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14th Decr 1841.

Present Messrs Burns, Kerr, Westgarth, Wilson

Mr Kerr in the Chair

The following new Members elected

Messrs 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,

Messrs 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 Killup be requested to act as such Trustee, and that Mr Crae be informed of the circumstance and be desired to obtain the requisite release from Mr Osborne.

John Stephen, Secy

4th Jan 1842

Present, Messrs Beaver, Burns, Greaves, Westgarth, and Wilson.

Dr Greaves in the Chair.

The following New Members admitted

Messrs 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,

Messrs J^m Clarke

Richd Forrest

Benj: Heape

J. C. King.

vice Messrs 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.

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21 January 1842

Present, Messrs Burns, Meape, King, Hew, D.C.
McArthur, Amm Crae, Wilson, Clarke,

Mr. D. C. McArthur in the Chair.

Resolved, that as the present-meeting has not
been formally summoned, no business be entered upon,
but that an adjournment-take place to Tuesday next.

John Stephen Secy

25th Jan^y 1842.

Present, Messrs Anderson, Burns, Caulfield, Forrest,
Greaves, Meape, Hew, King, McArthur D.C.,
Dr. McCrae, Amm Crae, Wilson

Mr. Simpson, Pres^t in the Chair

Laid before the Committee a letter from the Secy^t
to the Debating Society proposing to advance £250
towards erecting the suggested Building upon conditions
stated (Vide letter).

Resolved, that the proposal be assented to.

Mr. Crosbie, the contractor of the Building, having been
specially requested to attend, the Committee desired to know
whether the building could be erected exclusively only of
the external plastering for the sum of £1728, leaving
£200 to be appropriated to that purpose; to which
Mr. Crosbie replied that he would undertake the

contract upon those terms, thus leaving the outside
plastering alone unfinished until the sum of £200
the balance of the sum contracted for could be
advanced by the Institution.

It was suggested that an application should be
made to the Masonic Lodge to consent to a
revocation of their proposal as to keeping the
rooms to be appropriated to their use in repair,
and receiving a moiety of the fees ^{accruing} ~~received~~ from the
occupation of the room by any other society, the
Committee deeming it inexpedient to accept the
full sum of £500 which was proposed to be
advanced by the Freemasons, other Institutions
being desirous of partaking of similar benefits,
Mr. Forrest as a member of the Committee and
being Master of the Lodge agreeing to bring
the matter under consideration of his Lodge.

Resolved that this meeting do adjourn to Friday
in order to come to some definite arrangement
with the contractors as to commencing the Building.

Vote of Thanks passed to the President.

John Stephen, Secy.

The Quarterly Accounts terminating with the past
Year directed to be paid; amounting to £40^{..}12^{..}3.
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The Secretary authorized to subscribe 2/6 per week
towards maintenance of a private Night-Watchman
as heretofore - S.

84.
28th Jan^r 1842

Present, Mess^{rs} Beaver, Burns, Canfield, Heape,
Kerr, King, W^m Arthur, Simpson, Wilson

Mr. Simpson in the Chair

Letter from the Masonic Lodge, consenting to
reduce their proposed advance of £500 to £250
read and approved.

Resolved, that every effort be made by the members
of the Committee to collect the sums due to the
Institution to enable the Treasurer to declare
the balance in hand, in the terms of the resolution
of the public meeting of the 14th Oct^r, so that the
Building may be forthwith commenced.

Ordered, that instructions be given to Mess^{rs}
Montgomery and McCrae to prepare the Bond
with Mess^{rs} Donovan and Crosbie agreeably to
the tenor of their contract, and subsequent
agreements as to the proposed increased height of
the first floor rooms.

Adjourned to the 31st Inst.

John M^rphson, Secy

85.
31 Jan^r 1842

Present, Mess^{rs} Beaver, Forest, Heape, Kerr,
W^m Arthur, Westgarth, Wilson

Mr. Simpson, Pres: in the Chair

The Balance in hand of the Treasurer being
reported to amount to £1000, Resolved, that the
Building of the Institution be forthwith authorized
to be commenced, upon execution of the Bond.

Resolved that the resignation of Mess^{rs} Kerr
and Reeves as members of the Committee be
accepted, and that at the next meeting the
vacancies be filled up.

John M^rphson, Secy

8 Feb^r 1842.

Present, Mess^{rs} Anderson, Beaver, Burns, Canfield
Forest, Kerr, Wilson

Mr. Kerr in the Chair.

Election of vacant seats in Committee postponed.

The following gentlemen nominated to supply occasional
vacancies in the Committee

Mess^{rs} Clay, Bland, Boyd, Crook, Empron,
James, Dobson, Townsend, and Peck.

John M^rphson Secy

Memo: Ordered that the Journals of the past year
be bound; and such works as may require it whenever
the Secretary may deem it necessary. JS

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15th Feb. 1842

Present, Mess^{rs}: Anderson, Beaver, Caulfield,
Jones, Greaves, King, Wilson
Mr. Westgarth in the Chair.

New Members admitted

Mess^{rs}: Clay Fred. Lord
Cole Ward.

In pursuance of notice given of the resignation
of office by Mess^{rs}: Peers and Reeves the Committee
proceeded to the nomination of their successors, &
Mess^{rs}: Clay and Bland
were declared duly elected as members of the Com-
mittee of Management.

The Secretary laid upon the Table a Return
of the attendances of the members from July last.
Resolved, that the Rev^d: Mr. Blow, Dr. Wickie,
and Mess^{rs}: Atkinson and Harrington have by
reason of non attendance vacated office, and the
Secretary directed to communicate with those
gentlemen as to their desire of continuing in the
list.

Read a letter from Mr. O'Hagan resigning
the Office of Architect.

Resolved, that Mr. Wm. Burns be appointed
to succeed thereto

John Simpson Secy

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25th February 1842

Present, Mess^{rs}: Anderson, Atkinson, Beaver,
Bland, Forrest, Krape, King, McArthur W.C.,
Westgarth, and

Mr. Hess in the Chair.

New Member admitted, Mr. Jas. Dobson.

Secretary stated that the meeting was specially
convened in the requisition of Mess^{rs}: Simpson,
McArthur and Westgarth.

Mr. Westgarth declared the object to be, the
consideration of the present state of the Funds
upon which a long desultory conversation ensued.

Directed that a letter be written to Mr. McGee
requesting him to obtain the payment of the
Bills over due by Mr. N. R. McLeod, or their
renewal with a name endorsed.

Resolved, that a letter be addressed to the
Secretary of the Debating Society requiring
the payment of their proposed advance of \$100
upon the completion of the foundation.

Resolved, that a list of all defaulters to the
funds of the Institution be prepared, and that each
Member of Committee take an equal share of names
for collection.

Resolved, that a Sub Committee, consisting of
Mess^{rs}: Rev, Wilson, Greaves, King, and Bland
be appointed to revise the House Laws.

John Simpson, Secy

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10th March 1842.

Present, Mess^{rs} Atkinson, Beaver, Bland,
Clarke, Clay, Forrest, Greaves, Harrington, Kerr,
King, McEneaney, Wilson, Westgarth.

Mr. Simpson, Pres. in the Chair.

Mr. Westgarth laid upon the Table the
return amount of arrears of subscriptions due
to the termination of the present year, £672.6.0.

Resolved,

That the members of Committee present
be formed into SubCommittee of two, for the
purpose of calling upon all those in arrears.

Resolved that a letter be addressed by Mr.
Westgarth to Mr. McLeod stating that unless
his overdue Bills be repaid within ten days
after the date of such letter, the allotments
for which his Bills were given will be
resold, agreeably to the conditions of the
purchase.

John Stephen, Secy

Memo: Summons were issued (at the request
of Mr. Westgarth) for a meeting on the 25th
which being Good Friday, caused the same to
be postponed by special notice to the Tuesday
following.

J.S.

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29 March 1842.

Present, Mess^{rs} Kerr, Anderson, Atkinson, Burr,
Caulfield, Clark, Forrest, McArthur D.C.,
Wilson

Mr. Simpson Pres. in the Chair.

New Members admitted

Mess^{rs} Honble J & Murray

" Cashmore Michael

" Hinson Frederick

" Garner Henry F

" Atkins John

" Quarry Jephson B.

" Carfrae John

" Simson Donald C.

Resolved that the Office of Curator being vacated
under the provisions of Bye Law No. 16, Mr. C. J.
Sanford be elected thereto.

Secretary read copy of letter addressed by him to
the Commissioner of Insolvent Court upon the subject
of the overdue Bills of Mr. McLeod.

Proceedings thereon reported and approved.

The following Members of Committee subscribed each
£10 to make up deficiency in second Instalment, the
same to be repaid from the first funds in hand,
Mess^{rs} Simpson, McArthur, Wilson, Kerr, Atkinson,
Forrest and Anderson.

John Stephen
Secy

3rd April 1842

Present, Mess^{rs} Atkinson, Beaver, Bland,
Burns, Caulfield, Chisholm, Clay,
Harrington, Hew, King, Sanford, Wilson,
Westgarth

W^m D^r McArthur in the Chair.

New Members elected

- Mess^{rs} Mossman "
- " Nutt Thomas Esq.
- " Cowell William Esq.
- " Darlot James Esq.
- " Hart Asher Esq.
- " Mortimer William Esq.
- " Somerville George.

Resolved, in reference to W^m McLeod's forfeiture
of the allotments purchased by him, that no
advertisement for resale be made until after
the appointment of Trustees, and a previous con-
ference with them by the Secretary.

Mortgage. Resolved that applications be made
by both the Treasurer and Secretary to such
persons and Companies who may be supposed
willing, for the loan of £1250 to be secured upon
the Building and premises appertaining to this
Institution.

Secretary directed to write to the Debating Society
for the advance of the £100 proposed to be lent by
them upon the foundation of the School of Arts

being completed, and notifying to them that possession
having been long since performed.

The Herald. The several attacks made upon the
members of the Committee by anonymous writers
in this Journal, but more directly upon the Secretary,
Resolved unanimously,

That the thanks of
the Committee of Management are specially
due to W^m Stephen for the services he has
rendered the Mechanics Institution, and the
manner in which he has performed the duties
that have devolved upon him as its Secretary.
John Stephen
Secretary.

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Mess^{rs} Clay, Beaver, Sanford, Bland,
and Chisholm consented to advance the
sum of £10 each as a Loan to the
Building Fund on similar conditions to
the loans made on the 29th Oct^r (Vid^e p 89).
S^{ecy}.

The Quarterly Accounts amounting to £24. 12. 6
directed to be paid, up to the 31st March last.
John Stephen
Secretary.

Lectures. Memo: The names of D^r Greaves, and
W^m Clay added to the Committee appointed to
superintend the Lectures. John Stephen
S^{ecy}

p. 77.

18th May 1842.

Present, Mess^{rs} Beaver, Bland, Burns,
Marrington, Sanford, Westgarth
Mr. Sanford in the Chair

New Members elected

Mess^{rs} Jones Charles
Bissell
Campbell Henry
Bullen John
Gardner Richard W^m
Verner William
Cavenagh George
McSweeney Henry W^m
Watt Alexander
Cadden Robert
Houston William
McKenzie John
McDonogh John

McLeod's Bills. Resolved that no steps be taken
in this matter until the Deed of Grant be
transmitted from Sydney.

Overdue Subscriptions. Resolved that a Collector
be appointed and that 10 per Cent be allowed
upon all sums collected; and that an advertisement
be published notifying such appointment, and
calling upon all parties in arrears to pay the
amounts due.

Funds. Mr. Westgarth stated that about ⁹³
£1270 had been paid to the Contractors for
the Building; that orders had been given
by him in pursuance of the approval of
the Committee for Slates being substituted
for shingles; that the sum of £434.3.8
had been advanced by him beyond the
funds of the Institution; that he was
prepared to complete the full amount of
the proposed Mortgage upon proper security
being afforded.

Resolved that this report be received and
approved.

Lectures. Resolved that the lectures of the
Season be postponed until the completion
of the Building; and that public notification
be accordingly given thereof.

Lease of House. Resolved that three months
notice to quit the premises now occupied as
a Library be given from the 1st day of June.

Annual Meeting. The Secretary directed to
announce the Anniversary General Meeting
for Monday the 6th June.

Quarterly Accounts to March 1842 approved
with certain deductions; Cheque for £24.12.6.

Donations. Votes of thanks passed to Donors.

Adjourned to 29th Inst.

John McSweeney
Secy.

4 July 1842

Present, Messrs Atkinson, Kerr, King, Sanford,
Westgarth, Wilson

Mr. Kerr in the Chair.

New Members elected

Messrs Montgomery Henry

Gilbert - Geo: Alex:

Fulton James

Campbell Mr Wm

Payne Charles

Foxton J G

A letter from Mr. Knight tendering a Lecture
upon the Anatomy of the Horse's Hoof was
read, and an acknowledgment - accepting
his proposal directed to be returned.

Draft of Report read and approved.

Moved by Mr. King

Seconded by Mr. Atkinson } That the printing
of the Institution for the ensuing twelve
months be executed at the Patent-Office.
Carried.

The Secretary requested to prepare the necessary
resolutions for the Anniversary Meeting

John Stephen
Secretary

Anniversary Meeting
17th June 1842.

James Simpson Esq. pres. in the Chair.

Secretary read the Report from the Committee
of Management.

The following Resolutions were unanimously
adopted;

1st That the Report now presented together
with the Treasurers Account be approved,
and that they be printed.

2. That the thanks of the Members of
the Members of the Institution be
tendered to the several gentlemen who
delivered Lectures during the past Season,
and also to those who have presented
donations to the Library and Museum.

3. That the following be the Office Bearers
for the ensuing Twelve Months;

- President... Sir James Simpson Esq
- Vice Presidents { Hon. J. E. Murray
- { F. McCrae Esq
- { Capt. Cole
- Treasurer.... Wm Westgarth Esq
- Secretary.... Jn: Stephen "
- Curator..... C. Jn: Sanford M.D.
- Auditors... { D. G. McArthur
- { Ch: Vaughan

5th July 1842.

Present, Messrs Atkinson, Beaver, Kerr, King,
Bland, Wilson.

Mr. Kerr in the Chair.

Resolved, that the Accounts due to the end of
the last Quarter be liquidated as soon as
sufficient funds may be collected.

Amount - £32. 14. 3.

John Stephen, Secy

10 August 1842.

Special Meeting convened by Advertisement

Present, Messrs Bland, Burn, Forrest, Greaves,
Meape, Kerr, McArthur D.G., McKillop,
Westgarth, Wilson

Mr. Kerr in the Chair.

Mr. Montgomery having read an opinion given
by Mr. Williams the Barrister as to the steps
necessary to be adopted to effect the proposed
Mortgage by which it was recommended that
a Board of Association should be executed,

Resolved,
That Messrs Montgomery & McCrac
be requested to prepare the draft of such
Deed, and take such other steps as may

Trustees of Land { And. Mr. McCrac Esq
A. McKillop "
J. Mc Chusholm "

Committee of Management-

Anderson Jos. Greaves A^d J^r Adol.
Atkinson M R Harrington M Geo.
Beaver Geo. Meape Benj.
Bland Jm Kerr Wm
Caulfield Jm King Jm C.
Clarke Wm McArthur M C
Forrest Rich^d Wilson Robt.
Clay J. L

Zoologist - Jm Fulson
Librarian - Tho. Burns
Collector - Jm Smith

4th That the thanks of this meeting be
given to the President and Officers
of the past year.

5th That the thanks of the members be
specially conveyed by the Secretary to
Mr. Westgarth for his exertions as Treasurer
of the Institution.

6th That the present meeting offer their
thanks to the President for his services
in the Chair.

John Stephen
Secy

as may be necessary for obtaining the loan and that the Secretary do convene a General Meeting of the Members in order to consider the Draft of the Deed to be submitted for their approval

Letter from Mr Cashmore as President of the Jewish Congregation requesting the loan of the large room in the Institution for religious purposes;

Resolved,

That the request be complied with and that no charge be exacted for the use of the room under the circumstance of its intended appropriation

Resolved,

That the Special General Meeting advertised to be called for the 25th Inst: to be held at 3 o'clock at the Royal Exchange Rooms.

New Members elected

- Mr Boyd Thos. Elder
- " Moor Henry
- " Marsden J Ankors
- " Wood John
- " Mouat Robert

John Mepson
Secretary

Thursday 25th August

Special General Meeting

James Simpson Esq. Pres. in the Chair.

The Draft Deed of Association prepared by Messrs Montgomery and McCrae in pursuance of the directions of the Committee was duly laid before the members assembled, and its leading provisions discussed;

Resolved,

That the Deed presented be referred to a Subcommittee, consisting of the President and Secretary together with Messrs Montgomery, McCrae, and A Moor to peruse and settle previous to its being engrossed.

Resolved,

That this Meeting do specially approve the several Sales of land of the allotments purchased by Mr Osbourne at the Government Sale situate in Nos 2 & 3 Block 11.

Mr Gilbert was proposed as Honorary Professor of Drawing to the Institution; - which subject was referred to the Committee for approval

John Mepson
Secretary

12 Sept. 1842

Special Committee Meeting

Present: Mess^{rs} Cain, King, McArthur, Murray, Wilson
Mr. Simpson in the Chair

The Secretary reported to the Committee the fact of the Contractors of the Building having placed certain laborers in possession of the house, who were occupying the rooms together with their families.

Mr. Currie being admitted declared his determination to keep these parties upon the premises

Resolved, that the Secretary request Mess^{rs} Montgomery and McCrae to take such steps as are adossable under the circumstances forthwith.

Signed, James Simpson, Chairman.

Memo: In pursuance of the above resolution application was made to the Bench of Magistrates for permission for a Special Constable to be placed within the Building to protect it from fire and to suppress any disturbance; which was allowed upon condition of the Institution paying the Constable's expenses.

Joseph Hunter was accordingly appointed.

J.S.

3 Nov^r 1842

Present: Mess^{rs} Simpson, Cole, Fuller.

In consequence of insufficiency of members to form a Quorum the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday next the 8th Inst.

8th Nov^r 1842

Present: Mess^{rs} Burns, Clarke, King, McCrae, J. McCrae, Sanford, Westgarth, Wilson
Mr. Simpson in the Chair

New Members admitted

Mr. Herford O. James.

.. Woodman James

Mr. D. Boyd elected unanimously a member of the Committee of Management vice Mr. A. Atkinson who has quitted the Colony.

Mortgage. Letter from Captⁿ Swanston read, proposing the Terms on which he would advance the money required by the Institution -

Resolved that the same be accepted and that the requisite deeds be prepared by Mess^{rs} Montgomery and McCrae.

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Ex^{pt} for Pitt

22nd May Accounts to 30th Inst. amounting to

1844

£ 73. 5. 6. due to be paid.

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John Simpson
Secretary

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1st December 1842

Special Meeting of Committee convened but in consequence of this being the day of the Municipal Council Election a Quorum could not be formed.

J.S.

11th Dec^r 1842.

Mess^{rs} Donovan and Crosbie having reported the Building to be completed the Committee assembled in the Ling Room when it was resolved that a Sub Committee should be nominated to inspect the Work and report their opinions to the Committee of Management.

Mess^{rs} Beaver, Burns, Anderson, Caulfield and Wm Burns appointed the Sub Committee.

John Stephens Sec.

13th Dec^r 1842

Committee convened to receive the Report of the Sub Committee, upon which occasion there not being a sufficient number to form a meeting for the transaction of business, and the Sub Committee not being prepared with their written Report, the Secretary was requested to call the Committee together on Friday Morning the 16th Inst. at 10 AM.

John Stephens
Secy

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16th Dec^r 1842

Present, Mess^{rs} Anderson, Beaver, Burns, Caulfield, Bland, King, McArthur, D.C., Greaves, Wilson
James Simpson Esq, President

The following Report from the Sub Committee was laid before the Committee, -

Melbourne 16 Dec: 1842

Gentlemen,

The Sub Committee appointed to inspect the Building previous to your taking possession of the same beg to state that they have gone minutely over the same, and that with the exception of the Stuccoing of the front and the dwarf wall of terrace which are in nowise in accordance with the Specification the other portions of the building may pass.

The Sub Committee would therefore recommend that the Contractors receive notice to complete the same with the least possible delay.

The amount for the Extra work in additional height of Walls and slating in place of Shingles is \$146^{..} 13^{..} 9.

We are &c
Signed { Joseph Anderson
George Beaver
Thomas Burn

To the General Committee
of Management of the M^{ts} Indst

Mr. Donovan being in attendance was called in, when the President read the Report to him, to which having expressed his dissent, it was agreed between him and the Committee to refer the whole matter to Arbitration.

Mr. Geo. M. Sagar, Architect, was thereupon named by Mr. Crosbie as one Arbitrator, & Mr. Samuel Jackson, Architect, as the other, and to these two Gentlemen was left the appointment of an Umpire.

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The Secretary was directed to communicate with these gentlemen, and to prepare the requisite Arbitration deed -

John Stephen  
Secretary

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Memo: The Town Corporation Council having proposed to rent rooms in the Building, it was arranged that the President should be empowered to treat with them as to terms.

John Stephen  
Secretary 5

\* NB. The Arbitrators above named appointed Mr. Russell, Architect, as Umpire.

3<sup>rd</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1843

B Special Meeting

Present: Mess<sup>rs</sup> Anderson, Bland, Forrest, Fulton, Hing, McArthur &c, Wilson  
James Simpson Pres<sup>t</sup>

The arbitration and award of Mr. Russell was laid before the meeting.

Resolved that the same be confirmed and that such portion of the demand claimed as Balance due to the Contractors as may be approved by the President be paid to Donovan and Crosbie.

John Stephen Sec<sup>y</sup>

Memo: Removed to the New Building this 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1843. JS.

Memo: B in having ...  
Municipal Corporation (10 Jan: 1843)

\* Agreement entered into between the Committee of Management and the Town Council for tenantry of offices. - The permanent and sole occupation of the two rooms on the ground floor on the left hand entrance and the occasional use of the Hall for Council Meetings at the rental of £100 per Annum for a Term of six months certain with 3 months notice subsequently to give.\*  
John Stephen, Sec<sup>y</sup>