

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 Febry 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 "Warr's Almanack" and Directory by the Compiler; and also Copy of "Latest Information with regard to Australia Felix" by the Author George Arden's opⁿ. 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 Febry.) 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.

and place. A vote of thanks to the Chairman for his impartial and gentlemanly conduct in the chair was unanimously passed and the Meeting dispersed.

22nd Feb. 1841

Special Meeting

Present Mr. W. G. M^c Arthur, in the chair, Messrs. Anderson, Barry, Beaver, Burns, Chisholm, Leavelle, Murphy, M^c Arthur, M^c Killap, Osborne, Pers. Peers, Strade, Sutherland and Welsh.

After some conversation relative to the Plans and Specifications from Mr. Patterson -

It was Moved by M^r. W. Welsh seconded by Mr. Beaver and unanimously carried - That Plans and Specifications be called for to be submitted this day six weeks and that the Estimate do not exceed £2,000.

23rd March 1841

Present Mr. D. G. M^c Arthur, in the chair, Messrs. Anderson, Beaver, Chisholm, Leavelle, Murphy, M^c Killap, Osborne and Strade and Peers.

The following gentlemen were then unanimously elected members of the Institution having been regularly proposed on a previous evening.

viz Messrs A. Campbell, M^c Nitte and O'Hagan.

A Letter having been read from Mr. Nicholson of Sydney, forwarding an electrifying Machine and like one from Mr. Robinson Chief Protector of Aborigines forwarding a "Hoveaep" or Native fishing net as used by the Owens and Murray, River tribes, it was

1st Moved by Mr. Peers seconded by Mr. M^c Killap and unanimously carried that the thanks of the Committee be given to these gentlemen for their handsome presents to the Institution.

2nd Moved by Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Anderson and unanimously carried that the Secretary apply to the Managers of the Scots' school for the use of their Building for the delivery of Lectures during the ensuing season upon the same conditions as it was granted last season -

3rd Moved by Mr. Osborne seconded by Mr. Anderson that the ensuing Lectures be delivered only on evenings when there is moon light.

An amendment moved by Mr. Murphy seconded by Mr. Chisholm that they be delivered once a fortnight as last year - The Amendment having been put was carried.

The Secretary was then instructed to make the necessary arrangements for the commencement of the Lectures for the ensuing season, and the Meeting dispersed.

and place. A vote of thanks to the Chairman for his impartial and gentlemanly conduct in the chair was unanimously passed and the Meeting dispersed.

22nd Feb. 1841

Special Meeting

Present Mr. W. G. M^r. Arthur, in the chair, Messrs. Anderson, Barry, Beaver, Burns, Chisholm, Canfield, Murphy, Main, M^r. Arthur, M^r. Killap, Osborne, Pers, Rees, Strade, Sutherland and Welch.

After some conversation relative to the Plans and Specifications from Mr. Patterson -

It was Moved by M^r. W. Welsh seconded by Mr. Beaver and unanimously carried - That Plans and Specifications be called for to be submitted this day six weeks and that the Estimate do not exceed £2,000.

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Present Mr. D. G. M^r. Arthur, in the chair, Messrs. Anderson, Beaver, Chisholm, Canfield, Murphy, M^r. Killap, Osborne and Strade and Reeves.

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The Secretary was then instructed to make the necessary arrangements for the commencement of the Lectures for the ensuing season, and the Meeting dispersed.

6th April 1841

Present Mr. M^c Brae Vice President, in the chair, Messrs. Anderson, Beaver, Burns, Main, M^c Killap, Osborne and Reeves.

The following gentlemen were then admitted Members, having been regularly proposed on the previous evening of Meeting viz. Messrs. Smith, Harling, Patterson and Sandstone.

Five plans of an intended Building for the Mechanics' Institution having been laid before the Meeting and duly considered, it was

1st Moved by Mr. M^c Killap seconded by Mr. Reeves and unanimously carried, that Mr. Johnston's be approved generally, subject however to the condition that it be altered according to the wishes of the Committee expressed to Mr. Main and by him as one of the Committee undertaken to be explained to Mr. Johnston.

2nd Moved by Mr. Anderson seconded by Mr. Beaver and unanimously carried, that thanks be returned to the other gentlemen who have kindly favored the Committee with Designs.

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14th May 1841

17th May 1841

18 May 1841.

Present, Mess^{rs} Anderson, Beaver, Burns, Caulfield, Chisholm, Murphy, Peers, Reeves, Shode

Dr. McCrae M^r in the Chair.

The following gentlemen were unanimously elected Members of the Institution

M^r W. Westgarth

" Aug^s Morris

Cunningham

Moved by M^r Reeves

Seconded by M^r Burns } That the Town should be divided into sections and visited by the Members of the Committee for the purpose of collecting subscriptions due to the Institution; according to the subjoined routes

Mess^{rs} Chisholm & Reeves - Collins Street

" Beaver and Burns - Bourke St.

" Shode & Murphy - Lonsdale St.

" McKillop & Peers - New Town & Sub^{urbs}

" Anderson & Sutherland - Flinders St.

A Letter from the Rev^d J. Forbes was read, signifying the assent of the Managers of the Scots Church to the use of the School Room for the purpose of Lectures; Resolved, that a letter of thanks be addressed accordingly in reply.

Also, that a similar letter be sent to Mr. Davis for his liberal offer of his premises in Collins Street - for similar objects.

The Lectures. It was directed that the Secretary should apply to Dr. Melnot, Mr. Cunningham, Rev^d Mess^{rs} Thompson, Forbes and Wilson, Dr. Clutterbuck, Howitt and Greeves, and Mr. Palmer, Dr. Sandford, and such other scientific gentlemen as might be supposed willing to oblige the Institution by the delivery of Lectures.

Moved by M^r Shode }
Seconded by M^r Reeves } That the future assemblies of the Committee do take place on Thursday instead of Tuesday Evenings as heretofore.

Building Plans. The Plans of M^r Rattenbury and M^r O'Hagan were laid under inspection, whereupon it was

Moved by M^r Reeves }
Seconded by M^r Anderson } That a reference be made to M^r O'Hagan to ascertain how far an alteration of his proposed Design could be made so as to coincide with the views of the Committee by a simplification of the ground plan so being the estimate within the limits prescribed for the erection of a Building adapted for the Mechanics Institution.

Annual Report. The Secretary having drawn the attention of the Committee to

59 The circumstance of his recent appointments to Office, and the short space of time intervening for the submission of the report of the past Sessional proceedings, - it was moved by Mr. Shode }
 Secoded by Mr. Murphy } That it be referred to Messrs McEllip and Reeves with the Secretary to prepare a Report, to be laid before the Committee at a special meeting to be convened for that purpose, preparatory to the Anniversary Assembly.

Moved by Mr. Peers }
 Secoded by Mr. Chisholm } That the Sub Committee above named shall nominate such Members of the Committee as must agreeable to Bye Law No. 14 be proposed for retirement -

Moved by Mr. Reeves }
 Secoded by Mr. Peers } That the Thanks of the Members present be accorded to Dr. McCrae for the conduct of this evening's proceedings. -

The above Motions were severally passed
 John Stephen
 Secretary.

Memo. Mr. Chisholm proposed Mr. W. Westgarth as a new Member of Committee for the ensuing year.

3^d June 1841.

Present, Messrs Beaver, Burns, Causefield, Mann, Reeves, Shode, Sutherland, and Dr. McCrae & P in the Chair.

The following gentlemen were unanimously elected Members of the Institution.
 Messrs J. Mc Conolly
 " B. Wilson
 " B. Jolly
 " Alex. Chisholm
 " Alex. MacQuater

The Secretary read Letters, from His Honor the Superintendent resigning the Office of Patron; the Rev. J. Forbes stating that the Annual meeting could not be held at the Scots School; Mr. Shode proposing Dr. Greaves and Mr. Harrington as new Members of Committee; Mr. Kemp forwarding tracings of the Design of the proposed Sydney Mechanics School of Arts; and from Mr. O'Hagan transmitting a revised plan for a Building (in conformity to the views of the Committee) for a similar Institution at Melbourne.

Ordered, that the Secretary in reply to His Honor's letter, express the regret of the Committee at his considering any act of the Officers of the Institution as meriting such a mark of displeasure.

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 Auction Company's account sales of land laid upon the table,
 Moved by Mr. Reeves }
 Secunded by Mr. Main } That the Auction Comp. be requested, through the Trustees, to furnish particulars of Items of Sale with the names of the purchasers; and that an explanation be required of the charge made for a "second" sale as stated in the account delivered.

Proposed by Mr. Stode }
 Secunded by Mr. Sutherland } That Dr. McCrae do wait on Mr. Justice Willis soliciting his Honor to become Patron of the Institution, and also that he request Mr. Simpson to act as President during the ensuing Year.

Proposed by Mr. Reeves }
 Secunded by Mr. Caulfield } That the thanks of the Committee be rendered to Capt. Lonsdale for having acted as president for the year past, & acquainting him of the appointment of his successor.

The Draft of the annual Report having been read,

Proposed by Mr. Reeves }
 Secunded by Mr. Stode } That the thanks of the Committee are due to the Secretary for the correctness of this report as prepared by him and that the same be adopted for presentation to the General Meeting on the 7th Inst.

Moved by Mr. Reeves }
 Secunded by Mr. Caulfield } That the amended

plan of Mr. O'Hagan be recommended to the general Meeting for adoption; it being understood that should the Estimate for the Building come within the limit of £2,000 the premium of £20 be awarded to Mr. O'Hagan.

The above Resolutions unanimously carried

Memo: Paid in by Mr. Sutherland the sum of £9.0.0 collected by him and Mr. Anderson; also £14.12.0 collected by Mess^{rs} Beaver and Burns.

John Apperson, Secy

4th June 1841. Paid £23.12.0 into Union Bank. J.S.

Anniversary Meeting
 7th June 1841.

J. McCrae Esq^r V.P. in the Chair.

The Secretary read the Report of the Committee, whereupon the following Motions were severally disposed of;—

Moved by Mr. A. McCrae }
 Secunded by Mr. G.B. Vere } That the Report as now read be adopted, and that the same be printed for the use of Members of the Mechanics Institution.

23.12.0

Moved by Mr. M. Hillup
Secunded by Mr. Welsh } That the thanks
of this Institution be given to the several
Gentlemen who have favored the Institution
with Lectures during the past Year.

Moved by Mr. Wilson
Secunded by Mr. Belcher } That the thanks
of the Members be tendered to the Committee
of Management during the Year 1840/41
for the services they have rendered.

Moved by Mr. Arden
Secunded by Mr. Reeves } That James Simpson
Esq. be the president of the Mechanic's
Institution for the ensuing twelve months.

Proposed by Mr. Barry
Secunded by Mr. Reeves } That Dr. McCrae
do now leave the Chair; and Mr. Welsh do
take the same, and

That the thanks of this
Meeting be given to Dr. McCrae for
presiding upon the present occasion.

The above resolutions were carried
John Hepsher, Secy.

Report:
(see printed Copies.)

25th June.

Lecture on Vision delivered by Dr. Bowdler.

Present, Messrs Beaver, Burns, McArthur Esq,
Westgarth.
Mr. Westgarth in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen unanimously admitted
Members of the Institution
Messrs O. Williams
S. P. Hawkins
G. J. King (Am)
Wm Clarke
John Reeve
Ephraim Howe
Chas. Williamson.

Moved by D. G. McArthur
Secunded by G. Beaver } That the Accounts
presented amounting to Forty five pounds
2/6 be approved and paid. (See Accounts).

245.2.6

An order for the transfer of £293 from
the Auction Company to the Post Office
Savings Bank was prepared and signed.

£293.

The Secretary was directed to request the
Rev. Mr. Forbes to furnish a Lecture on
the 9th Instant.

Letters, from Mr. Simpson accepting the
Office of President, and from Mr. Douglas
complaining that no notice was taken of
certain presents of Fossils made by him to
the Institution in the Annual Report, were

read, and laid upon the table.

The Secretary was directed to make due enquiry into the subject of Mr Douglas's letter.

Moved by Mr McArthur
Secunded by Mr Burns That the Trustees of the Land Fund be requested to place at Interest as large a portion of the surplus balance in hands of the Treasurer as can be spared, (after retention of a sufficient sum for current expences) at the Union Bank upon a deposit Account

In reference to the matter published in the Herald Newspaper, reflecting upon the conduct of the Secretary, the consideration of the subject was postponed to the next meeting, upon which occasion the attendance of Mr Johnson was to be solicited

Resolved, That a glass Case be purchased for the safe custody and preservation of the several articles of value which have been presented to the Institution; and that the expense for the same be limited to Twenty Pounds.

John Stephen
Secretary.

N.B. Took up my residence at the House in Bankes Street on 20th July Inst. Stephen

Lecture delivered by the Rev J. Forbes upon Association of Ideas.

Present, Messrs Anderson, Burns, McPhillip, Westgarth.
Mr Westgarth in the Chair

The undermentioned Gentlemen were duly admitted Members of this Institution,
Dr Hobson, (Hon. Mem.)
Messrs H H Atkinson
Jos: Thompson
Capt. Harrison

In reference to letter of Mr Douglas read at last meeting the Secretary reported that the Fossils were in the Library.

Accounts to June 30th amounting to Thirty One Pounds Six shillings were approved and ordered to be paid.

John Stephen
Secy.

Three several meetings of the Committee were called during the month of August but in consequence of the unfavorable state of the weather on each day, a quorum could not be formed. J.S.

231. 6.0

3^d Sept^r 1841.

Lecture upon Astronomy delivered at the Royal Exchange Rooms by Mr. Boyde.

10th Sept^r 1841

Present, Mess^{rs} Anderson, Beaver, Burns, Greaves, Murphy, Reeves, Westgarth

The following Gentlemen duly elected

Mess^{rs} J. F. Palmer

Jas. Graham

D. Colvill

W. Forrest

Ch^s Legh

Rt. Campbell

P. B. Rogers

John Alan

W^m Pender

Mr. Westgarth in the Chair

The Secretary laid before the Committee the Accounts received from the Auction Company, by which it appeared that the net amount due on account of the Sale of Allotments was £974^{..}4^{..}1; of which £31^{..}6 in cash by cheque for Bills due, £328^{..}17^{..}11 in Cheques, £240^{..}0^{..}11 in overdue Bills, and £393^{..}19^{..}3 in Bills falling due, had been paid over.

The Lectures for the remainder of the Season were duly appointed.

Letter from Mr. J. P. Fawcett was laid before the meeting and the Secretary directed in reply to express the regret of the Members at their total inability to entertain the proposition for the purchase of Yarnall House for the use of the Institution.

Letter from Mr. J. W. Shurlow offering to furnish a Lecture was read, and an answer thanking him for the same was voted to be returned regretting that the list of the present season's lectures was complete.

Letter from Mr. Kemp, secretary of Sydney Mechanics Institution, enquiring whether certain Drawings had been received, which Secretary reported having answered in the affirmative.

Various presents of Books laid upon the Table and an acknowledgement with thanks directed to be returned.

Ordered, that the Committee meet on the 29th Instant upon the close of that evening's Lecture; and that the Plans &c of the approved Design for the Mech^s Institution be presented.

John Hyslop, Sec^y

29 Sept^r 1841

Lecture upon Vision delivered by
Mr. Boyd.

A meeting of Committee subsequently held
to inspect the plans and specifications of
the proposed Building for the Mechanics
School of Arts.

Moved by Mr. Reeves }
Seconded by Mr. Anderson } That the Secretary
advertise for Tenders for the proposed undertaking
to be delivered on or before the 20th Inst. -

Accounts to termination of Quarter directed
to be called in and discharged.

John Stephen

Memo: The time for sending in Tenders
enlarged to the 3rd Nov^r.
J.S.

The following Accounts settled

Mr. O'Hagan for Design	£ 20 - 0 - 4
" Stationery, Books &c	2.. 1.. 3
" Carpenters Bill for awl, shelves &c	6.. 1.. 9
" Patent-12/6 Herald 9/3	1.. 1.. 9
" Petty disbursements	3.. 9.. 6
" Salary of Secretary	13.. 15.. 0
	<u>46.. 9.. 3.</u>

J.S.

3 Nov^r 1841

Present: Mess^{rs}: Anderson, Beaver, Burns,
Caulfield, AMM Crae, D. C. McArthur,
Reeves, Simpson, Westgarth

Mr. Reeves in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen were duly elected
Mess^{rs}: Worsley Henry Lake
Fennell Robert
Bradshaw James
Sullivan George Gray
Abrahams Abraham
Douglass William

Read a letter from Mr. M. Crae respecting
some over due Bills in his possession, which
had been given in payment for the land sold
by the Institution.

The Secretary directed to return a reply
requesting Mr. M. Crae to call upon the
parties indebted in such Bills for immediate
settlement, leaving it to him to make such
arrangements for their liquidation as may be
him seem most advantageous.

The Tenders for the erection of the proposed
Building were opened and considered; of
which the following account of the sums tendered
and the names of the persons from whom
they were received, appeared; -

viz: -

Rankin	£ 2,593.
Balderswood	} 2,590.
Robinson	
Gone	
Wilson	} 2,485.
Leach	
Manning	
Stevenson	} 2,485.
Reynolds	
Brown	
Best	} 2,450.
Davey	
Beaver	2,300.
Webb	} 2,130.
Allie	
Donovan	} 1,928.
Crosbie	

Resolved, That the Tender of Mess^{rs} Donovan and Crosbie, as being the lowest, should be accepted, upon their entering into a Bond in Sureties of £1,000 for the due fulfilment of their contract according to the specification; and limiting the period for the completion of the undertaking to Six Months from the date of the execution of the Bond.

Resolved, that the Exterior and Interior plastering might be postponed should the funds in hand be insufficient to meet the amount of the last Instalment, to the extent of the sum requisite for that.

expenditure, calculated not to exceed £200, and that a memorandum to that effect be inserted in the deed of Contract.

Resolved, That Mr. O'Hagan be appointed to superintend the erection of the Building upon the usual terms, viz: 2 1/2 per cent upon the outlay.

Ordered, that a letter be addressed to Mess^{rs} Donovan and Crosbie, communicating the decision of the Committee, and requesting an answer.

Ordered, that this meeting at its rising do adjourn to Wednesday Evening next to receive the reply of Mess^{rs} Donovan and Crosbie, and to adopt such further measures as may be necessary.

Resolved, that Mr. Westgarth be requested to act temporarily as Treasurer in the room of Mr. Hight, at present absent from Melbourne, and that a balance sheet of the Funds be prepared by him for presentation to the Committee.

Resolved, That a special General Meeting of the Members of the Institution be convened for the purpose of receiving a Report from the Committee upon the Tenders submitted for the erection of a Mechanics Institution.

Also, to Elect three Members of Committee in the room of Mess^{rs} Murphy, Rhode, & Sutherland resigned.

John Stephen Secy

10th Nov: 1841.

Present: Mess^{rs} Anderson, Beaver, Burn, Caulfield,
Harrington, M^r Arthur M^c, Westgarth

M^r M^cArthur in the Chair.

The following Gentlemen elected Members
Mess^{rs} Clark Thomas
Laidman Francis.

The Letter from Mess^{rs} Donovan and Crosbie in
reply to the communication addressed to them by
direction of the Committee was read.

M^r Westgarth submitted a sketch of the
Accounts of the Institution from its establishment
as far as the same could be ascertained; by which
it appeared that the amount at the credit of the
Institution in the Bank was £439..7..2.

Part due Bills 380..4..0

Subscriptions towards the Building 159..12..0

The Annual dues outstanding calculated at £500

Resolved that previously to concluding the requisite
arrangements as to the proposed Building, measures
should be adopted for the collection of the unpaid
subscriptions; and to this end, that circular Notices be
forwarded to every member in arrears containing the Items
of the demand against him as far as the same can
be ascertained.

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Resolved, that the substance of the present and
past meeting of the Committee be communicated
to the General Meeting convened for the 23rd Inst.

Ordered that Books of Receipts of 100 each
be printed for delivery to the collecting Members
to be signed by the Treasurer and Secretary.

Notice of motion by M^r M^cArthur,
that the provisions of Bye Law N^o: 21 be
enforced, and in accordance therewith that the
Secretary and Treasurer do find security in
the sums of £500 respectively.

Notice of Motion by M^r Stephen that
the Bye Law N^o: 16 be enforced against the
non-attending members of Committees, but that
previously thereto, such Members as have
subjected themselves to its operation be called
upon to shew cause against the enforcement
thereof.

The Committee proceeded to supply the vacancies
reputed at the last meeting, subject to confirmation
at the General Meeting on the 23rd: and the subjunct
gentlemen were accordingly elected.

Mess^{rs} Wilson, Kerr, and Atkinson.

Resolved that all cheques be drawn by Treasurer and
Secretary according to Bye Law N^o: 23.

Adjourned to 17th Inst.

John Stephen Secy

th
17 Nov^r 1841.

Present - Mess^{rs} Atkinson and Wilson only.
Adjourned

Special General Meeting
23 Nov^r 1841

Mr^r McKillop in the Chair.

The following Members admitted

- Mess^{rs} Winkle George
- Allison John
- Knight
- Bland John
- Dunbar John
- Donovan Bartholomew
- Crosbie Thomas

The following Report from the Committee was read by the Secretary, -

The design for an edifice adapted to the purposes of the Mechanics Institution, as furnished by Mr^r O'Hagan, having been approved at the Anniversary Meeting of the Members held on the 7th day of June last, it remained for the Committee of Management upon being furnished with the Specifications, to call for Tenders for its erection. In pursuance consequently of advertisements to that effect the Committee received Tenders from the undermentioned Builders at the rates stated. (see Page 70)

Upon the consideration of these proposals the following Resolution was unanimously accepted,
"That the Tender of Mess^{rs} Donovan and Crosbie, as

being the lowest - should be accepted upon their entering into a Bond in sum of £1000 for the due fulfilment of the Contract according to the Specification and limiting the period for the completion of the undertaking to six months from the date of the execution of the Bond".

A communication was directed to be made to Mess^{rs} Donovan and Crosbie in accordance with this Resolution requiring their assent or otherwise to the suggested terms; and at the same time intimating that should the funds of the Institution be inadequate to meet the amount of the last Instalment to be paid, the plastering of the Building internally and externally might be postponed for which a deduction to the extent of £200 should be permitted. To these proposals Mess^{rs} Donovan and Crosbie readily acquiesced.

In order to ascertain the precise amount of the Funds of the Institution, Mr^r Westgarth undertook at the solicitation of the Committee to prepare a balance sheet; & at a subsequent meeting that gentleman submitted the following statement

Cash Balance in Union Bank	439.. 7.. 2.
Bills overdue	380.. 4.. 0.
Subscriptions to Buildings	159.. 12.. 0.
Outstanding Annual Subscrip ^{ns} (about)	500.. 0.. 0.
	£ 1,479.. 3.. 2.

As it appeared by this Return that there would be a probable deficiency of about £500

The Committee deemed it advisable to defer any definite arrangement until the general sense of the Members should be ascertained as to the propriety and prudence of commencing the undertaking in the present state of the Funds.

The Committee have further, in accordance with the Bye Law which authorises them to fill up any vacancies in the Committee of Management to submit for confirmation the names of Messrs Atkinson, Kerr, and Wilson, as successors to Messrs Murphy, Stode, and Sutherland, who have tendered their resignations of Office being prevented from attending to the duties.

Moved by Mr. Reeves
Secunderd by Mr. Anderson } That this Report be adopted, and that this meeting coincide with the views of the Committee.

A Proposition was made through the Secretary from the Lodge of Australia Felix to advance the sum of £500 to enable the Committee to complete the proposed Building upon the condition of their having the upper story thereof ceded to their use.

Moved by Mr. King
Secunderd by Mr. Wilson } That this special General Meeting be adjourned to the 7th of December to take the above proposal into consideration.

Moved by Mr. Reeves
Secunderd by Mr. King } That a vote of Thanks be presented to the Lodge of Freemasons for the offer thus made.

Moved by King
Secunderd by Mr. Reeves } That Messrs Atkinson, Westgarth, Kerr, and Wilson be appointed a Sub Committee to undertake the providing Lectures, giving them power to add two other members.

Vote of Thanks passed to Chairman.

John Stephen, Secy

Adjourned General Meeting
7th Decr. 1841.

Mr. A. M. McEral in the Chair.

New Members elected
Messrs Stainforth Henry
Hibble James

Moved by Mr. Reeves
Secunderd by Mr. Atkinson } That the following proposition from the Lodge of Australia Felix be accepted and that a vote of Thanks be accorded to the Members for the liberal offer.
Proposal.

"The Lodge of Australia Felix will advance the sum of £500 to enable the Mechanics Institution to complete their proposed Building free from any demand for interest, upon the following conditions;

"That the three rooms on the upper floor shall be appropriated to the uses of the Lodge excepting when the same may be required for the service of the Mechanics Institution. That these rooms

shall be kept in thorough order and repair by the Lodge. That should the use of these apartments or either of them be required for the occasional assembly of any Society, Concerts, and such like the fees payable for the same shall be received by the two Institutions conjointly. That upon three months notice given by the Mechanics Institution and upon repayment of the advance of £500 the Lodge shall vacate the occupation and use of the premises.

On behalf of the Lodge of Ant^a Felix
Lodge Room 20 Nov 1841 } John Stephen W.M.

Moved by Mr King }
Seconded by Mr Greaves } That the motion of which due notice had been given for the enforcement of the Bye Law N^o 16 be strictly enforced.

Moved by Mr Greaves }
Seconded by Mr Westgarth } That the Committee arrange the Terms of Loan from the Masonic Body according to the proposition made.

Moved by Mr Greaves }
Seconded by Mr Stephen } That the Committee be authorised to execute the Bonds with Mess^{rs} Dennis and Crosbie to proceed with the Building so soon as the Treasurer shall report the funds in hand to amount to £1000.

Amendment, by Mr Woods }
Seconded by Mr Nelson - } That the Committee be instructed to authorise the commencement of the Building forthwith.

Upon these different views a long and warm debate ensued, which terminated in

the adoption of the Amendment by a very small majority; upon which a Resolution was passed that the meeting be adjourned to the 14th Inst. further to consider this measure.

Vote of Thanks to Chairman

John Stephen, Secy

Adjourned General Meeting.
14th Dec^r 1841.

D^r McCrae V.P. in the Chair.

New Members elected

Mess^{rs} McArthur (James)
" Mussey (Charles)

Resolved,

That the amendment carried at the last meeting be rescinded, and that the Resolution as proposed for deferring the commencement of the Building until the Funds in hand amount to £1000 be adopted.

The Secretary reported Donations of Books to the Institution from the following gentlemen,

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| | Dr Sullivan's Field's Harmony of Colors | 1 | Vol |
| | Dr Words of Christ | 1 | - |
| | Dr Analogical Philosophy | 2 | - |
| Mr Darling | Locke in the Understanding | 3 | - |
| | Acid's Essays | 3 | |
| | Cabinet Library (Africa) | 1 | |
| Mr Stevenson | Practical Builder | 2 | |
| Mr Burn | Carpenters Instructor | 1 | Gothic Arch ^e 2 |
| | Ornamental Designs | 2 | Grotesque Arch 1 |
| | Rustic Furniture | 1 | Experienced Millwright 1 |

Vote of Thanks to Donors. John Stephen

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14th Decr 1841.

Present Mess^{rs} Burns, Kerr, Westgarth, Wilson

Mr. Kerr in the Chair

The following new Members elected

Mess^{rs} Marshall Frederick

Boyle James

Robertson Charles

Woolley Alfred

Spurmond (M. D.)

Cruikshank Andrew

In accordance with the resolution of General meeting of the 7th Instant the following members of the Committee were deemed to have vacated office,

Mess^{rs} Barry, Maime and Welsh

Resolved, that an Election take place at the next assembly of the Committee to supply their places.

Read a Letter from Mr. McGrae suggesting an arrangement to be made for the retirement of the over due Bills held by him in payment of a portion of the Society's Allotments; in which the Committee acquiesced.

Read also a letter from Mr. McGrae pointing out the necessity of a Trustee being appointed vice Mr. Osborne to convey land sold and execute the Deeds accordingly in behalf of the Institution;

Resolved, that Mr. McKillup be requested to act as such Trustee, and that Mr. McGrae be informed of the circumstance and be desired to obtain the requisite release from Mr. Osborne.

John Stephen, Secy

4th Jan: 1842

Present, Mess^{rs} Beaver, Burns, Greaves, Westgarth, and Wilson.

Dr. Greaves in the Chair.

The following New Members admitted

Mess^{rs} Sanford Chas. J.

" Meyers Ad

" Boyle James

" Innes Robt. Virtue

" Jackson Samuel

The undermentioned gentlemen elected on the Committee of Management, pursuant to resolution of 7th Decr,

Mess^{rs} J^m Clarke

Rich^d Forrest

Benj: Heape

J. C. King.

vice Mess^{rs} Westgarth (elected Treasurer), Barry, Welsh and Maime disqualified.

Resolved, that the general Committee meetings take place on Tuesday evenings.

John Stephen. Secy
Accounts to Decr 31st amounting to £40.12.0 were directed to be paid. J.S.