main seconded by Mr. M. Crae that as no Plans except two from Mr. Patterson have been received and as they were both above the Estimate of £2,000, to which Candidates for the Prize are limited, they ~~can~~ neither ^{can} be approved in their present state, but that the one marked No 10 be approved and for which he shall receive the first Prize provided he

make certain alterations so as to reduce his Estimate to £2,000 to the satisfaction of the Committee.

Two Bills from the Gazette and Patriot Offices of 10/6 and 9/- respectively having been presented and found correct the same was approved.

J. M. Gray, Chairman
P. S.

16th Feb'y 1841

Present Dr. Mc Crae, Vice President, in the chair
Messrs Beaver, Langford, M. Crae, Main & Osborne
Mr. Edwin Seedbeater was unanimously elected a Member of the Institution having been regularly proposed on the previous night of meeting.

Six Books of plans having been presented to the Institution by George Bertram, a copy of "Harris Almanack" and Directory by the Compiler; and also Copy of "Latest Information with regard to Australia Felix" by the Author George Arden Esq^r. It was

1st Moved by Mr. Mc Crae seconded by Mr. Beaver and unanimously carried that the thanks of the Committee be returned to those gentlemen for their valuable presents.

A Bill of Nine shillings from the Herald Office was presented to the meeting and passed.

A Plan and Specification having been presented to the meeting through the Secretary from Mr. Patterson (see 3^d Resolution of previous meeting of the 1st Feb'y.) It was

2^d Moved by Mr. Osborne and seconded by Mr. Beaver, that as no Plan and Specification have been regularly tendered to the Committee we therefore resolve that new Plans and Specifications be called for.

An amendment moved by Mr. M. Crae seconded by Mr. Main that Mr. Patterson's Plan having been adapted on condition that he brought his estimate down to £2,000 and Mr. Patterson having considered his Plan and estimate and state in the shape of a Letter that the Building could be completed at that sum that Mr. Patterson having ~~be~~ satisfied in the spirit although not literally the Requisition of the Committee therefore he is entitled to the premium provided he himself tender for the work on terms as low as any other Tradesman.

After considerable discussion the Amendment was put from the Chair when two gentlemen of the Committee voted in its favor; the original Motion being afterwards put two gentlemen also voted in its favor whereupon the Chairman gave his vote in favor of the motion which was thereupon carried. The Meeting was then adjourned to the 30th Inst. at the usual time.