

January the 1st 1845.

Meeting of the Committee of Management
Present, Messrs. Black, Bowler, Wilson, Haas
Cock Wilkes, Tostons, Pittman Westguth
" " Alderⁿ in the Chair.

The minutes of the former meeting
having been read the following resolutions
were duly put and carried.

- 1^o That the Printing to be executed for the Institution
be given to the several Newspaper Offices in
rotation, each having the business for a
period of six months, commencing with the
 Patriot.
- 2^o Resolved that John Bowler, Rob^t Wilson be
appointed a Committee to act in conjunction
with the secretary in preparing the General
Report of the Institution for the past year.
- 3^o That Monday 27th instant be appointed the
day of the Annual Meeting.
- 4^o That authority be given to the Secretary to
purchase cock for impaling insects, the property
of the Institution to the amount of 25 shillings
- 5^o That the subscription of the Institution be
three Guineas £ 3.3.0 to the Scottish Association
for the Promotion of the Fine Arts, and
three Guineas £ 3.3.0 to the Arts Union of
London.
- 6^o That the balance of £ 11.4.10 which has
been in the hands of Mess^{rs} Montgomery &
McCrae since January 1843 be settled for
as proposed by Mr. Montgomery by making

This amounts a set-off in full for all law expenses
that may now be due to that firm by the
Institution.

The Secretary then read a letter from Mr. Clarke
regretting that he should have left Melbourne
without first having tendered his resignation
to this Society, to as a Member of its Committee.

The following Donations were then made to
the Institution by Mr. E. Hodgson.

- Smith's wealth of Nations 1 vol. Coomes
Phrenology 2nd ed - D^r Physiology of Digestion 2nd ed.
Bulwers England & the English 2nd ed. The Potato
Scots Novels 10 vols -
By Mr. M. Mial. O'Connell's memoir of
Ireland 1 vol. Sparks life of Washington 2nd ed.
Lange's views of the Polynesian Isles. 1 vol. Views
of the Polar Seas. 1st ed. Wenside's Poems. 1st ed.
Linnæus on Solitude 1st ed. Percy Anecdotes of
Crime and punishment. 1 vol.
- By Mr. Cooper to the Museum. a set of
the fern tree -
Purchased by the Institution. Panosana of his
1 vol. Pappas. 1st ed. Medhurst's China 1st ed. Guy
& Haumeu 2nd ed. Rankin 2nd ed.

The following Gentlemen were then duly
admitted as Members of the Institution viz.

- Mess^{rs} Dismore, Benjamin, Fitzgerald, Lennox,
J. Pullar, Rev^d Forbes, Mr. Mack Hill, Richardson,
Mackhose, Allee, Edgar, Mann, Casey J^r.

A notice was then read intimating that
Mr. Robert Allom would cease to be a
Member of the Institution at the expiration
of the year. The Committee then adjourned.

Melbourne July 25 1845.

Special Meeting of the Committee of Management. Present —
Messrs. Peaver, Wilson, Foxton, Bowler,
King, Wedgath Pittman
and J. Vane in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former meeting having been read, the secretary stated that the present meeting had been convened for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to draw up the Report for the year 1844. —

The Report of the said Sub-Committee having been read it was resolved that the report now read be received and adopted.

The following Gentlemen having been proposed and admitted the Committee adjourned to Monday the 29th inst. at 6 o'clock P.M. —

Members elected.

Messrs. Fleming, Laird, E. L. Leigh, J. Griffin,
Seth Hague, James Dobson, J. Alfred Ross
— Spence, Peter Taylor, G. Williams, J. Armstrong.

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Meeting of the Committee of Management.
Present. Messrs Pittman, Vane, Bradshaw,
Cole, Foxton, Brinkwood & D. Howitt. Messrs.
Ed. Cuss Esq. in the Chair.

The minutes of the former meeting having been read

A Letter was read from this Hon. C. J. Latrobe, in reply to a requisition forwarded on the part of the Members of the Institution requesting that he would allow himself to be nominated one of the Patrons of the Society" stating that it would afford him great pleasure to accede to their request by becoming one of the Patrons.

Chambers' Journal (10 vols) was then purchased for the Library of the Institution a 7/6 per vol. —

The following Gentlemen were duly elected Members of the Institution. viz Messrs
Fry, Wall, & Ellenhaw —

The Meeting then adjourned.

Annual General Meeting of the
Members of the Institution
January 27th 1845.

The business of the Meeting was opened by the Secretary reading the Report of the Committee of Management for the year 1844, on the completion of which the following resolution was moved by Mr. Beaver and seconded by Mr. Bowler. - That the Report now read be received and adopted - carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Simpson }
Seconded by Mr. Wilson } That the Report for the year 1844 be printed provided that the cost does not exceed ten Pounds - upon which the following Amendment was moved by Mr. King

Seconded by Capt. Cole } That the Report be not printed - the Amendment lost, and the original motion carried.

The Meeting then proceeded to the election of the Officers of the Institution.

Moved by J. Wilmut }
Seconded by Mr. Bowler } That His Honor, C. T. Latrobe be one of the Patrons of the Society

Moved by Alderⁿ Kere }
Seconded by Mr. Mortimer } That T. P. Robinson Esq. M. C. for the Town of Melbourne be one of the Patrons of the Society - carried.

Moved by Mr. Foyton }
Seconded by Mr. Pittman } That the Mayor of Melbourne, for the time being, be one of the Patrons of the Society - carried.

Moved by D. Novitt
Seconded by M. Wilson and carried }
That James Simpson Esq. be the President
of the Society for the ensuing year.

Moved by Capt. Cole M. Wilson
Seconded by M. Pittman and carried.
That Capt. Cole be one of the Vice Presidents
for the ensuing year.

Moved by M. Westgath
Seconded by M. Beaver and carried.
That Ed. Cur Esq. be one of the Vice Pres.
for the ensuing year.

Moved by Capt. Cole
Seconded by M. M. Anthon and carried.
That M. Westgath be the Treasurer
for the ensuing year.

Moved by D. Wilnot
Seconded by M. Bowler and carried.
That Messrs. Mortimer and Macbitie be the
Auditors for the ensuing year.

Moved by Capt. Cole
Seconded by M. Bowler and carried.
That the Gentlemen who acted as Curators for
the past year be re-appointed with the addition
of W. Byerley as Curator of the department
of Mineralogics.

The following Gentlemen were duly
elected Members of the Committee of
Management in the Place of those who
went out by rotation and disqualification
as follows. The lowest number of votes
to supply the vacancies created by Messrs. Hays
and Griffin.

Messrs. MacArthur	vice.	D. Greenes
" Bickwood	"	Griffin, disqualified
" Bradshaw	"	Clark disqualified
" Murphy	"	Hays, disqualified
" Ham	"	re-elected.
" King	"	re-elected.
" Beaver	"	Beaver re-elected.

Moved by M. Westgath —
Secd. by D. Wilnot and carried } That M.
Gibbes be re-appointed as secretary, and
that the Institution being now in a satisfactory
and flourishing condition, and about to receive
a considerable pecuniary assistance from
Government, it is expedient that some salary
be awarded to that office, so soon as the
Government aid shall have been received, and
that accordingly the amount of £60, be
appropriated as a salary to the Secretary,
the same to commence on the 1st Jan^y inst.

Moved by M. Westgath
Seconded by M. Wilson and carried — That the
Reading Room be in future placed under the
management of an annual Committee, on
half whom shall be chosen by the subscribers
to the Reading Room, and the other half by
the Committee of Management from their
own body. The election of such Committee
to be held at the first Monthly Meeting
of the Committee of Management after
the annual meeting of the Members.

Moved by J. Greenes
Seconded by Wilmot and carried. That the thanks
of the Members be presented to Presidents and
Vice Presidents for their support during the
past year.

That the Thanks of the Institution be presented
to W. W. W. Esq. Treasurer for the very
active and cordial support which he has
given the Society during the past year -

That the Thanks of the Comm. Institution
be presented to the Committee for their very
efficient services in conducting the business
of the Institution during the past year.

That the Thanks of the Institution be presented
to the various Gentlemen who have aided by
their donations of Money in carrying out the
objects of the Institution in the several branches
to which those funds have been applied.

That the Thanks of the Institution be presented to
the Members of the Institution to the various Donors
to the Museum.

That the Thanks of the Members of the Institution be
presented to the several Gentlemen who have contri-
buted Newspapers to the Reading Room.

That the Thanks of the Institution be presented to the
Editors of the following Journals for their liberal
assistance in gratuitously contributing their respective
Journals to the Reading Room. viz

- Messrs: The Editors of the Sydney Morning Herald.
- " Australian Register.
- " Atlas.
- B.D.L. Cowan.
- " L. Examiner

Tasmanian Review. Geelong Advertiser.
P.O. Patriot. Gazette. Herald. Gazette.

March 3rd

Meeting of the Committee of Management.
Present Messrs. Cook, Foyton, Pittman, Wilson
Westgarth, Cole, McCae, Ham.

J. Howitt in the Chair.

The minutes of the former meeting
having been read, it was
moved by M. Wilson.

Seconded by M. Pittman, and carried.

That this meeting do stand adjourned
untill Monday the 10th instat, in consequence
of the unavoidable absence of several Members
of the Committee.

The Meeting was adjourned accordingly.

March the 10th 1845.

Meeting of the Committee of Management.
Present Messrs. Howitt, Wilson, Westgarth,
Bowler, Macrae, Foyton, Chisholm, Cuce, Ham,
Brickwood, King, Cole, Cook, MacLanthur,
Beaver,

Jas Simpson Esq^r in the Chair.

The minutes of the former meeting having
been read

The following resolution was duly passed.

That Messrs. Westgarth, J. Howitt, Foyton,
Wilson, King, & Bowler, be appointed on
behalf of the Institution as a Committee to
govern the Reading Room, in conjunction
with six other Gentlemen, chosen from the

body of the subscribers to the Reading Room,
as a general Meeting, to be convened by the Secy^r
by advertisement for that purpose.

Moved by M. Wilson

Seconded by M. Foyton and lost on a division.
That the sum of Forty Five £45. be appro-
priated for the purpose of obtaining books
from England, for the Library.

The following Amendment was
moved by M. Cuce

Seconded by M. King and carried.

That Messrs. Westgarth, Howitt, Wilson, King,
Bowler and Foyton be a Committee to draw
up a Finance Report of the Institution in which
a distribution of the means towards its existing
debts, & towards the future maintenance of the
of the objects of the Institution shall be brought
forward and submitted to the next Meeting
and that the Report do state whether the
Government aid be or be not applicable
to the payment of the debts of the Institution.

Application was then made by M. Macrae
(one of the Land Trustees) to the Committee for the
possession of the legal Documents belonging to
the Institution, then in the Possession of M.
Montgomery, whereupon the following Resolution
was moved by Alder^m Ben

Seconded by M. Wilson and carried.

That the Secretary be instructed to write
M. Montgomery informing him that the Trustees

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requiring the Deeds of the Institution, the
Committee are desirous of ascertaining whether
he has any objection to hand over the Deeds
to such Person as the Committee may appoint.

The Secretary then stated that J. O. Robinson Esq.
M.P. had consented to become one of the Patrons
of the Institution.

The following Donations were then made to the
Reading Room & Library viz.

Chambers Information for the People 1 vol
M. G. Gilbert.

The 1st vol of the Acts of Council & Parliament
was then presented from His Excellency the
Governor, through his Honor the Superintendent
to the Members of the Institution.

A second Copy of the same was likewise presented
by J. O. Robinson Esq. M.P.

The Meeting then adjourned to Friday the 17th
instant, at 3 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Finance Committee and the reply
to Mr. Montgomery's letter.

March 12th 1845

Meeting of the Committee of Management
Present Messrs Wilson, Cook, Westgarth, Lytton,
New King, McCrae, Howitt, Greenes, Cole, Ham
& M. Anthony.

Jas Simpson Esq. President
Chairman.

The Minutes of the former Meeting having been
read. The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Montgo-
mery stating, (in reply to a Resolution of the 10th March)
that he would deliver up the Deeds etc of and
belonging to the Institution to such Person as
the Committee might appoint. The letter having
contained certain observations relative to the
dissolution of Partnership formerly existing between
Messrs Montgomery & McCrae, and the claim
which Mr. Montgomery therein set forth to the
Directorship of the Institution it was moved
& seconded, but lost on a division.

That Mr. McCrae be heard in explanation of the
matter referred to in Mr. Montgomery's letter.

The following Amendment upon the subjoined
Resolution was put and negatived.

That the Committee proceed to ascertain whether
the Trustees or the Solicitor they may appoint, inde-
pendently of the Committee of Management,
are entitled to demand and hold the Deeds
The Resolution upon which the foregoing Amendment
was moved and carried as follows.

That the office of Solicitor be declared vacant
the Treasurer appointed to receive into his custody
all the Deeds and Papers belonging to the Institution
now in possession of Mr. Montgomery, and that

229 The Secretary be instructed to call for Applications for the office of Solicitor with the view of the election taking place at the next Monthly Meeting.

The Secretary proceeded to read the Report of the sub-Committee on the financial prospects of the Institution for the current year etc - when a protest was entered against the reading by Mr. King on the grounds, that not having received notice of the meeting of the sub-Committee of which he was a Member, the report could not be received. The Report after some discussion was ordered to be prepared by the next Meeting.

The Meeting then adjourned to Wednesday the 19th inst.

March 19th

The Meeting of the Committee proposed to be held this day pursuant to the notice of adjournment was further adjourned in consequence of the races taking place on the same day.

April the 7th 1845.

Meeting of the Committee of Management.
Present Mess^{rs}. M. Amthun, King, Mortimer, Curc, Lytton, Westgarth, Wilson, Crook, Pittman Broadshaw.

Captⁿ Cole vice President
in the Chair

The Minutes of the former meeting having been read, the Secretary read the following Report of the sub-Committee upon the financial prospects of the Institution for the current year:

Gentlemen. Your Committee have to report that the means for the discharge of the existing debts of the Institution are derivable from three sources viz

The Annual subscriptions of the Members, casual Donations, and rents derived from the subletting of the Apartments in the Hall.

being to various causes the former means are rendered difficult if not entirely uncertain in their realization. Many of the Members objecting to the present mode adopted by the Institution for the collection of their respective subscriptions. Your Committee therefore deem it necessary to recommend that some other steps should be taken, for the obtaining of these amounts in order to ensure an income to the Institution, corresponding to that which the number of the subscribers would warrant. The Committee to expect from the monthly accounts which have been laid before the Committee by your Treasurer it would appear that about seventy Pounds.

have been collected of the Annual Subscriptions for this year, being a third only of the amount which ought to have been obtained. As it thus appears that unless some measures be forthwith adopted, the balance of the Subscriptions due will not be realised, for the reason before mentioned your Committee would recommend that the Messrs of the Committee of Management and the Secretary be appointed to collect those sums, which are withheld from the present collector.

With reference to the funds derived from casual donations, your Committee are of opinion that no positive statements can be made, the source of such funds not being within the control of the Institution, and purely accidental.

The third source of income is derived from the subletting of the apartments in the Hall to the Town Council for the yearly sum of £50.0.0 to the Baptist Congregation do do 30.0.0 making a total derived from these two bodies of £80.0.0.

In reporting on the appropriation of the Government aid your Committee are of opinion that no portion of it could be justly appropriated to the liquidation of any debts incurred by the Institution, not coming legitimately within the meaning of debts current, and they furthermore consider that the annual interest due on the Mortgage as a contingency arising out of the said Mortgage and liable to the same conditions

The sub-Committee would therefore

recommend the following appropriation of the Government Grant of one hundred and fifty Pounds viz:

Salary to Secretary as voted at the annual general Meeting of the Members	£60.0.0
For the purchase of Books for Library	40.0.0
Cases for the Museum	23.10.0
Current expenses printing Reports etc	26.10.0
Total	£150.0.0

Moved by Mr. McArthur
Seconded by Mr. Carr and carried.

1. That the Report of the sub-Committee just read be received.

The following Amendments upon Resolution 2 were then put as follows

1. Moved by Mr. King
Seconded by Mr. Crook and lost
That from the Government Grant the sum of £15 be appropriated for the salary of the Secy. for the quarter ending 31st March. That the sum of £50 be appropriated for the purchase of Books for the Library, and the sum of £15 for the advancement of the Museum.

Amend. 2.

Moved by Mr. McArthur.
Seconded by W. H. Mortimer, and carried.
That the sum of fifteen Pounds £15.0.0 be appropriated to the payment of salary now due to the Secretary £40 to the purchase of Books £23.10.0 towards the establishment of a Museum.

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Moved by Mr. Sinton
Seconded by Mr. Wilson and carried
That the Report now read be adopted.

The Secretary having stated that in conformity with the resolution of the 10th March, the office of Solicitor to the Institution had been declared vacant, and that as Mr. Bowler one of the applicants for the office, was a Member of the Committee of Management, that Gentleman requested to resign his office in the Committee, which was set forth in the letter then read.

Resolved by Mr. Macleintosh.
Seconded by Mr. Westgarth, and carried.
That Mr. Bowler's Resignation be accepted.
The election of Solicitor to the Institution was then proceeded with, when the following results were obtained -

	votes
1 st Ballot - Mr. Bowler	3
" " " Barber	4
" " " Montgomery	4

There being an equality of votes the Ballot was proceeded with a second time - when Mr. Montgomery was declared duly elected the no of votes being for him six, and for Mr. Barber four.

Previous to the election taking place it was moved by Mr. King and seconded by Mr. Wilson & lost - that since it appears necessary to appoint a Solicitor, it is but just that the persons who have become security for the Debts of the Institution should be consulted before the election takes place.

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Resolved that the Secretary be requested to inform Mr. Montgomery that he has been duly elected as Solicitor to the Melbourne School of Arts.

A letter was then read from Dr. Palmer on behalf of the Hospital Committee soliciting the use of the Lecture Hall for the purpose of holding a concert therein for the benefit of the Building fund. The Secretary stated that as the letter required an answer earlier than the present meeting would allow he had forwarded a Requisition to the various Members of the Committee, and on obtaining their assent thereto - he had on their behalf, granted the use of the Hall as requested - confirmed.

A letter was likewise read - from Dr. Nicholson M.C. containing advice of a valuable collection of Minerals, Fossils &c. - which were presented by him to the Museum of the Institution, and informing the Committee that the cases containing the above collection would be conveyed, free of all expense by favor of J.P. Robinson Esq. M.C. per Shamrock to Melbourne.

Resolved that the Secretary do write to the above Gentlemen expressing the best thanks for of the Committee for their very liberal & valuable assistance.

Three Specimens were then presented to the Museum, of Quartz found on Lawrence Rock near Portland - by Mr. Latrobe -
The Committee requested the Secretary to convey their thanks to His Honor for his attention.

The following Gentlemen were then duly elected
Members of the Institution. viz.
Mess^{rs} Leigh, Hancock, and A. McLachlan.
The Meeting then adjourned.

At the above Meeting, W. Bowler was duly re-
admitted as Member of Committee. on a Motion
made by W. M. Arthur.

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May the 5th
Meeting of the Committee of Management.
Present Mess^{rs} M. Arthur, Crook, Wilson,
Westgarth, & Black,
Jas Simpson Esq^r in the Chair.

The minutes of the former meeting having been
read, a Letter was read from W. John Stephen
requesting a final settlement of the acct, standing
between him and the Mechanics Institution.

The Secretary was requested to inform W. Stephen
that the Treasurer had been instructed to adopt
the necessary measures for the adjustment of
W. Stephen's claim.

A Letter was likewise read from W. McCrae
stating that he required the Deeds belonging to the
Mechanics Institution in order to furnish
such extracts as he had covenanted by virtue of
his Trusteeship to W. Clarke the Solicitor to perform.

The Secretary was requested to inform W.
McCrae that a Deputation had been appointed
to wait on W. Montgomery Solicitor to the Instⁿ
with a view of meeting W. McCrae's demands
provided it should not militate against the
interests of the Society.

A Letter was likewise read from the Rev.
J. Scholfield and signed by six other Gentlemen
requesting the favor of the gratuitous use of the
Lecture Hall on the 20th inst for the purpose of
giving a Discourse on Temperance.

The Secretary was requested to inform the
Gentlemen signing the Requisition, that by a
Resolution of the Society, the gratuitous use of

of the Lecture Hall to any societies unconnected with their Institution. The usual fee in such cases being the sum of £ 20.0 exclusive of lighting. The Secretary then stated that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee he had advertised for Tenders for the construction of glass cases for the Museum in accordance with the Plans and Specifications furnished by the Secretary, and the following three Tenders had been forwarded for the inspection of the Committee. viz

- J. Moodie amount of contract 19/- per running foot
- J. Robert " " sixteen shillings do. do.
- M. Costello " " 2/- per running foot.

The Committee decided in favor of the Tender forwarded by John Roberts. The Secretary was instructed to inform the Contractor that he would be required to furnish a surety for the execution of the work to the satisfaction of a sub-Committee composed of Messrs Simpson, M. Arthur, Westgath, Black and Gilbert & Crook.

It was moved by J. Black }
 seconded by M. Crook } and carried.

- That Messrs Howitt, Greenes, Macanthur, Fyson, Hobson, Wilnot & the Secretary be appointed a Committee for the purpose of ascertaining
1. wherein the objects of the Institution may be more effectually carried out than at present, with the ways & means thereof.
 2. To Report on the best mode of paying off the Mortgage debts.
 3. To Report on the best mode of collecting the subscriptions to the Institution.

The Secretary stated that in consequence of the Corporation Valuers having valued the Property of the Institution as the yearly rental of one hundred and fifty Pounds per annu he had appealed at a Meeting of the Council against the amount of valuation and also against the liability of the Institution to Corporate assessment, since it was exempted under the Act - being a School of Arts and receiving Government Aid - That those portions of the Building which were let to the Town Council and to the Baptist Congregation, being occupied by those bodies respectively, should not be considered as belonging in any way to the Institution. That as they were the occupiers it was clear that they were alone liable to that assessment which had been thrown on the School of Arts -

The answer to the above appeal was as follows - That the Council cannot assess the Institution itself but will assess the rental of £ 80 per annum derivable from the sublettings of the apartments in the Hall to the Corporation & the Baptist Congregation.

The Secretary was requested to act under the circumstances, as should occur necessary. A list of Lectures was then presented by the Secretary as follows.

- one by W. B. Wilnot Esq. M.D. subject "The East"
- 3 by M. Westgath. 1. The Hist & progress of British Commerce.
- " " 2. Present condition of Society in Britain
- " " 3. On capital Punishments.
- 2. G. A. Gilbert " " On the art of Lithography.
- " " " On Locomotives and Railways
- 6 M. Forsyth } a series of six Lectures on
- " Wilson } Chemistry.

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Mr. Bowler was re-elected a Member of the
Committee of Management.

Mr. W. Smith was duly elected a Member of the M^{useum}.

The following Donations were made to the Museum
An extensive and valuable collection of Fossils Minerals
&c. &c. from D. Nicholson. M.C.

Fossils from the Limestone at Cape Schank. by W. Westgarth

Silver coin of the Reign of James the 1st. by W. Weeks.

Specimen of Peas found at Mount Elephant. by Mr. Bliphand

A Choice collection of Adelaide Minerals - " Mr. Keropp.

A vote of Thanks was unanimously passed to those
above Gentlemen who have so generously assisted the
Institution by their valuable contributions.

Library.

Purchased by the Society.

Cobbett's Political Register 4 vols. Rationale of Political
Representation. 1 vol.

Report of the Committee of the House of Commons
on Transportation. 1838. By W. Westgarth.

The Prophetes 2 vols. Providence Prudent 2 vols. B. & P.

Resolved that a vote of Thanks be presented to these
Gentlemen for their donation to the Library.

At the close of the Meeting it was decided that the
subscriptions now due to the Institution should be
collected as by Members of the Committee as
follows. - Messrs Black & Westgarth.

Brounke Ward. Messrs Simpson & M. Anthon

Lonsdale Ward. Messrs Crook & Wilson

Gipps Ward. Messrs Gilbert & Foxton

The Meeting then Adjourned.

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In consequence of there not being a quorum,
the only attendants as Members of Committee being
D. Black and Mr. Wilson. There was no meeting.

June 5th

Special Meeting of the Committee of Manage-
ment. Present

Messrs Howitt, Black, Wilson, Foxton,
King, Murphy, Greenes, Westgarth, Pittman
Crook, & Cur.

Mr. Simpson Esq. President
in the Chair.

The Minutes of the 5th May having been
read & confirmed The Secretary read the Report
of the Sub-Committee as follows.

At a Meeting of the Committee of Management
held May the 5th. It was resolved. "That a Sub-
Committee consisting of Messrs Westgarth, Wilson,
Mr. Anthon, Greenes, Howitt, Foxton, Wilson of the
Secretary be appointed to Report.

1^o Wherein the objects of the Society may be
more effectually carried out than at present
the ways & means thereof.

2. The best mode of paying off the Mortgage Debt

3. The best mode of collecting the subscriptions.

In conformity with the above resolutions
Your Committee have to report that at its ad-
-journed meeting held May the 13th the following
resolutions were unanimously carried and their
adoption strongly recommended to the Committee
of Management.

1^o Moved by A. Greaves Esq.
2^o " D. Wilnot } and carried unanimously

That it is the opinion of this Committee that the objects of the Institution would be more effectually carried out than at present, if the whole of the Building be devoted exclusively to its original purposes, the Public will increase their support to an extent more than equivalent to any immediate loss of income derived from the present sub-letting of the Apartments, but that it will not be equitable to give notice to any of the present Renters to quit without the concurrence of those Members who are liable for the Debts of the Institution.

2^o Moved by W. Watgath
3^o " D. Wilnot } and carried.

That the several Curators do form a Board of Curators having the entire Management of the Museum, and that the General Committee do appropriate annually an amount not less than £40. to be placed at the disposal of the Board for the advancement of the Museum.

4^o Moved by W. Greaves
5^o " D. Howitt } and carried.

That 4 p^{ct} of the income exclusive of the Gov^{ts} aid be appropriated to the payments of the principal sum of the Mortgage, and that a letter be written to Cap^l Swanton the Mortgage soliciting a Reduction in the Interest to 8 p^{ct} per annum

6^o Moved by W. Greaves
7^o " W. Foylon } and carried.

That the admission fee to Lectures be abolished, and that entrance thereto be obtained only through the Members tickets in conformity with the Res^{ol} only passed in Committee on the 1st of March. 1844.

With reference to the Subst and the best mode of collecting them Your Committee would recommend that the Subst be made payable in advance for the entire year except in the case of Mechanics and Apprentices who may make quarterly payments if required and the Subst be arranged under the several wards in which they reside, that two or more Members of the Committee of Management be appointed to each Ward for the purpose of collecting the Subst therein, Your Committee feel assured that if each Member of the Council of Manag^{rs} will actively interest himself in the advancement of the Instⁿ by communicating with those Members who are allotted to his superintendance by obtaining Contributions to the Library of Museum, Donations of money and more particularly canvass for an accession of new Subst that ample materials will be provided for effecting the many important objects which are comprehended in the scheme of Mechanics Institutions.

Furthermore that the Public should only be made aware of the high educational importance of this Institution, its intimate connection of with the Social well being of the Colony and also the favorable influence its success will create on the minds of those who reside at a distance in order to secure their active co-operation and support in the furtherance of your efforts.

244 Moved by Mr. Wilson
2nd " Mr. Pittman. and carried.
That the Report of the Sub-Committee now
read be received.

* Resolved That as early as possible the whole of
the Building be devoted exclusively to its original
objects, and that the Secretary be instructed to give
notice to quit to the Town Council and Baptist
Congregation.

Resolved that the several Curators do form a
Board of Curators, each having the entire Man^g
of his respective department of the Museum.

* Resolved
* omitted. That His Excellency the Governor be
requested in the usual manner to place on the
estimates a further annual sum for the benefit
of the Melbourne School of Arts.

Resolved
That inasmuch as a number of the Gentlemen
connected with the Committee of the Mechanics Instⁿ
cannot attend its meetings on Monday, that the
meetings be called in future on Tuesdays.

The Meeting then adjourned to Tuesday the
18th inst at 3 o'clock.

* In reference to the recommendation of the sub-
Committee "that 40 p^{er} cent. of the Income (exclusive
of Government aid) be appropriated to the payment
of the principal sum of the mortgage, and that a
Letter be written to Captain Swanton the
Mortgagee soliciting a reduction in the interest
to 8 p^{er} cent per annum." The President stated
that a letter had been forwarded by him

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to Captⁿ Swanton for the accomplishment of the
above objects - in consequence of this announcement
the further consideration of this resolution was
postponed to a future meeting.

June 10th 1845.
Adjourned Meeting of the Committee of
Management. Present _____
Mess^{rs} Howitt, Crook, Wilmos, Cole, Cure,
Foylon, Greenes & Murphy
J. Howitt in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former meeting having
been confirmed the Secretary read the recom-
mendation of the sub-Committee relative to the
admission to lectures - whereupon the following
Amendment upon resolution 1. was
moved by Mr. Foylon
Sec^d " J. Black } and lost

That Persons not introduced by a Stranger's ticket
pay the usual fee of sixpence each.

Objⁿ " Put and Carried.

That each Member shall have the privilege of
admitting any Members of his own family and be
further supplied with two tickets for the admission
of Strangers and that no Gentleman resident in
Melbourne be admitted by a Stranger's ticket more
than twice during the season.

Moved by Dr. Greenes
2nd " Dr. Wilmos } and carried - That the recom^{en}
of the Sub-Comm^{ee} be concerning the payment of Subs^{ns}
be confirmed as follows - "That the Subscriptions be
made payable in advance for the entire year, except
in the case of Mechanics and Apprentices who may
make.

quarterly payments if required.
 The mode of collection of the Sub-Committee was likewise carried as follows. viz
 That the subscribers be arranged under under the several Wards in which they reside; that two or more Members of the Committee of Management be appointed to each Ward for the purpose of collecting the Subscriptions therein -

Proposed by Mr. Crook
 That Mr. Foxton } and carried unanimously

That the amount to be charged to the Baptist Congregation for the rent of the Hall on the last Public tea meeting be remitted.

The Secretary then read a letter from Mr. Stephen threatening to take legal steps for the recovery of the balance of his acct unless paid forthwith, a Paper was likewise handed in to the Chairman containing objections on the part of Mr. Stephen to certain offsets made by the Treasurer against the balance claimed, the adjustment of which, was directed to be left to Treasurer who would report to the next meeting. Meanwhile the Secretary was requested to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Stephen's letter.

A letter was likewise read from Mr. Clarke the Solicitor threatening to take immediate legal proceedings against the Institution unless a Deed of Covenant was prepared agreeable to his request Resolved on a Motion of Dr. Greaves -

That the Secretary be instructed to obtain from the Books of the Auction Company an extract of the conditions of sale of the Land disposed of by Trustees and originally belonging to the Institution

It was moved by Dr. Black }
 seconded by Mr. Foxton } and lost

That a Lamp-post similar to the one placed in front of the Union Bank be erected in front of the Mechanics Institution -

upon this resolution being lost the Committee instructed the Secretary to obtain a square glass lamp to be placed over the Entrance door of the Institution

The following books were then declared purchased for the library viz

Nicholson's Carpenter's Guide, Howland book of Commerce, Series of Eminent Naturalists, Memoirs of Madhipman

The following Donations were likewise made to the Library viz. Dupres Discourses 2 vols. Tullocks Mag. 4.00 Cambridge Univ. Cal. 1 do. Cut of Anglin 1 do. Life of Sir Walter Raleigh 1 do. Criminal Trials 2 do Paris 2 do Liverpool 1 do French Librarian 1 do. Eccles. Antiq. of Rome 1 do. Chinese State Papers 1 do. Botany 1 do. Boileau's Po. 1 do. Report of Poor Law Commission 1 do.

Thence Craig Esq.

The Tatler 6 vols. Elements of Genl. Hist. 3 do. Herodotus 1 do. A. Pop. Esq.

The following Gent^{ls} were declared duly elected Members of the Institution viz Mess^{rs} Rogers & John Cook.

The Meeting then adjourned.

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Monday July 7/45.

Meeting of the Committee of Management
Present Messrs Black, Howitt, Westgarth, Foston,
& Murphy.

J. Howitt in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former meetings having
been read. The Secretary stated that in accordance
with the instructions of the Committee, he had
forwarded a notice to quit to the Baptist Congregation
and to the Town Council, but that up to the
present time no reply had been made to the
request, that the Town Council would inform
the Committee how early it would be convenient
for them to give up possession of the Apartments.

A letter was read from Osborne Esq. informing
the Committee that he intended to forward a copy
of the Portland Gazette gratuitously for the use
of the Members of the Institution.

Resolved that a vote of thanks be presented on
behalf of the Committee to W. Osborne for
the liberal assistance he has rendered the Institⁿ
and also to express their gratification and thanks at
their warm interest expressed in this letter of the
1st July, which he feels in the advancement of
the Society.

A letter was likewise read from Mr. J. P. Fawcett
stating that it was not his intention to continue
his hitherto gratuitous donation of a copy of
the P. P. Patriot.

A letter was read, which had been received from
Dr. M. Kimon Esq. containing information respecting
a Fossil Bone found near Jeelong, and presenting
the same to the Museum of the Society.

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Resolved that a vote of thanks be presented to Dr.
M. Kimon Esq. for his valuable present.

Resolved that the Secretary be instructed to enquire
from Mr. Montgomery whether the arrangement with
Mr. Crook to covenant for the production of Title Deeds
regarding the sold portions of the ground formerly be-
longing to the Institution had been ~~made out com-~~
-pleted, in order to settle finally with Mr. Clarke
and if not to request Mr. Montgomery to complete
the arrangement at his earliest opportunity.

The following Books were declared purchased for
the library - viz.

- Nat. Hist of the peculiar Species - 1 vol. Phil. Mag. 2. do.
- Testimony of Profane Antiquity 1. Europ. Rev. 2. Brewster's F. 5
- Charles O'Malley 2. Death of Abel. 1. Drake's Pootlicks Lesire 2.
- Graphic Sketches of Nat. Hist. 1. Life of W. Rose. 2. Rose's common
- letters 1. Life of Chatterton 1. Memoirs of Genl. Suvalow. 1. Age of
- Louis 14. 2. Memoirs of Cooke 2. Nat. Hist. 1. Walker's Lectures 3.
- Treatise on Languages 1. Geog. essays. 1. Moore's Span. Camp. 1.
- Genl. Mag. 3. Cartain's art of writing 1. Dr. Letterson's Preceptor 2.
- Administration Decided 1. Grey's Moral Essays. 1. Robertson's Greece.
- 1. Flinders Voy. Auth. 2. Sat. Mag. 3. Penny ar. 4. Commons
- Debates 20. Church Engl. Mag. 1. Herms letters 1. Laws of Crickets.
- Watts on the mind 1. Life of Bacon. 1. Ed. Rev. 4. 2. part.
- Recited, ar. 4. 2. do. Legal Observer 14. 5. Phil. Mag.
- 39. W. - Moore's life of Sheridan 2. de Epineau 1.
- Guliver's travels 1. Sketches in Paris & Italy 1. Fable
- or Sicily 1. The G. Metrop. 2. Walks & Wand. 2. 2. Keglival
- 3. Pezanne & Mubilia 1. Obsolete reminiscence. 1. Tropical
- Agri. 1. Sketches of France & Italy. 1. Concord. 3. Rosaline
- Woodbridge. 3. Landshakes and sea Gulls. 3. Heythie Power 3.
- Wood's own 1. Ernst Mattheus. 1. Madens of Warsaw. 1. Roman. 1

Grantham - 1. Mirror 20. Naval Chronicle 30.
Cunningham Australia 2. Plain Sermons 4. Cousins and
Other American Tales 3. Voyages & Travels 7.

Presented by a Friend.

Notion Regions 1. Wanderings of Tom Harbour 1.
Turkish Hay 8. Thornton Abbey 3. Bush's Anecdotes 1.
The Mirror 2. The Visitor 1. Treasures of Religion 1
Benjamin's Pilgrims Progress 1. Decapolis. Philology
of Sleep 1. Voy! of Columbus. 1. Franklin's life & Essays 1.
Christ's famous titles 1. Pinock's Guide to Knowledge 1.

per M.A. Prop

Pratt's Australia - 1. The Prothes 2.

A note of thanks was presented to the above
Gentlemen for the valuable donations to the library.
The following were then duly elected members
of the Institution. viz

Messrs Clarke, Gill, Halppenny, Vaughan, Bullen,
Capt Scott, J. Miller, Roberts, Levee, Thomas, Wilton
Silburne, W. W. Howe, P. Inglis, Corwell, Hodgson.
Mayne, Campbell.

The Meeting then adjourned.

Resistant No 6th

Meeting of the Committee of Management
Present Messrs Starn, Howitt, Black, Fyton, Wilson,
Montimer, M. Louthin & Alder Kerr.

Mr Howitt in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former meeting having been
read

The following Members of the Committee
were stated by the Secretary to have been absent
from 3 or more successive Monthly Meetings
viz Messrs Starn, Wilms, Brickwood. Kerr
Bowler, Bradshaw, & Beaver.

Messrs Starn & Kerr, having explained the
cause of their absence, it was resolved that
the Secretary be instructed to call the attention
of all Members of Committee who may have
been absent from three or more successive Monthly
meetings of the Committee to Rule 9 of the Code
of Bye-laws accompanied with an intimation of
the number of times they have been absent.

Read a letter from Mr. Montgomery, Solicitor to
the Institution stating that he had arranged with Mr
Clarke the Solicitor to his satisfaction for the produc-
tion of the Deeds of the Institution.

A Letter was read from the Town Council, in
answer to the notice which was served
upon that Body by the request of the Committee
of Management, to the following effect, "That
owing to the great difficulty which has been expe-
rienced in procuring suitable premises, the Town
Council will be forced to continue in occupation
of their present offices until the expiry of the current
year, or until other accommodation can be obtained."

A letter was likewise read, which had been forwarded by His Honor the Superintendent, stating that in accordance with the wishes of the Committee of Management, he had requested His Excellency to place upon the Port Phillip Estimates for the Year 1846 the sum of one thousand and fifty Pounds as a further annual grant to the above Institution. A letter was then read from P. L. Simmonds Esq^r giving advice of the shipment of the 1st packet of Periodicals and Newspapers ordered on account of the Reading Room, as follows.

- Periodicals. Simmonds' Col. Mag. Gardiner's Mag. Nat. Hist. Annals of Sciences. Dublin Univer. Mag. Blackwood's Edinb. Rev. New Monthly Dr. Mechanics' Mag. Quarterly Review. Nautical Mag. Edinb. Philos. Journ. London W. Chemical Gazette. New Army & Navy List Chambers Journ.
- Newspapers. London Times & Chronicle. Dub. Eccl. Mail, Scotsman. Lancet, Col. Gazette, Leeds Mercury, Law Times. Jour. of Commerce, Pictorial Times. Punch, Spectator, Examiner, Atlas, Price Current, Limerick Chronicle. Glasgow Herald, John Bull. £ 74. 10. 6 - 26 m^{ts}.

Resolved, on a Motion made by J. Black.
 "That the Clergymen of the different Denominations and the Editors of the several Journals forwarding their newspapers gratuitously, be elected honorary members of the Mechanics School of Arts.
 The following Donations were then made to the Institution - viz. Charts & Surveys of the Coast of N. S. W. by C. J. Latrobe Esq^r - The Second Volume of the Acts of Council of N. S. W. D. - A Fine specimen of the Diamond snake, presented by the Revd J. Haun.

The following Gentlemen likewise contributed several Newspapers to the Reading Room - Messrs. Hutton J. Smith, Capt^l Lonsdale, & C. J. Lettice.

The undermentioned Gentlemen were declared duly elected Members of the Institution
 Messrs John Dunn, Oswald, Robert Murray, James Moon Watson and Joseph Wilson.

The Meeting then adjourned.

Tuesday, September 2. 1843.
Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present Messrs:
Hann, Crook, Mr. Arthur, Black,
Westgarth, Wilson, Foyton, King, Murphy,
Martimer, & Alderman Kerr.
Mr. Mr. Arthur Esq. Chair^m

The Minutes of the former Meeting having been read. The Secretary stated that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee he had written to those Members who were, from non-attendance at the Committee Meetings, declared to have resigned their office unless satisfactory reasons were given to the contrary. and that he had received the following answers. viz. from Mr. Brickwood that distance from town precluded the proper discharge of his duties and would therefore tender his resignation. accepted.

A second letter was handed in from Mr. Bradshaw resigning his office, unless the time appointed for the Committee Meetings were changed. ordered to lie over for the present.

There being no official notice taken of the letter above referred to by Messrs. Beaver, Bowler, & Wilms. it was resolved

"That in accordance with the 9th rule Messrs. Beaver, Bowler, & Wilms having been called upon by the Committee to show satisfactory reasons for their non-attendance as Members of the Committee and no answer having been received that they be duly declared to have vacated their office.

The Secretary stated that by some inadvertency the casing now fitting up in the Museum had exceeded the amount voted (viz. £ 23. 10.) by £ 4. 6. when it was resolved

"That the sum of £ 4. 6. 0 be appropriated for that purpose, out of the reserved balance of the Government aid to meet the deficiency."

"Resolved" that the use of the Lecture Hall be granted gratuitously to the Stranger Friend Society, on the evening of the 17th inst."

The Secretary having tendered his resignation it was Resolved "That the Secretary call a Special Meeting of the Committee on Wednesday the 10th September at 3 o'clock to consider the present position of the Society relative to the Mortgage and the steps necessary to be taken on that account. and to consider likewise the Resignation of the Secretary."

Resolved That P. L. Hammond Esq. of London be elected an Honorary Member of the Institution. The following Gentlemen were duly elected Members of The Institution. viz Messrs. Hoadle, Meade, Parker, Green, Middle, Messrs. Vaughan, & J. A. Marsden were proposed as Members of the Committee of Management.

The acct for the Sydney Morning Herald which had been ordered on ^{behalf} acct of the Reading Room was ordered to be paid.

a specimen of sandal wood was presented by Mr. Selley
The Meeting then adjourned to Wednesday the 10th inst.

to the Museum

Wednesday September 10. 1845.

Special Meeting of the Committee of Management
Present Messrs Kerr, Cole, Brook, Carr, Mortimer,
Simpson, Ham, Murphy, Black, Foston, Wilson,
Mr. Arthur, King.

Ja Simpson Esq. in the Chair.

The Chairman stated that the present Meeting
had been called for the purpose of considering
the steps necessary to be taken relative to the Mortgage,
but owing to their being no direct communication
from the Mortgagee before the Committee the
matter was ordered to lie over to a future meeting.

A letter was then read from the Secretary stating
the grounds of his resignation which the Committee
had met to consider. (vide separate paper.)

Moved by Ed. Carr Esq.
Seconded by Capt. Cole } and carried

"That the Secretary do withdraw whilst his letter
is under consideration."

Moved by Alder Kerr
Seconded by Capt. Cole and carried.

"That the resignation of Mr. Gilbert as Secretary
to the Institution be accepted."

Moved by Mr. Murphy
Seconded by Mr. King and carried.

"That it is the opinion of this Committee that the
Secretary should reside on the Premises"

Moved by Mr. Carr
Seconded by Dr. Black and carried.

"That the office of Honorary Secretary be offered
to Mr. Gilbert."

In conformity with the last resolution a Deputation
consisting of Messrs Ed. Carr, W. Westgate & Dr. Black
waited on Mr. Gilbert to ascertain if he would accept
the appointment of Honorary Secretary to the Institution
it being the intention of the Committee to appoint an
assistant Secretary who would reside in the Building.
The Deputation having reported that Mr. Gilbert had
expressed his willingness to act as Hon. Secy
it was moved by Dr. Black Mr. Arthur Esq.
- seconded by Mr. Mortimer Esq. and carried.

"That Mr. Gilbert be appointed Honorary Secretary
to this Institution."

Moved by Mr. King,
Seconded by Rev. Ham, and carried.

"That Applications be called for by advertisement for
an Assistant Secretary & Librarian to the Mechanics
Institution, such Officer to be allowed a salary of
£50 per annum, and to have the use of a sitting Room,
Bed Room & Kitchen, as a Residence."

Notice of Motion. That a sub-Committee of five
Members to be called the Library Committee be
appointed to superintend the Library and arrange
for the purchase of books etc

October 7. 1843.

Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present. Messrs Simpson, Cole, Ham, Kerr, King, Murphy, Carr, Loxton, Wilson, Black, Cook, Mr. Arthur, Pittman, Westgarth, & Bradshaw.

Mr. Simpson Esq. in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed.

It was moved by Alder Kerr }
Seconded by Mr. Wilson.

" That a sub-Committee consisting of five Members to be called the Library Committee be appointed to superintend the library and arrange for the purchase of Books &c."

The election of five Members of the Committee of Management to act as a sub-Committee to superintend the Library was proceeded with by ballot when the following Gentlemen were duly elected to that office. viz Messrs Westgarth, King, Black, Gilbert & Wilson.

The Secretary then read Letters of Application for the Office of Assistant Secretary to the Institution. viz Messrs Smith, Wall, Dutton, Whitehead, Forsyth, Jones, Baird, Roycraft, Lyne & Milligan.

The Committee having proceeded to the Ballot Mr Roycraft was declared duly elected, at the yearly salary of £50 and Apartments in the Hall, consisting of a kitchen back sitting Room and Bed Room on the first floor in consideration for which Mr Roycraft undertook to take charge of the Library & Reading Room collect the Sub. to the Institution and to act generally under the superintendance of the Honorary Secretary.

The secretary read a Letter from the Trustees of the Wesleyan Congregation requesting to know upon what terms the

Committee would grant the use of the Lecture for the purpose of holding a Bazaar therein in aid of their building fund.

Resolved. "That the use of the Hall be granted for the above purpose to the Trustees of the Wesleyan Chapel for the sum of one Guinea per Annum."

Resolved on a Motion by D. Black.

"That all Pamphlets & Periodicals after having remained on the table fourteen days may be taken out for perusal on the usual terms."

It having been stated to the Committee that an Exchange could be effected between the Town Council and that Body of the Room in the occupation of the Town Clerk for the front room lately in the occupation of the Secretary and the present Library & Reading Room.

It was resolved "That the Secretary be empowered to make the exchange and at the same time to get the Rooms and entrance passage colored, provided the expense thereof does not exceed 30/-"

The following Gentlemen were duly elected Members of the Committee of Management as follows

- Mr. Vaughan vice D. Wilmet. who retires in comfort. rule 4
- Mr. Campbell " Mr. Bowler " "
- Mr. T. A. Marsden " Mr. Brickwood " "
- Mr. Beaver " not filled up

D. Thomas having been duly elected a Member of the Institution, The Meeting adjourned.

November 4th 1845.

Meeting of the Committee of Management
Present. Messrs Black, Wilson, Marsden, Vaughan,
Hans, Westgarth, Cook, Fordon, & Murphy

The Report of the Library Committee.

The Minutes of the former meeting having been read
The Secretary read the following Report of the Library
Committee.

Gentlemen —

The Library Committee have to report
that at its meetings held October 13th and 21st the following
resolutions passed for the effective government of the Library
and Reading Room, are strongly recommended for your
adoption —

- 1st That as all Periodicals and Pamphlets are allowed to circulate among the Members of the Institution and Reading Room the following be the time allowed for reading the same — Monthly Periodicals. 3 days.
Quarterly do do. 4 do.
- 2^d That the *Lancet*, *Law Times*, *Chemical Gazette*, *Pictorial Times* & *Punch*, either in Monthly parts, be comprehended under the head periodicals, three days being allowed for reading the same.
- 3^d That a fine of two pence per volume be exacted for each Periodical or Pamphlet that shall be retained beyond the prescribed time.
- 4th That a Book be kept in the Library for the purpose of enabling the subscribers to enter therein, any work which they would recommend the Committee to purchase on behalf of the Institution such entries to specify (if possible) the size and value of work, together with the name of the Publisher.
- 5th Persons subscribing one Pound per annum be entitled to have free access to the Reading Room from 9 o'clock

to 9 o'clock P.M. and to have the liberty of taking out Books subject to the terms specified by the Committee.

- 6th That no Periodicals, Pamphlets, Papers or Books be removed from the Library, unless previously marked for circulation and entered by the Librarian in the book provided for that purpose.
- 7th That subscribers shall have the privilege of taking out a set of books, provided they belong to the same work, and do not consist of more than 3 volumes.
- 8th That subscribers shall have the liberty of introducing non-residents to the Reading Room, once only in the year, for a period of 14 days, and that the name of the Visitor be entered in a book kept for that purpose.
- 9th That a list of the Periodicals and Papers received at the Institution be printed with the foregoing Resolutions.

Your Committee would remark that the Subscription fee of two Pounds per annum is not considered an adequate remuneration to the Institution for the many advantages offered, but they are induced to hope that the increased number of subscribers will compensate for any deficiency which might accrue from such regulations.

While recommending the adoption of the above resolutions your Committee would urge the necessity of providing the following Furniture for the Reading Room when the funds of the Institution permit.
Moved by Mr. Marsden
Seconded by Mr. Cook & carried.

That the Report now read be received and that the several recommendations therein embodied be separately considered.

The various recommendations having been severally put and carried by the Committee of Management it was moved by Mr. Vaughan seconded by Mr. Murphy

"That the Report now read be adopted."

A Letter was then read from Mr. John Stephen requesting that certain material curiosities left by him at the Institution at the period when he resigned his office as Secretary of the Institution. —

Resolved "That Messrs. Vaughan & Gilbert be authorized to confer with Mr. Stephen relative to the above curiosities and that they do return the same upon his application."

The following Gentlemen were duly elected Members of the Institution: viz. Messrs. Latham, Gallagher, Williamson, J. Jackson, Lavin, P. Martin, W. McLaughlin, J. Jones, Malcolm, Timson, Strachan, Hoffman, E. J. Hogg, & J. Donaldson.

Moved by Mr. Wilson seconded by Dr. Black and carried: "That a Book be purchased for the purpose of entering the names of the Donors and a list of the Articles presented to the Museum, as far back as possible & for the future."

The Meeting then adjourned.

December 2nd 1845.

Meeting of the Committee of Management.
Present, Messrs. Ross, Wilson, Black, Murphy, Campbell & Westcott & King.
Mr. Kerr in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former meeting having been read it was moved by Dr. Black seconded by Mr. Murphy and carried.

"That the Report of the sub-committee read at the last meeting, on the Regulations necessary for the Reading Room & Library be printed in the form of a Circular to the extent of 1000 Copies for general circulation." A Letter was read from the secretary of the Total Abstinence requesting the use of the Lecture Hall for the purpose of holding a meeting therein. Granted, upon the payment of the usual fee.

The following Gentlemen having been duly admitted as Members of the Institution the Meeting adjourned. Viz. Messrs. M. Donnell, R. King, W. C. Conroy, J. Roach, W. Donnellan, J. Spencer, G. Ware, J. C. Taylor, J. Smith.