

Supper at 7 o'clock, 1845.

Meeting of the Committee of Management.
Present Messrs. Brook, Ham, Vaughan, Wilson,
Fogton, Kern, King & Westgarth.
C. M. Kerr in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former meeting having been read.

A letter was read from the secretary of the Collingwood total abstinence society requesting that the Committee of Management would allow them the use of the Lecture Hall once in each month for the purpose of holding a meeting therein, in consideration for which, the society proposed to secure twelve annual subscribers to the Institution out of their Body.

Moved by Mr. Fogton

Seconded " Wilson } and carried.

"That the consideration of the above communication be referred to the Annual Meeting"

Moved by Alder. Kern.

Seconded " Ham and carried.

"That the Treasurer, Honorary Secretary, Messrs. Fogton & King be appointed the sub-committee for the purpose of drawing up the Report for the Year 1845."

" Moved by Mr. Wilson

seconded " Vaughan } and carried.

"That Tuesday the 27th day of January be the day upon which the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Institution, shall take place."

The following Donations were then made to the Institution

By Mr. Reid Black sq. - Block of Basalt.

Ed. Cress sq. M.C. Black & white bounded trible.

C. J. Latrobe sq. Copy of the Acts of Council of U. S. W.

for the year 1845.

J. Forbes Esq. Copies of the Christian Herald to the Reading Room.

The following Members were duly elected - viz

Messrs. Bouthwick, Holmes, A. Holmes.

J. Highfield, C. Jones, H. Stewart, J. B. Libering

W. J. Thomas, J. Turner, W. Jagg.

The Committee then adjourned.

January 25. 1846.
Annual Meeting of the Members of the
Mechanics School of Arts.

Captain Cole, Vice President in the Chair.

The Meeting was opened by the Chairman calling upon
the Secretary to read the following Report -

The Committee of Management of the Melbourne
Mechanics Institution have the pleasure of submitting to the
Members and Public the usual annual Report for the past year
1845. They are happy in being able to exhibit a satisfactory
statement of the progress of the Institution and the extension
of its general usefulness.

From the Treasurers Accounts which are appended
in full to this Report, it appears that the income of the Institution
for 1845 consisting of Subscriptions & Donations, and of Rents
for the use of the Hall, amounted to £ 402..3..7. and that the
expenditure for the same year was £ 398..4..7. The proportion
received under the head of Rents amounting to £ 37..8..5⁰
is derived chiefly from the Town Council, who are now the
only tenants in joint occupation of the Building, and whose
presence your Committee are happy to say is now by recent
arrangements no inconvenience or impediment to the business
of the Institution.

The following is our abstract of the Treasurers
accounts, exhibiting the financial progress of the
Institution for the past year.

The Debt may be estimated at something less than £1400. it is now proposed by your Committee that a strenuous effort be made to reduce this Debt to an amount that your Committee may hope finally to pay off within a reasonable period. They consider that if £400 were now raised by public subscription so as to reduce the Debt to £1000 this desirable end would be obtained and thus the objection would be removed that several parties have urged in regard to joining the Institution. From the facilities with which some of your Members of Committee who undertook to collect this subscription, have obtained within a very short space of time £230. Your Committee have little doubt of being able within a very few days to carry out the object proposed.

The remaining £1000 they consider may be disposed of in the following manner.

The number of the present Members is between 2 & 3000 whose subscriptions amount as follows

Probable amount of Subt	£ 300. 0. 0	Probable expenses of Inst ⁿ	£ 250. 0. 0
Govt Annual Grant	150. 0. 0	Inst ⁿ on £1000	100. 0. 0
Rent of Town Council	50. 0. 0	Total expenditure for the	£ 300. 0. 0
	£ 500. 0. 0	Yearly	

Leaving a surplus of £ 200 per annum towards the liquidation of the principal debt of £1000 which in little more than four years may be thus entirely cleared off. The Government aid of £150 per annum for the present year being the second occasion of this contribution - from the Govt Treasury has already been paid to the Treasurer of the Instⁿ.

The number of subscribers & Members has accordingly increased during the past year, there are now 109 names of the reading Room of Institution in addition to 228 whose names were published in the Report for 1844. Making a total of subscribers to the Institution

and Reading Room 337. Those who are subscribers to the Reading Room only are not Members of the Institution. In the present establishment and full operation of a Reading Room, with a regular and direct supply of the principal Periodicals and Newspapers of Great Britain and Ireland and of the Australian Colonies, a greater step has been taken than during any previous year of the existence of the Institution.

Through the agency of Mr P. L. Simmons of London 14 different Periodicals and 14 different Newspapers are from time to time as opportunities occur transmitted to Melbourne at an Annual cost of £60. There are also 16 Colonial Newspapers forwarded to the Reading Room including seven from the Port Phillip District - The Tasmanian Journal and the Votes & Proceedings of the Legislative Council of N.S.W. Late arrangements which have allowed an out door circulation to all the Periodicals and a portion of the Newspapers have given great satisfaction to the Members - The Library has increased by 341 vols during the past year making now a total number of 991 vols a Catalogue of these additional books is appended to this Report.

The Museum was transferred during last year to the large Room of the Hall where cases upon an elegant and commodious plan have been constructed around the sides of the Apartment. In the Appendix is a list of the Presentations made during the past year to the Department of the Institution.

Your Committee have to observe that Lectures have not been of late very frequently delivered in the Institution they are demurring however that from the rapidly increasing number of the Members that they will ere long be able to place this Institution on a more satisfactory basis.

Moved by Mr. Foyton
Seconded Mr. Bradshaw and carried
That the Report now read be
received and adopted.

Moved by the Presd J. Ham.
Seconded by Mr. M. Anthon and carried.
That 500 Copies of the Report be printed for
circulation among the Members and that ten more be
invited for the printing of the same.

The election of the various Officers of the Institution
was then proceeded with as follows.

Patrons.

His Honor C. La Roche. J. P. Robinson. M. C.
J. J. Palmer Esq. Mayor.

President

James Simpson Esq.

Vice Presidents.

Capt. Cole J. D. C. Mac Anthon Esq.

Treasurer. Hon. Secy

W. Westguth Esq. G. A. Gilbey Esq.

Auditors.

C. Bradshaw & J. G. Foyton Esq.

Assistant Secretary

W. Procraft Esq.

Curators.

- G. A. Gilbey Esq. Linn. Arts.
- C. C. Hobson, Zoology & Comparative Anatomy.
- A. F. A. Greenes, Zoology & Mineralogy.
- J. Howitt, Entomology & Botany.
- C. J. Sanford, Ornithology.
- H. Wilson, Aboriginal & Miscellaneous.
- W. Westguth, Chronology.
- J. C. Numismatics.

The following Members of Committee were duly elected
for the ensuing year or.

Murphy	re-elected.
R. Langford	vice Crook.
A. K. Perry	Campbell.
Sayce	Beaver.
Cashmore	Foyton.

Mr. Hull & Jackson were elected Members of
Committee in the room of Mr. Anthon & Bradshaw
who were elected to other offices as shown per list
The five Members of Committee whose term next year
1846 are Mr.

Mr. Wilson, D. Black, Caughorn & Pittman.

1847. Mr. Hull, J. D. Marsden, Hans, Jackson, King.

1848. Mr. Langford, Murphy, Perry, Sayce, Cashmore.

Moved by Mr. Langford
Seconded by Mr. Miller and carried.

That a cordial vote of thanks be presented to the Officers of
the past year for their efficient management of the affairs
of the Institution.

The election of Officers having terminated the following
resolutions were duly passed.

Moved by A. F. Greenes
Seconded by E. H. Miller and carried.

That Application be made to Govt
for pecuniary aid to the Museum attached to the Institution

Moved by A. F. Greenes
Seconded by Mr. Cashmore and carried.

That this Meeting is of opinion that the
appropriation of a liberal portion of the income
to the enlargement of the Library for purposes of the Inst.

Reading Room will tend materially to increase the Public support of the Institution -
 A cordial vote of thanks having been presented to the Chairman for his officious services in the chair the Meeting separated.

Previous to the commencement of the business of the above Meeting - two letters were read from the Secretaries of the Melbourne & Collingwood Total Abstinence Societies - proposing to obtain ten Members of their body as subscribers to the Institution in consideration for which they were to receive gratuitous use of the Lecture Hall for the purpose of holding their monthly Meetings therein.

In reply to the above the Hon^{ble} Secretary was requested to inform them the Rules of the Institution included the possibility of the Committee acceding to their requests -

The Salary of the Assistant Secretary was likewise raised to £60 per annum. on a motion made by D. Black. seconded by W. Patmore.

March 3rd 1846.

Meeting of the Committee of Management.
 Present Messrs Daugham, Ham, Murphy, Langlands, Gilbert, Sayce.

W. Ham in the Chair.

A letter was read from His Worship the Mayor stating that he had much pleasure in accepting the appointment of Vice Patron of the Institution for the ensuing year. Moved by Mr. Gilbert - seconded by W. Langlands } That the sum of fifty Pounds out of the Government Aid be remitted to Mr. P. L. Summons for the purchase of Books for the Library. provided the funds were it of the same.

The following presents were then made to the Library
 Beethovens lines of George the 1st 2nd & 3rd by Mr. Cadmore
 Baylers Saints Rest. Select Poetry Benjamin D. Buffum
 Mat. Hist - Cooks Voyages. Travels in Hindostan & China
 Coopers Poems. Two Years before the Mast. T. P. Robinson &c
 Purchased by the Institution. Isaells Curiosities & Literature, 38 vols of Sir W. Scotts novels.

To the Reading Room. Statistics of P. Phillip by Mr. Westgouth. Waste Land Act of Derby Mercury
 W. M. Luchlan. Sydney Spectator, to be continued by D. Greenes.

To the Museum. Skull of the Porpoise. Capt^l Bumbury
 Model of a 20 Gun Frigate. Mr. Sampson.
 Copy of Minerals & Fossils C. J. Latrobe Esq^r.
 Lime stone fossils from Port Fairy. D. Curdie.

The following Members were duly elected.
 Messrs D. S. Campbell. N. Cockburn. E. Dunn. J. Edwards
 P. Finn. Hayes. J. A. Robinson. J. Reardon. J. Smith
 - Wintle.

The Meeting then adjourned.

April 6th 1846.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.
Present Mess^{rs} Ham, Murphy, Baughan, & Wilson.
The Pres^{ent} J. Ham in the Chair

The Minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed

The Hon^{ble} Secretary was requested to write to the Chief Protector of the Aborigines through his Honor the Superintendent, requesting him to favor the wishes of the Committee by causing a collection of the native weapons to be made for preservation in the Museum attached to the Institution.

The Hon^{ble} Sec^y was likewise instructed to write to such Gentlemen as would be likely to favor the Members with a Lecture requesting that they honor the Society by so doing.

Instructions were given for the coloring of the Lecture Hall and for the making of tin services for the same.

The following Donations were then made to the Library.

- A Century of Paintings 2 vols. J. Cotton Esq^r
- Emigrants guide to America 1 vol. Murray. Impressions of Australia Feb^y 10. G. A. Gilbert.

Purchased.

- Emersons Mechanics 1 vol. Murray
- Sketches of India 2.
- Sporting excursion in the Rocky Mountains 1. Gentleman's pocket
- Legends of the Library of Lillois 3. Flautagenet 3. Gazette 1
- The American by an American 1. Memoirs of an old Puritan
- Deloraine 3. History of Orivalay 2. Water Watch 3. Sketches of
- Sales of Barbadoes 1.

The following Members were duly elected Mess^{rs} Seape, Hewart, G. Blackstone, Cropper, Ralston, Deane, Stephen, Cadden & Carr. The Committee then adjourned.

At the close of the Meeting the following Donations were made to the Museum. A white Breasted Penguin. Mr Green. a starfish. Specimens of Guano & Orons Lava. Mr Durm. Chemical test box. Mr Macpherson.

May the 5th

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management
Present - Mess^{rs} Grieco, Langlands, D^r Black in the chair.

The minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed - the honorary Secretary stated that he had written to fifteen gentlemen, in conformity with the instructions of the committee, requesting that they would honor the Institution by delivering a lecture before the members during the present season, and that he had received but one reply thereto. A letter was read from Mr Baughan, tendering his resignation as a member of the committee of management his time being so fully occupied that he could not by any possibility attend the meetings. Resolved that Mr Baughan's resignation be accepted; and that steps be taken for filling up the vacancy occasioned thereby.

Moved by Mr Gilbert, seconded by Mr Westgate, and carried "That a formal diploma be drawn up and printed for the purpose of conferring honorary memberships in connection with the Institution; and that one be forwarded to Dr Deichart, conferring that distinction upon him, as a testimony of the high esteem which the members entertain for the great intelligence and perseverance displayed by him in his late successful expedition to Port Canning from Sydney."

Moved by Mr Gilbert, and seconded by Mr Wilson. - That Mr Benjamin Seape be a member of the committee of management of the Mechanics Institution. Moved by Mr Grieco, seconded by Mr Langlands and carried "That the President, Treasurer, and Honorary Secretary, be requested to wait upon his honor the Superintendent,

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soliciting him to place upon the estimates a sum of money for the arrangement and maintenance of the Museum attached to the Institution. Moved by Mr. Gilbert seconded by Mr. Marsden, and carried - ^{That Messrs Greaves and Langlands be appointed} ^{a committee} to carry out the alterations in the approach to the Museum, rendered necessary by the reduction of the level of the Eastern Hill, by the Town Council." Moved by Mr. Westgarth seconded by Mr. Langlands and carried - "That the officers of the Troops stationed in Melbourne be elected Honorary members of the Institution." The following donations were then made to the Museum: - A number of beautiful fossils, collected at Cape Otway, by his honor Mr. La Trobe; an Echidna, by B. Huddle, Esq. - To the library: British Husbandry, one vol., by Mr. Gilbert. The following gentlemen were duly elected members of the Institution, viz: - Messrs James Brodie, J. P. Pringles, James Brown, J. Dismoor, J. Deppailly, W. Empson, Thos Green, W. C. Hammond, Chas. Marshall, G. Nicholson, R. Pegg - Rockport, A. Somerville, and J. G. Stearing.

The following Books were the recd purchased by the Institution. These donations: Female Blue Beard. 1. Matilda. 1. Linwoods. 1. Italian. 1. Sisters. 1. Hungarian Brothers. 1. Rosina. 1. Evelina. 1. Emeline. 1. Tales of the Genii. 1. Woman an Enigma. 1. Father's Funny. 1. Neogate Calender. 1. Life of Byron. 1. Baron's Funny. 1. Horseshoe Robinson. 1. Self Condemned. 3 vols. 1. English at War. 1. Marmella. 3. The Spy. 3. Men of Character. 2. Tales of Palestine. 3. Tales from the Papyrus. 3. Gulliver's Castle. 3. The Leather Stocking. 3. Lady Circeka. 3. Magician. 3. Disowned. 1. Journey to the Foot of Country. 1. Windsor Castle. 1. Backhouse's Ant. 1. Oliver Twist. 1. Red Rover. 1. Parrot. 1. Pioneer. 1. Pick. 1. Duke of Northmouth. 3. Chambers Miscellany. 2. Her. 1. Amelia. 2. Kate Leslie. 2. Delaware. 3. Annals. 3.

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Marston 3. Egueside 3. Out of Town 3. Namesis 3.
De. Fri 3. Cornwall 3. Low Price 3. Temple of Celestity 3.
3. Damsel of Doreen 2. Abel Allright. 3.
Present. Mr. Osape was elected a member of Committee in the room of A. H. P. Remy. ~~deceased~~.
The Meeting then adjourned.

June the 2nd 1846.

Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present Messrs King, Kern, Lytton, Wilson, Black, Hann, Dwyer, Wierpe, Cole, Westgarth, M^r Austin & Marsden.

Rev J. Hann in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former meeting having been read & confirmed. The following Report of the Library Committee was read and adopted.

1st "That in no case shall any purchase of Books be made for the Library of the Institution until the approval of the Library Committee shall first have been obtained for such particular purchase, three of such Committee to form a quorum.

2nd That the Morning Chronicle be discontinued also the John Bull, Princes Price Current, and that the Liverpool Albion, Dublin Nation, Bell's Life in London, Banner of Ulster, Hardy's Shipping List, Southern Reporter, & Athenaeum be added to the list of Papers ordered for the Reading Room.

3rd That the Monthly (Mag) Chemical Gazette be discontinued and that Bentley's Miscellany & Chambers Journal be added to the Periodicals for the Reading Room.

4th That one Copy of one New Zealand Paper be ordered for the Institution.

The Hon^{ble} Secretary read a letter from His Honor the Superintendent stating that he had given Instructions to the Chief Inspector to collect the Aboriginal Weapons for preservation in the Museum attached to the Institution.

The Secretary was requested to acknowledge the receipt of his Honor's letter and to convey the best thanks of the Committee for his compliance with the request of the Committee.

The Sub-Committee appointed to wait on His Honor the Superintendent for the purpose of obtaining a grant from the Government in aid of the Museum attached to the Institution reported that they had been honored with an interview with M^r Latrobe upon the matter and that he had recommended that a letter should be written to him containing the wishes of the Committee relative to the grant and he would have great pleasure in forwarding it for his Excellency's consideration. a request which the Committee had complied with. A letter was read from M^r Bradshaw stating that although he had every desire to attend the monthly Meetings of the Committee he was unable to do so in consequence of their taking place on Tuesday the same being Sydney Post Day. other members having expressed the same inconvenience it was Resolved

"That in future the Monthly Meeting of the Committee shall take place on the first Wednesday in every month.

Resolved "That a Committee consisting of M^r Wilson, M^r Westgarth & Gilbert, be appointed to wait on His Worship the Mayor and to communicate with the Town Council on the subject of raising the rent with power to give the necessary notice previous to the 12th June.

Resolved "That the salary of Joseph Davis be from the present date £ 20 per annum, and that he be under an engagement to give 3 months notice previous to leaving the service of the Institution.

Orders were given for sundry repairs in the kitchen to the amount of two Pounds five shillings.

The Hon^{ble} Secretary was requested to communicate with the Town Surveyor relative to the drainage of water under the foundation of the Institution.

The alterations in the approach to the Institution rendered necessary by the lowering of the street level was agreed upon as exhibited in Plan 1.

Mr Bowler was duly elected a Member of the Committee of Management - vice Mr Daughan resigned.
 Resolved "That persons becoming Members of the Institution shall pay such portion of the subscription fee as shall be due at the time of their entry, to the end of the current of quarter in addition to the ensuing quarter.
 The printing of Members admission cards, Committee Papers admission notices &c. were authorised to be printed.

Library

The following Books were presented to the Library.
 By Mr Gilbert. Anderson's Commerce 2 Vols.
 Mr Faulkner. A series of wood cuts of Ancient Palestine.
 Mr Somerville. 5 Vols. of Scottish Congregational Magaz.
 " Cropper. A file of the Morning Post
 " Lang. Pamphlet. Land and Labor in Australia
 Purchased Foreign Review 5 Vols.

Museum. Presented by

Mr Griffin a Wasps Nest.
 The following Gentlemen were duly elected Members of the Institution viz
 Messrs J. Beswick. A. H. Boyer. Beauchamp. Bruchate. Barry H. Walker. W. Wright, Hoguard. J. H. Haunover. R. Robinson. S. Nelson. J. Pilkington. L. O'Harra. J. O'Harra. W. Mann. J. Mickle. S. Legge. J. Hall. Harlin. J. Hobson. C. Goodard. G. Finley. J. Farmer. J. Dick. J. Duncan. C. H. Dight. J. Faircloth. J. Humsted.
 The Meeting then adjourned.

17th June 23rd 1846
 Special Meeting of the Committee of Management
 Present Messrs Langlands, Wilton, Cole, Black, Keape, Greeno, King, Dayce, Foster.

Capt. Cole in the Chair.

The Chairman having stated that the object of the Meeting was to consider and determine upon the increase of rent for the Apartments occupied by the Town Council, it was moved by Mr Wilton

Seconded by Mr Langlands and carried.
 " That the Honorary Secretary be requested to give notice to the Town Council that the rent of the Apartments occupied by them will be raised on and after the 12th day of July 1846 to seventy five Pounds per annum payable half-yearly as heretofore."

July 1st 1846.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.
Present Messrs Ham, Bradshaw, D. Black, Bowler, Mansueta,
Wilson Langlands & J. F. Taylor.

Rev. J. Ham in the Chair

The minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed -

A letter was read from His Honor the Superintendent acknowledging the receipt of the letter from the Committee "setting forth the claims of the Museum attached to the Institution for Government support" and that he had duly forwarded the same for His Ex.^{ty} favorable consideration.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk conveying the consent of the Town Council to the increased rental of £45. per annum for the apartments occupied by them in the Institution.

A suitable table was ordered to be made for the use of the Secretary at a cost not exceeding £3. 3.

The Periodicals for the past year were ordered to be withdrawn from circulation for the purpose of having them bound.

The Lancet and Law Times were likewise ordered to be bound.

The following works were presented by Mr. Wallingall - viz Paley's works 4 vols - Christian Physician 2 vols. By W. Young Petrospect 2 vols.

Files of British Periodicals and Newspapers were reported to have been received to February on acct of the Reading Room.

Museum. Purchased a Specimen of the Gigantic Bud.

The following Gentlemen were duly elected Members of the Institution. Messrs J. Byrne, W. Bell, Bell Junr, J. Buckland, W. Barber, J. Clark, W. Dowd, A. Ellis, W. Hill, H. Ginn, W. Hay, C. Isaac, G. Itatson, M. Knater, J. Linnon, G. W. Smith, J. P. Stephens, J. P. Turnbull, P. Wambull, J. Swaner.

The Meeting then adjourned.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.
August 2nd 1846.

Present Messrs Washmore, Bradshaw, Wilson King Langlands, Bowler, Cole, Westguth & Greaves.
Mr. W. King in the Chair.

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

A letter was read from Messrs Langlands and Greaves tendering their resignation as Members of the Committee appointed to carry out the proposed alterations in the approach to the Institution.

Resolved - That the resignations of Messrs Greaves and Langlands be accepted and that the Honorary Secretary be instructed to carry out the wishes of the Committee in the arrangement of the entrance to the Institution.

Resolved - That the Treasurer do pay Mr. Langlands any expenses to which he may have been put in the reduction of the wall in the front of the Institution to the present street level -

Moved by Mr. King
Seconded by Mr. Wilson } and carried -

"That the salary of the Assistant Secretary & Librarian (Mr. Procraft) be increased to Eighty Pounds per annum such increase to take effect from the first of July 1846."

The following works were presented to the Library by Mr. E. L. Leigh Ferguson's Astronomy 3 vols. 5th lectures 1 vol. The Artisan 1 vol. By Mr. Jas Simpson, The Pitt Honble E. Bunkes works. 2 vols. By C. Glatroche Esq. The Supplement to Callaghans Acts of Council 1 vol.

The following Gentlemen were duly elected as Members of the Institution. Messrs M. Masker, Budge, Benjamin A. Libburne, C. Callow, W. Suckett, W. F. Stowell, W. M. Barrett, J. C. P. Danno. The Meeting then adjourned.

Thursday September 2nd 1846.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.
Present Messrs King, Wilson, Ham, Bowler, Langlands
Shepe & dayes.

Rev. J. Ham in the Chair.

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

The Report of the Library Committee was read when it was resolved that it be considered at the next monthly meeting of the Committee.

Application was made on behalf of the Lectural Society for the use of the Lecture Hall - application granted upon the understanding that the Room be cleaned at the expense of their society, and that the sum of one Pound ten Shillings be paid for the use of the Hall.*

* The following Gentlemen were elected Members of the Institution - viz
Messrs Foley, Madie, P. Horton, M. Clue, Stafford
J. Gay, Keatinge of Newcastle.

The Meeting then adjourned.

* It was resolved "That an Address of Congratulation be presented to his Excellency Sir Charles Fitzroy on the occasion of his arrival in and assumption of the important functions of Governor of the Colony and that Messrs Bowler, Gilbert & King be appointed to prepare and forward such address."

October 7th 1846.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.
Present Messrs Ham, Foster, Wilson, Simpson, M. Arthur
Pashmore, Bowler, Montgomery & Sayce,
Jas Simpson Esq. President in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed - The Secretary proceeded to read the following Report of Library Committee -

Gentlemen.

The Library Committee have to report that at a meeting held August 16th the following books were reported by the Honorary Secretary as lost, viz
Dublin University Magazine for May 1846. lost by Mr. Dunn who has deposited 2/6 as the value of the same - the Committee would recommend that it be not received, and that Mr. Dunn be requested to obtain another copy without delay.
Windsor Castle 1 vol. - lost by Mr. Finley who offers in compensation another work of equal value - The Committee would recommend that the original work be immediately replaced by another copy of the same.

Prod Gauntlet - 2 vols. lost by E. H. Miller -
Diamond edition of Shakespeare - lost by J. B. McLaughlin, who has replaced it by another equally good edition.

In consequence of the above losses and with a view of making Members more careful with the Property of the Institution the Library Committee would recommend the adoption of the following Resolution - "That the subscribers to the Library be informed that in the event of the loss or injury of any book or books the Property of the Mechanics Institution - the Member so losing or injuring the book shall cease to be a Member of the Institution until the book or books be replaced."

286 The Committee would likewise recommend that the Hon^{ble} Secy be instructed to have made a set of pigeon holes for the better and more regular arrangement of the numerous newspapers received in the Reading Room, great inconvenience and injury arising from the present mode of laying them on the table. It is also suggested that Mr. Simmonds the London Correspondent and agent be advised to forward all the Newspapers and Periodicals in boxes, instead of forwarding them as at present per Post.

In adopting this mode the Committee contemplate a more regular receipt of the Journals and at a less expense to the Institution. Prains New South Wales is recommended to be purchased for the library as a book of value.

Resolved that the Report of the Library Committee now read be received.

The Honorary Secretary was requested to write to the Lane Trustees "to ascertain if they are prepared to effect another Mortgage on the Institution for the sum of £800, or in failure so to do, if they will resign their situation."

A letter was read from Messrs John Lusk and Robert Kerr on behalf of the Baptist Church requesting that the Committee of Management would oblige them by foregoing the balance of account of £5 now standing against them for rent.

Resolved "That the Honorary Secretary be instructed to state in reply to the above letter that the Committee having duly considered the nature of the application regret that they have not the power to grant their request."

Mr. Stephens' debt for cuttings away the earth in front of the Institution - amounting to £ 8.6.0 was paid and ordered to be paid.

Moved by Mr. M^r Quarter Wilson seconded by Mr. Cashmore. "That Mr. A. M. Quarter be a member of the Committee of Management of the Mechanics Institution in the place of Mr. Phillips resigned -

287 The following Donations were made to the Museum - A sea Eagle by Dr. Greenes - Fossils from Pat Fairly by Dr. Curdie -

The Library - Starts Army list 1845. Pollocks Course of Time by Mr. Empson, Jack Tench Mr. Wilson, Statistical Reports Mr. Westgath, Aboriginal ad. ad.

The Hon^{ble} Secy. stated that two prints had been received from the Scotch Art Union, the Proof impression was ordered to be framed.

Moved by Mr. Wilson seconded by Mr. Cashmore.

"That the Library Committee be requested to draw up a Code of Laws for the management of the library and reading Room to be submitted for consideration to the next monthly meeting of the Committee"

The following members were declared duly elected, viz. Messrs G. Groves, John Hood, - Patterson, E. Sawtell, E. M. L. Smith, G. Thomas, J. D. Taylor.

The Meeting then adjourned to October 21st /46

Wednesday October 21st 1846.

Adjourned meeting of the Committee of Management Present Messrs Skeape, Kerr, Milner, King, Dr. Black, Cashmore, Mr. Quarter, Boyce, Foster, Westgath, Mr. Anstun, Bowler Greenes and Langlands.

Mr. Simpson Esq. President in the Chair.

In consequence of the Lane Trustees not having sent in their written resignations, the meeting was further adjourned to the 26th instant the Hon^{ble} Secy having been again requested to urge upon the Trustees the necessity of an early reply to his communication.

Monday October 26th 1846.

Adjourned Special Meeting of the Committee of Management
Present Messrs. Langlands, Mr. Anthony, Wilson, Westgarth, Foyton,
Captain Cole, Rev. J. Ham, Bowler, Cashmore, Mr. Hunter &
Dayce.

Mr. Simpson Esq. President in the Chair.

The Honorary Secretary having read the letters of Resignation
from the three Trustees to the Institution - viz Messrs. Alexander
Mr. Killop, Andrew Mr. Rae, & John Moffat Christholm.
It was moved by Mr. Wilson
seconded by B. Langlands. Carried.

"That the resignation of Messrs.

Alexander Mr. Killop, Andrew Mr. Rae, and John Moffat Christholm
as Land Trustees of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution be
accepted and that they be requested to convey to the Trustees
to be appointed in their place all the Property of the
Institution held in their names."

Moved by Mr. W. Westgarth
seconded by John Bowler Carried.

"That Thomas Black Esq. Mr.

John Greenlaw Foyton and Robert Langlands Esq. be
appointed Land Trustees of the Institution in the Room of
the late Land Trustees resigned."

Moved by Mr. Wilson
seconded by Captain Cole Carried.

"That the Land Trustees be and

are hereby authorized to negotiate with the Trustees of the
Port Phillip Savings Bank the loan of £ 800 for such
term as may be agreed upon for the purpose of paying off
the balance of the debt due to Chas. Swanston Esq. on behalf
of the Institution, and that the Land Trustees be and are
hereby authorized to execute a mortgage in fee of the portion
of allotment No. 3 in Block No. 11 in Melbourne, the property

of the Institution, together with all sections and buildings thereon
to the Vice President of the said Savings Bank for the purpose
of securing payment of the said sum of £ 800 interest thereon.

The Honorary Secretary was requested to call a Special General
Meeting of the Members of the Institution at as early a Day as
possible for the purpose of procuring their approval of the
new Land Trustees.

The Meeting then adjourned.

- Mr. Simpson -
- Cap. Cole
- Mr. Anthony
- Robert Wilson
- G. A. Gilbert
- W. Westgarth
- John Ham
- John Bowler
- Mr. Hunter
- W. Dayce
- J. G. Foyton
- Cap. Cole
- Mr. Cashmore
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November 4th 1846.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management
Present Messrs Bayce Langlands, Revd J. Ham Wilson
Bowler & Greaves

The V. P. D. C. M. Arthur Esq^r in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former meeting having been read
and confirmed

A Draft of the Code of laws for the government of the
Library and Reading Room was submitted to the
consideration of the Committee and ordered to be
brought before the Members at the General Meeting
of the 11th inst. for adoption.

A Letter was read from the Correspondent of the
Agent for the British Art Union in P. Phillip
enclosing a Printed Circular of Prices drawn and
stating that the 3 engravings to which the Institution
is entitled by virtue of its subscription fee, will be
duly forwarded.

It was resolved by the Committee that the Institution
do retain one of the Copies and that the two others
together with the surplus copy of the Print of Pulla
be sold by Public Auction.

The following Resolution

Was moved by Mr. Bowler &
seconded by Mr. Langlands and carried.

That after the 1st of January next an Entrance fee of
ten Shillings be paid by all persons becoming Members of
the Institution, except in the case of working tradesmen &
Mechanics from whom an entrance fee of five Shillings
be exacted and that such Member on being admitted
be required to pay the proportion of the annual subscription
that may be due up to the end of the year the payment

to be estimated from the 1st day of the month in which
such a ~~allowance~~ shall take place.

The following Presentation was made to the Library by
J. Nicholson. M. C. viz

A voyage to P. Phillip in 1802. 3. 94. by Captⁿ
Lucky

Messrs G. Sherwin. J. Howard, A. Howard. W. B. Farrell
J. Morris. C. Howard. W. W. Watson & J. H. Spence. & others
were duly admitted as Members of the Institution.

The meeting then adjourned.

Wednesday November 11th 1846.

Special General Meeting of the Members of the Mechanics Institution

D. B. M^r Arthur Esq^r in the Chair.

The Chairman having read the advertisement convening the meeting of the Members requested the Hon^{ble} Secretary to read the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Committee of Management held October the 26th 1846 - the same having been complied with.

It was moved by M^r Bowler seconded by M^r Kerr and carried with one dissenting voice.

"That the appointment of Mess^{rs} Langlands, Foxton & Black, as Land Trustees of the Institution by the Committee of Management on the twenty sixth day of October last be confirmed"

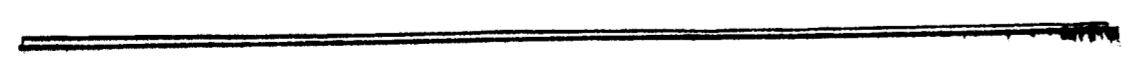
Moved by M^r Wilson seconded by M^r King and carried unanimously.

"That the Minutes of the 26th of October last authorising the contraction of the loan by the Trustees of Eight Hundred Pounds Sterl^g from the Savings Bank be confirmed"

Moved by M^r Wilson seconded by Bowler and carried unanimously.

"That a vote of Thanks be presented on behalf of the Committee and Members of the Institution to the retiring Land Trustees."

The Thanks of the Meeting having been presented to the Chairman the Meeting separated.



December 2nd 1846.

Meeting of the Committee of Management Present M^r Bowler M^r Hunter, Kerr, Westgate, Langlands, King, M^r Arthur, & Wilson M^r Kerr in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed

An application was made on behalf of M^r Forbes for the use of the Lecture Hall one evening during the week in addition to the sabbath occupancy and a request that the amount of rent for the same should be stated - The Hon^{ble} Sec^y was requested to inform the Rev^d M^r Forbes that in the event of his occupying the Hall during the evenings of the week - a rental of Ten Pounds per annum would be charged for the same - viz - one evening £10 per annum - two evenings 20£ - or and so on.

Moved by M^r King seconded by M^r Hunter.

That the Library Committee be requested to revise the List of Periodicals and Newspapers forwarded from England on behalf of the Institution and to arrange their transmission so as to secure their more regular arrival - and to report thereon to the next Monthly Meeting.

The following books were then presented to the Library King Paul's Lease - by M^r A. Somerville. The Edinburgh advertiser for 1785 & 1788 by M^r Robertson per M^r Wilson.

The following Gentlemen were duly admitted Members of the Mechanics Institution viz Delvaux, Campbell, C. H. Burnet, W. Smyth, A. Taylor, Capt^l Pittish, W. Fairbank.