

1841

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management  
Present Messrs. M<sup>r</sup>. Anthon, Barwick, Vaughan, Doaks  
Dunn, Kilburn, Sammons.  
J. C. M<sup>r</sup>. Anthon in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former Meeting having been read and confirmed  
They were moved by Mr. Kilburn  
Seconded by Mr. Barwick and carried.

That Messrs. M<sup>r</sup>. Anthon Broder  
Cole, the Treasurer and Honorary Secretary be requested to draw up  
the Annual Report for the year 1840 to be submitted to the Annual  
General Meeting of the Members.

Resolved that the Annual General Meeting of the Members  
of this Institution be convened for the last Wednesday in January  
(the 21<sup>st</sup>).

The Treasurer laid papers before the Committee which  
had been received from Mr. Sammons relative to the Statement  
of accounts between Mr. Gullman and the Society - where it  
was duly resolved that the correspondence relative to the transmission  
of Minerals etc be referred to the Library Committee and reported  
thereon at the next Monthly Meeting.

The following Donations were then made to this Museum  
By the Genl. E. A. Armstrong. A Fossiliferous Pipe Shell  
The undermentioned Gentlemen were duly elected Members of  
the Institution. viz

Lieut. Member. The Lord Bishop of Malabar.  
Annual Members Messrs. J. Smith, J. M<sup>r</sup>. Darnley, W. J. P. White  
J. Allen, and J. Anson.

The Meeting then separated.  
J. C. M<sup>r</sup>. Anthon  
V. P.

January 3<sup>rd</sup> 1841.  
Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management -  
Present Messrs. M<sup>r</sup>. Anthon, Barwick, Vaughan, Doaks,  
Dunn, Kilburn, Sammons.  
M<sup>r</sup>. M<sup>r</sup>. Anthon.  
in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former Meeting having been read and  
confirmed -

The Honorary Secretary was requested to apply to Messrs. Simpson  
M<sup>r</sup>. Anthon, Cole and Bowler for the payment of £ 5  
each towards meeting the deficiency occasioned by the payment  
of the Balance of the Mortgage Debt in <sup>agreement with the</sup> terms referred into  
by them for such purpose with the Committee of Management.

The Debt for the Adelaide Register amounting to £ 24.0.0  
was ordered to be paid.

The following Donations were then made to the Museum  
Two Silver Coins by Mr. Libbery.  
To the Library - by Mr. Libbery. List of the Balcons. 10.  
The Lost Ship. 10. Tragedy Legends 10. Proceedings in China &  
Shaw. 10. Gilbert Gurney 30. Gurney married 10. Henry de  
Crous. 20. = 100s.

The following Gentlemen were then admitted as Members of  
the Institution Mr. W. Green.

The Meeting then separated.  
J. C. M<sup>r</sup>. Anthon  
V. P.

Friday January 26<sup>th</sup> 1849.  
Special Meeting of the Committee of Management,  
Present Messrs Cook, Mr. Anthon, Messrs Kerr, Sammons  
Barwick

D. L. Mr. Anthon C. S. in the Chair.

The Chairman called on the Honorary Secretary to read the Report  
drawn up by the sub-committee and to be submitted to the  
Annual General Meeting of the Members on Wednesday evening the  
21<sup>st</sup> inst.

The Report having been read it was moved as an Amendment  
Amended by Mr. Kerr  
Seconded by Mr. Sammons and carried.

"That the sum of £200 only be appropriated to the increase of the  
Library and Reading Room instead of £250 as recommended by  
the sub-committee; the remaining £50 to be reserved for  
contingencies -

A Letter was then read from Mr. P. L. White requesting to rent  
the Lecture Hall <sup>on the building of the Baptist Association</sup> for the purpose of holding Divine Services therein  
and offering as Rental for the same £20 per Annum.

Moved by Mr. Kerr

Seconded by Mr. Barwick - That the use of the Hall be let  
for the purpose mentioned - at the yearly rental of £20 - security  
to be furnished for the due payment of the same.

Moved by Mr. Kerr

Seconded by Mr. Barwick

That a Committee consisting of Messrs Anthon Kerr, Black  
Langlands & King, be appointed to report as to the establishment of a  
proper system of accounts and vouchers to be used by the officers of the  
Institution.

The Hon. Secy was requested to make application for the usual  
Annual Grant from the Government of £150.

The undermentioned Gentlemen were then duly elected  
Members of the Institution.

Messrs J. B. Darby, J. Barry, P. Cropper, Jas. Drummond  
Col. Boston, John S. Chambers, Hugh Chambers & His Honor Judge A. Parker.

The Meeting then separated.

January 31<sup>st</sup> 1849  
Annual Meeting of the Members of the Mechanics  
School of Arts

D. C. McArthur Esq. in the Chair

Annual Report of the  
Committee of Management of the Melbourne Mechanics  
Institution for the year ending, December 31<sup>st</sup> 1848

In laying before you the Annual Report of  
the Society's progress, during the past year, your Com-  
mittee would express their great satisfaction in the  
continued success of the Institution.

The Report which was submitted to you at the  
last Annual General Meeting, embodied certain  
anticipatory views with reference to the extension of the  
Society's objects and the reduction of the Mortgage debt.

Your Committee have much pleasure in stating that  
they have fully realized their anticipations, the Mortgage  
debt, which amounted last year to £1017.10s. has  
been reduced to £800. the amount of Mortgage effected  
with the Waugh's Bank, now constituting the sole  
remaining debt of the Institution; a scheme for the  
further reduction of which will be submitted for your  
approval this evening.

In order to effect this very desirable object,  
and to enable your Committee to carry out the  
scheme of expenditure, proposed and approved of  
at the last Annual General Meeting, and now  
particularly in reference to the expenditure of £450.  
on the Reading Room and Library, six members of  
your Committee, guaranteed a loan of Ten pounds  
each, to meet any deficiency that might arise there-  
from; but owing to the increased income of the Society,  
an advance of five pounds only has been required  
from five members of your Committee. The payment  
of the balance of the Old Mortgage, amounting to £217.10s.

was considered of paramount importance to the Institution, independent of the saving effected of nearly £26. interest. per annum.

Your Committee would direct your attention to the following extract from the Treasurer's account which has been duly audited, and which is appended to this Report for the information of the Members, by which it will be seen that there has been an accession of thirty members over the last year, and an increase in the amount of entrance fees of £14.5. The income for the past year being:-

By balance from previous year	£ 13.8.4
" Entrance Fees from new members	40.5.0
" Subscriptions for the current year	261.10.10
" Annual Grant from Government	150.0.0
" Donations from private persons	22.7.6
" Rents for use of Building	109.12.8
" Loan from Messrs Simpson, & Co. Ltd.	
" Cole Bowler, and Langlands, £5. each	25.0.0
" Fines and Catalogues	4.8.0
	<u>£ 626.12.4</u>

Expenditure for the same period:-

To balance Mortgage Debt and Interest	£ 217.10.0
" Salaries and current expenses	238.0.1
" Books and Periodicals for the use of the	
" Library, and Reading Room	153.4.0
" Repairs of Building, and Furniture	15.7.3
" Balance in Bank	2.11.0
	<u>£ 626.12.4</u>

The contemplated income for the present year is:-

Annual Subscriptions	300.0.0
Entrance Fees, Fines and Catalogues	40.0.0
Rents for use of Building	100.0.0
Government Aid	150.0.0
	<u>£ 590.0.0</u>

Proposed expenditure of the above:-

Current expenses and Interest on Mortgage	£ 240.0.0
Expenses of Library, and Periodicals and newspapers for the Reading Room	150.0.0
Repayment of Loan made to the Society by five members of Committee	25.0.0
Erection of an additional Room	36.0.0
Sinking fund for the payment of Mortgage	100.0.0
Reserved for contingencies	39.0.0
	<u>£ 590.0.0</u>

The number of members will be seen on reference to the List appended to this Report is 379:-

Honorary Members	21
Visiting Members	17
Life Members	29
Annual Members	<u>312</u>
	379

Your Committee would now report on the various branches of the Society's objects:-

### Library and Reading Room

During the past year, the sum of £153.4 has been expended in the purchase of Books, and periodicals for the use of the Members, by which the Library, inclusive of Donations has been extended 478. volumes and now consists of 3228 volumes.

The Committee propose and pledge themselves to expend at least the sum of £150. towards the increase of the Library, in securing works of the highest order of Literature, and in procuring periodicals and newspapers for the Reading Room.

The Committee have also, they confidently trust, by the appointment of another Agent in London, insured a more practical transmission of Periodicals and Newspapers than has hitherto unavoidably been the case.

# The Museum

In consequence of the desire of the Committee of Management to relieve the Society, as fully as possible from debt, this branch of the Society had not received that extension which they would wish: some donations thereto have been made, and which will be duly acknowledged in the appendix to this Report.

## Lectures

From unavoidable circumstances, the Lectures have been discontinued during the past Session, but measures are being adopted by your Committee to ensure a course of Lectures during the present year several gentlemen having already promised to meet their wishes in this respect.

## Classes

The Drawing Class, under the superintendance of Mr Gilbert, is still progressing, but the Committee regret to observe, that the attendance is not so full as they could wish; and as the instructions are gratuitous, they would urge the Members, to avail themselves of this opportunity of acquiring a knowledge of an Art at once practically useful and instructive;

## The Music Class.

Established during the present year, under the direction of Mr Messon, has been mainly formed through the exertions of Mr D. S. Wilburn, and numbers already upwards of twenty members. Two concerts have been given, which have proved highly successful. The Committee feel that the beneficial influence which classes of the above kind exercise, is too evident to require comment from them. They would however, impress upon the Members generally, whilst closing,

their Report, the necessity of an ardent co-operation on their parts to assist the Committee in the furtherance of all those objects which fall within the scope and purposes of Mechanics Institutions.

## Abstract of Treasurer's account for the year 1848.

L <sup>r</sup>		C <sup>r</sup>	
Balance on hand 31 Decr 1847	13.8.4	By Account of Mortgage Debt and	
To Entrance Fees	40.5 "	Interest	217.10 "
" Subscriptions for the	261.10.10	" Salaries, Advertising, Interest	
Current Year		" and Current Expenses	238. " 1
" Annual Grant from Government 150		" Books and Periodicals for	
" Donations	22.7.6	the use of the Library and	
" Rents for use of Building	109.12.8	Reading Room	153.4 "
" Loan from Messrs Simpson	25 "	" Repairs of Building and	
Millithum, Cole, Bowler, and		Furniture	15.7.3
Langland - £5 each		Balance in Bank	2.11 "
" Proceeds from Catalogues			
Fines &c	4.8.		
	<u>£626.12.4</u>		<u>£626.12.4</u>

The following persons have contributed to the Library during the past year; the number of volumes opposite each name respectively:—

Mr Bowler	vols. 1	Brought up	107
Mr Burn	1	Mr Pegg	1
Mr Cashmore	3	Mr Skeing	12
Captain Cole	95	Rev. D. Sweetman	1
Mr Graham	1		<u>121</u>
Mr W. Kerr	1	Purchased by the	
Mr Kentish	1	Committee of the	
D <sup>r</sup> Lee London, per Mr Smith	3	Institution -	357
Mr Patterson	1		<u>478</u>
	<u>107</u>		

To the Museum.

Mr J. Baird  
 Mr J. Patterson  
 Mr J. B. Libering  
 Rev. D. Sweetman

a model of Sydney Cove  
 20 old Copper coins  
 5 Model Silver and Copper coins  
 Syngathus Solitatus, or Solitatus Pipe  
 Fish, and 2 shells

Donations - Money  
Mr. M. Bell Esq. Mayor £10. 10. Rev. P. H. Low £1.

### List of Periodicals and Newspapers purchased for the Reading Room

#### Periodicals

Edinburgh Review  
Quarterly Review  
Blackwood's Magazine  
Beutley's Miscellany  
Colburn's D.  
D. United Service  
Dublin University Magazine  
Chambers' Edinburgh Journal  
Simmonds' Colonial Magazine

Edinburgh Philosophical &  
Mechanics' Magazine  
Nautical Magazine  
Pharmaceutical Journal  
Jardine's Annals of Nat. Hist.  
New Army List  
Navy List  
Art Union Magazine

#### Newspapers

London Times  
Leeds Mercury  
Journal of Commerce  
Bell's Life in London  
Liverpool Albion  
Glasgow Herald  
Scotsman  
Dublin Evening Mail  
Nation  
Pilot  
Banner of Ulster  
Southern Reporter  
Hardy's Shipping List  
Edinburgh Witness

Pictorial Times  
Illustrated London News  
Punch  
Atlas  
Spectator  
Inquirer  
John Bull  
Economist  
Athenaeum  
Lancet  
Law Times  
Home News  
Builder.

#### Colonial Newspapers

Sydney Herald  
Launceston Examiner  
Westport Town Courier  
South Australian Register  
Portland Gazette  
Galadonian  
Melbourne Daily News

Melbourne Morning Herald  
Port Phillip Gazette  
Melbourne Argus  
Geelong Advertiser  
Corio & Chronicle  
Cape of Good Hope Advertiser  
New Zealand Paper

The Report having been read it was moved by Mr. Kilburn  
Seconded by Mr. Greaves

"That the Report now read be received -  
Moved by Mr. Kilburn  
Seconded by Captain Cole B. Langlands - "That the Report now  
read be adopted."

The following amendment - Proposed by Mr. Fyten - Seconded  
by Captain Cole was put to the Meeting and lost - "That the Trustees  
be authorized to purchase sixteen Shares in one of the Building Societies  
and to appropriate the funds arising therefrom towards the liquidation  
of the debt owing to the Post Phillip Savings Bank -  
The Motion of Adoption was then put and carried by 13. to 8 -  
The Election of following resolution was moved by Mr. Sammons.  
Seconded by Mr. Balmain "The 300 copies of the Report, be printed for  
circulation amongst the members  
The Election of Officers for the year 1844 was then proceeded with  
When it was moved by Mr. Greaves

Seconded by Mr. Kerr and carried unanimously -  
"That Jas. Simpson Esq." be the President of the Society for the ensuing  
year - His Honor Mr. Justice A. Peckell having been previously elected  
unanimously, as one of the Officers of the Society -

Moved by Mr. Butterfield seconded by Mr. Gutteridge and carried  
That D. C. Mr. Anthon's, J. W. Cole J. Langlands Esq. be elected  
Vice Presidents for the ensuing year - carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Sammons  
Seconded by Mr. Patterson and carried. "That J. G. Fyten Esq. be the  
Hon. Treasurer for the ensuing year - carried  
Moved by Mr. Sammons seconded by Mr. Butterfield That P. A. G. Miles Esq.  
be elected the Hon. Secy. for the ensuing year - carried unanimously.

Moved by Mr. Fyten seconded by Mr. Kerr and carried "That J. C.  
Wing and Mr. Gutteridge be the Auditors for the year -  
Moved by Mr. Gutteridge seconded by Mr. Wharton and carried -  
"That the following gentlemen be the Curators of the Museum for the  
ensuing year viz. J. W. G. Miles - Architects - W. F. Greaves - Zoology  
Mineralogy - Godfrey Stewart - M. D. Entomology - J. B. King.

The Election of the Members of Committee proceeded as follows

The five Members who retired by Rotation were -  
 Messrs. N. Langlands re-elected - W. Langlands.  
 E. Bayes " " S. Craig  
 M. Cadman " " W. Green.  
 J. T. Barwick. A. Morrison.  
 E. P. Drum. W. Wharton  
 Disqualified J. Drum. W. Patterson.  
 Rev. A. Morrison. J. Barwick  
 A. M. Justice. W. Balsmain

The members who retire 1850 - are Messrs. W. Kerr, Crook, W. Langlands  
 (in whose place Mr. Hodgson was elected - in consequence of Mr. Langlands having  
 been elected one of the B. Presidents) W. Gods. J. C. Vaughan -

The following motion was then put and carried "That the unanimous  
 vote of Members of this Society be presented to the Officers of the past  
 Year -  
 A vote of Members having been presented to the Chairman  
 the meeting separated -  
 The following forms of Receipts etc - were only adopted by the meeting  
 previous to its dissolution.

February the 7<sup>th</sup> 1849.  
 Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management Present  
 Messrs. Dodds Patterson Guthridge, J. T. Kilbourn, J. Balsmain  
 Mr. Kilbourn in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former Meeting having been read and  
 confirmed - a Letter was read from Mr. Dalton the newly appointed  
 Agent to the Society for the transmission of Periodicals Recd. from  
 Great Britain stating that he was well prepared to commence  
 the Agency of the Institution on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 1848 when Messrs.  
 Simmons & Co. resign their Agency in compliance with the request of the  
 Committee of this Institution.

Resolved that the Letter be referred to the Library Committee for  
 their information  
 A Letter was likewise read from Mr. P. L. Simmons setting forth  
 certain explanations to queries contained in a letter forwarded some  
 months since showing errors of account between that Gentleman  
 and the Institution - referred to the Library Committee.  
 A Letter was read from the Secretary of the Victoria Benefit Land  
 and Building Society requesting to know upon what terms the  
 Committee of Management would let the Hall to their Society for  
 the purpose of holding Divine Worship therein

Moved by Mr. Balsmain  
 Seconded by Mr. Dodds and carried. "That the Room be let to  
 the Victoria Benefit Land and Building Society for one year at  
 the rate of not less than one Pound 10<sup>s</sup> per meeting special or otherwise  
 the Building Society giving notice - subject also to a quarter's notice  
 A Letter was read Mr. Will. Resigning the Sabbath occupancy of the  
 Lecture Hall in accordance with the terms of agreement  
 The following accounts for Printing 300 copies of the Annual Report  
 of the Institution for the year 1848 were then presented by the Committee  
 viz. Daily News Office £ 5. 10. 0 200 copies  
 Argus do 5. 10. 0 do  
 Herald do 4. 0. 0 do

Resolved that the trustee of the Herald Office be accepted, it being the most  
 a Letter was read from Mr. P. White in answer to one forwarded  
 by the Abnt. Secy. requesting that satisfactory security should be given for  
 the due payment of the rent of the Baptist Congregation for the use of the  
 Lecture Hall - when it was resolved "That the Committee of Management  
 report they cannot accept as securities the names signed at the close of the

of the letter as satisfactory the said names not being in handwriting  
of the persons themselves and not residing in Melbourne, wholly unknown  
to the Committee and that the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Secretary be instructed to explain  
to Mr White the security the Committee desire.

Mr Hodgson was duly elected a Member of the Committee in  
the place of Mr Langlands who was elected one of the Vice Presidents  
of the Society at the Annual Meeting - he being the highest on the  
list of the non elected Members balloted for at that Meeting.

Secondly Mr Patterson and carried  
Secondly by Mr Donnas - "That the sum of £ 50 from the  
funds of the Institution be placed to the credit of the Library Committee  
for the purchase of Books -

The sum of £ 20 2s was voted - being amount of Subscriptions to  
the Scotch Ant Union for the year 1849

The following accounts were duly authorized to be paid - viz  
From vote - £ 3. 5. 0. Scotch A. U. U. here - 0. 2. 6 -

The following Gentlemen were appointed Members of the  
Library Committee - viz Messrs W. Kerr, D. J. Kilburn, Sir Craig  
G. Charlton J. L. King.

The following Resolutions were then made to the Library.  
By Mr Ginn & Co. of the Publishers Messrs J. G. Graham, New South  
Wales its present state and future prospects.

The Messrs mentioned Gentlemen were duly elected Members  
of the Institution - viz Messrs J. G. Serrurier & J. Guthrie.

The Meeting then separated.

March 7<sup>th</sup> 1849

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management  
Present Messrs Brock, Hodgson, Donnas, Barwick J. L. King, Patterson  
& Guthrie - Mr King in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former Meeting having been read  
and confirmed - a letter was read from Mr White offering  
security for the rent of the Lecture Hall - in the person of Richard  
Barwick (Minister). Samuel Morris, & P. J. White - but as consequence  
of these signatures not being in the handwriting of the Gentlemen  
themselves the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Secy. was requested to write a form and to  
obtain the requisite guarantee -

A letter was read from Mr Deane on the behalf of the Anti-Building  
Society remonstrating against the charge made for the use of the  
Lecture Hall by that body -

Moved by Mr Hodgson  
Seconded by Mr Langlands - and carried unanimously  
That the Mechanics Hall be let to the Victoria Build<sup>g</sup>  
Society until the 20<sup>th</sup> of October next on the same terms as the  
Australia Felix Society at the rate of £ 12. 10. 0 per annum  
Payable quarterly - £ 3. 10. 0 to be charged extra for Special  
Meetings

The Library Report - "That since their appointment they have  
expended the sum of £ 10. 1. 0. in the purchase of 89 volumes of  
additional Books for the Library - for which expenditure they now  
request the sanction of the Committee on terms of the Report recently  
accepted for the better regulation of the accounts of the Institution.  
The following payments were duly authorized. Library Committee. £ 10. 1. 0

The following orders for printing the forms of Receipts etc - adopted  
at the General Meeting were opened on

Gazette - 300 - 2/6	1. 5. 0	250 - 2/6	250 - 2/6
Review 300	1. 1. 0	no	no
Patriot - no	1. 10. 0	no	no

Argus.

Resolved that the Argus tender being the lowest be accepted.

Resolved that the loan of £ 5. made by the 11. mentioned Gentlemen  
during the past year to the Society be repaid - and that the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Secy. be empowered to draw the last month of that Society - viz  
Messrs Bowler Cole, Simpson Langlands & J. L. King.



Moved by Mr King  
 Seconded by Hodgson and carried "That Accounts be given to the Secretary  
 to have the outside of the Building - the Hall, and Lecture Room Coloured -  
 the front door & door frames in the Hall and the front windows on  
 the outside painted as early as possible  
 In consequence of the proposed visit of His Excellency the Governor to  
 this District it was Resolved - "That a Committee consisting of Messrs  
 M. Anthon, Hodgson, Braupman, King and the Hon. Secy be appointed  
 to frame an address of congratulation to His Ex. the Gov. on the  
 occasion of his approaching visit to this Province -  
 The following list was ordered to be paid - W. Playcraft. Petty Cash  
 Ham £1.5.0 - = 1.5.0  
 The balance in the Bank was then taken £229. 10.2.  
 Mr. Montgomery's acct - amounting to £9. 15.4. was postponed in  
 its payment to the next monthly meeting

The Meeting then Separated  
 March 7th 1849.

Official Meeting of the Committee of Management  
 Present Messrs M. Anthon, Black, Kerr, Morrison, Cook,  
 Braupman, Parrish, Craig, Finn, Balsmain, King, Hodgson, Gutteridge  
 & Messrs Sammons, Patterson, Maunters,  
 D. C. Simpson President in the Chair.

The Sub. Committee appointed to draw up an address to His Ex.  
 His Ex. reported as follows.  
 To His Excellency Sir Charles Augustus FitzRoy,  
 Knight Commander of the Royal Honorary Order of St. Michael and St. George,  
 Captain General and Governor in Chief of the Territory of New South  
 Wales and its Dependencies and Vice Admiral of the same for &c.

May it Please your Excellency. We the President Vice Presidents and  
 Committee of Management of the Melbourne Mechanics do not  
 of Date Most respectfully approach your Excellency with the expression  
 of the extreme gratification which we feel in welcoming your Excellency  
 to this dependency of your Government.

We have the utmost confidence in assuring your Excellency that the  
 Inhabitants of this District of Port Phillip are not surpassed in loyalty  
 to their Sovereign or respect for the laws and Institutions of the Empire  
 by any subjects of the British Crown

We joyfully embrace the opportunity which your Excellency  
 visit to this District of the Colony affords of informing your Excellency  
 that the Melbourne Mechanics School of Arts which has been in  
 existence for upwards of 9 years has been encountering the difficulties  
 incidental to its foundation in an infant Colony exceeding by far  
 in carrying out the objects for which similar institutions are established

The kindest regards to your Excellency was gratefully  
 thank for the countenance and support which our Institution  
 has hitherto received from your Excellency's Government and we  
 venture to hope that a personal observation of its growth and  
 usefulness may induce a continuance of your Excellency's  
 fostering auspices -

It is our anxious wish that your Excellency's  
 visit to this portion of the Colony may prove agreeable and that  
 returning to your seat of Government in safety you may long continue  
 to enjoy in health and happiness the confidence of your  
 Sovereign and of the People over whom you are called upon to  
 rule -

(Here follow the signatures) -

Moved by Mr. Hodgson  
 Seconded by D. Black - "That the Address as prepared by the Sub.  
 Committee be received and adopted -  
 Moved by Mr. Sammons.  
 Seconded by Mr. Morrison as an Amendment That

Upon the Amendment being put to the Meeting the Amendment  
 was lost and the original motion carried to the dissent of

The Meeting then Separated -

March 1849.

The President Vice Presidents, Messrs Deak and Keasner  
waited on His Excellency the Governor in pursuance of the  
request of the Committee of Management to present the  
address adopted at the last Monthly Meeting when the following  
reply from His Excellency was received.

To the President Vice Presidents and Committee of  
Management of the Melbourne School of Arts -  
Gentlemen -

I beg to thank you for the kind manner  
in which you welcome me to this Port Phillip  
I cannot doubt that the inhabitants of the District of Port Phillip  
are equal in loyalty to their Sovereign and respect for the Laws  
and Institutions of the Empire to any of Her Majesty's Subjects

It gives me pleasure to learn that the Melbourne  
Mechanics School of Arts has been so successful in carrying  
out the objects for which it was instituted and I shall be  
happy to continue to promote its interests by every means in  
my power

I have the honor to be  
Gentlemen  
Your most obedient servant  
Signed (Thos Fitzroy.)

March 24<sup>th</sup> 1849.

Special Meeting of the Committee of Management,  
Present Messrs Dodds, Paterson, Harrison, Ginn, D. Black  
Craig, Guthrie, Saunders and D. Black  
D. Black in the Chair.

The Chairman having stated that the object of the meeting  
was to consider an application for the use of the Lecture  
Hall for the purpose of holding a meeting therein it was  
moved by Mr. Dodds.

Seconded by Mr. Paterson and carried - "That the use of the  
Lecture Hall be granted for the holding of the Public Meeting,  
therein - convened by the Mayor on the 26<sup>th</sup> inst.  
John Hodgson

April 24<sup>th</sup> 1849.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management,  
Present Messrs Harrison, Bauwick, Ginn, D. Black,  
H. Langlands, R. Langlands, Dodds, Geo. A. Morrison, Paterson,  
J. S. Kilburn and A. Jones.  
D. Black in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former Meeting having been read and  
confirmed the Hon. Secretary stated that the General Gentlemen  
appointed to wait on His Ex. the Governor for the purpose of  
presenting and asking from the Committee and Members of  
the Institution to his Ex. and that the following reply thereto  
had been received - viz.

To the President Vice Presidents and Committee of  
Management of the Melbourne School of Arts -  
Gentlemen

I beg to thank you for the kind  
manner in which you welcome me to this Port Phillip of my  
Government - I cannot doubt that the inhabitants of the  
District of Port Phillip are equal in loyalty to their Sovereign  
respect for the Laws and Institutions of the Empire to any of Her  
Majesty's Subjects - It gives me much pleasure to learn that  
the Melbourne Mechanics School of Arts has been so successful  
in carrying out the objects for which it was instituted and I  
shall be happy to continue to promote its interests by every  
means in my power I have the honor to be  
Signed (Thos Fitzroy.)

The following Resolution was

Moved by Mr. Kilbourn

Seconded by Mr. Hodgson & carried.

"That a Bye Law be passed to enable seven Members of the Committee to have the power to rent the Lecture Hall (after a special meeting shall have been called and a quorum not having been obtained) by application of the Secretary at the residences of the Committee - and that for such special occasions the rent of the Hall be not less than two guineas per night payable in advance

The following Resolution was Moved by Mr. Ginn

Seconded by Mr. Morrison

and carried in conformity with the vote at the general Annual Meeting of the Members -

"That on account of the inconvenience experienced by the Assistant Secretary in his present apartments a sleeping apartment be erected for Mr. Poycroft at a cost not exceeding the sum voted at the Annual General Meeting viz £25

The Asst. Secretary having stated that owing to the delays which had arisen in consequence of the adoption of new forms of Receipt etc he had been unable to collect the several subscriptions to the Institution

It was Moved by Mr. Ginn

Seconded by Mr. Morrison and carried.

That on account of the new form of Receipt being adopted by the Institution and the Assistant Secretary having received that form but ten days since - the collector be allowed fourteen days from that date to collect the subscriptions remaining due.

Moved by Mr. Langlands

Seconded by Mr. Ginn and carried.

"That the sum of £50 be remitted to Mr. Dalton the Agent for the Institution in England for the purpose of purchasing Periodicals and Newspapers for the ensuing year.

Moved by Mr. Peeres

Seconded by Mr. Langlands and carried The Mr. Montgomery's account amounting to £9.12.6 be paid a satisfactory answer

having been given by that Gentleman to the deputation appointed to wait on him for that purpose.

The following accounts were duly presented and ordered to be paid

Mr. Blackhouse 0.14.0 Bacon 1.5.0

Bell 0.8.0 Soling. Sect. 0.6.0

Freewood 5.8.0 Brog 1.10.4

Interest to 30<sup>th</sup> March 13.15.0

The unmentioned Gentlemen were then duly elected Members of the Institution P. B. James, J. Kilgour, C. Theeas, J. Peeres & Mr. Peeres J. W. Somell.

The Meeting then separated.

John Hodgson

May 7<sup>th</sup> 1849.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management Present Mr. Patterson. Kilbourn. Hodgson, G. Bridge. Peeres. Peeres. W. Kerr. Prosser. J. Dalman.

Mr. Hodgson in the Chair.

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

The Adjustment of Mr. Anonimus acct was laid before the Meeting but referred again to the Committee for consideration -

The Asst. Secy. having stated that the Town Council had changed their day of meeting to Wednesday it was moved and carried "that the Monthly Meetings of the Committee of Management be for the future convened on the first Monday in every Month instead of Wednesday as heretofore.

Moved by Mr. Patterson

Seconded by Mr. G. Bridge and carried "that the Secretary be requested to notify to those Members of the Committee who have been absent from three successive Monthly Meetings, that unless they show sufficient reasons for their absence to the next Meeting of the Committee they shall be deemed to have vacated office according to Ch. 9 of the Code of Laws

Moved by Mr. Patterson

Seconded by Mr. Kilbourn and carried. That a Lectures Committee consisting of Mr. Langlands. G. Ginn. J. Patterson. J. W. Somell be appointed for the promotion of Lectures at this Institution and that the sum of 100 £ be placed at their disposal for that purpose provided that a sufficient number

of new Members join the Institution so as to raise the funds  
herewith proposed to be applied to the above purpose.  
Moved by Mr. Kilburn seconded by Mr. Lammons.

That as it is presumed that a number of defaulters  
to the subscriptions would pay upon a application by Members of  
the Committee that one or two of the Gentlemen on the Committee  
be requested to call upon the defaulting Members -

Upon the Report of Mr. Leely. That the Sleeping Apartment of  
the Assistant Secy. having been completed according to contract the  
sum of £ 25 voted for that purpose was ordered to be paid.

The following furniture was ordered to be provided for the Institution  
viz. Lamp for front door. Fixtures for Reading Room

The unaccounted Gentlemen presented to the Institution the  
following works. Translation of Virgil - M. Baird  
G. D. Land Almanac. J. Guthrie.

The following Gentlemen were then duly Elected Members  
of the Institution Messrs R. C. Dinn. R. Goldborough.

J. Thomson, W. Spence, W. Ellis, A. Ellis, H. Harris, J. Murray,  
W. Scott - J. G. Smith, J. Newman, A. Sutherland, A. Turner  
P. Anderson -

A special meeting was ordered to be convened for the purpose  
of reviewing the list of Newspapers about to be ordered for the  
Institution for the ensuing year.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid.  
Secretary 0. 12. 10  
Salaries 0. 6. 8

Balance in the Bank declared to be £ 202.  
The following notices of motions were then placed on the Minutes for  
consideration at the next Monthly Meeting

By Mr. Lammons. That Rule 9 of the Rules of this Institution  
be repealed  
By Mr. Patterson - That a special general meeting be called to  
consider the propriety of rescinding the resolutions concerning Entrance fees.

J. R. Kerr  
Chairman

May 11<sup>th</sup> 1849.

Special meeting of the Committee of Management.  
Present Messrs King, Kilburn, Milburn, Lammons, G. A. S.  
Langhams, Langlands, Patterson -  
J. R. King, Chairman.

The Chairman having stated the object of the meeting the  
Committee proceeded to review the list of periodicals and Newspapers  
when the following were ordered to be sent for -

Periodicals  
Edinburgh Review, Quarterly, do. North British do. Blackwood's  
Mag. Rev. H. J. Miscellany Colburns New Monthly, Dublin University  
Mag. Chambers Jour. Lammons Cal. Mag. Mechanics M.  
Nautical Mag. Jacques Nat. Hist. New Army List. Navy M.  
Art Union Mag. Civil Engineer and Architects do.  
Glasgow practical Mechanics of Engineers do.

Newspapers  
London Times, Leeds Mercury, Bells Life in London, Liverpool Advertiser  
Glasgow Herald, Ed. Witness, Dublin Ev. & Mail, Do. do. Post,  
Banner of Ulster, Southern Reporter, Illustrated London News,  
Punch, Atlas, Spectator, Economist, Athenaeum, Lancet,  
Law Times, Home News, Builder - British Banner.

The Meeting then separated  
J. R. Kerr  
Chairman

June the 4<sup>th</sup> 1849.

Monthly Meeting of Committee of Management  
Present Messrs Craig, Lusk, Langlands, Black, Hodgson,  
Barnwell, Ginn, W. Kerr, Patterson, Dodds, King, Guthridge,  
M. Arthur, Sammons, Crook, Wainson, & Balmaine.

M. Kerr in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former Meeting having been read and confirmed  
The Secretary read letters from the Messrs Kerr, Sammons, Craig,  
and Wainson explaining the cause of their absence from the meetings  
of the Committee notice of which had been duly forwarded to them in  
terms of Rule 9 of the Laws of the Institution.

Moved by M. Dodds.

Seconded by M. Patterson.

"That those members of Committee  
who have had notices served upon them of their absence from  
three successive Monthly Meetings be re-instated in office, and that  
their explanations be deemed satisfactory.

The Motion of Motion by M. Sammons for the repeal of the 9<sup>th</sup> rule  
of the Code of Laws was not entertained it being irregularly brought forward  
Moved by M. Dodds.

Seconded by M. Patterson but lost on a division -

"That the rent paid by the Corporation for the use of the apartments  
in the Hall be increased from the present yearly sum of £75 to  
the yearly sum of £120.

The following Amendment was put and carried.

Moved by M. Hodgson

Seconded by M. Arthur

"That the Rent of the Apartments occupied  
by the Melbourne Corporation be raised from £75 to £100  
yearly from the 12<sup>th</sup> July 1849.

Moved by M. King

Seconded by M. Sammons and carried.

"That a sub-Committee  
consisting of Messrs M. Arthur, King, Craig, Hodgson, & Kerr  
be appointed to revise the Code of Laws of the Melbourne  
Mechanics Institution and report thereon at the next Monthly  
Meeting.

The following Accounts were then ordered to be paid -  
Jackson - 1. 12. 0      Don Meats      0. 18. 0  
Lump      - 1. 12. 0      Salaries      9. 17. 0  
Town rate - 3. 15. 3

The undermentioned Gentlemen were then duly admitted  
Members of the Institution. Messrs J. Aitken, J. A. Marsden, E. Gillett  
& G. Leffler.

J. C. Arthur  
Chairman

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management  
July 5<sup>th</sup> 1849.

Present Messrs M. Arthur, S. Black, Hodgson, Wharton,  
Patterson, Ginn, Dodds, Crook, King, Guthridge, W. Langlands  
Sammons, Capt. Cole, & Balmaine.

M. M. Arthur, P. R. in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former Meeting having been read and confirmed  
The sub-Committee appointed to revise the Code of Laws framed for  
the government of the Institution reported that they were prepared to  
submit to the Committee the draft of the laws as framed for the  
more effective Management of the affairs of the Society.

The draft having been read - The Secretary was requested to obtain  
copies for the printing of the Report, and the following resolutions were  
Moved by M. King  
Seconded by S. Black and carried unanimously.

"That authority be given to the  
sub-Committee appointed to revise the rules of the Institution to  
have the new code of Regulations printed, fifty copies to be sent off  
for the use of the Committee, and the type kept standing, in order  
that 950 additional copies may be struck off when the same  
are approved by the General Meeting.

A letter was read from the Town Council agreeing to the proposed increase  
of the rental of the apartments occupied by them to £100 per annum the  
same to take effect from the 12<sup>th</sup> day of the current month.  
M. Kerr proposed and M. Wharton seconded "That the Secretary  
be instructed to procure a suitable design for the erection of  
shops in the front of the wall of the Hall & line with the line  
of the vacant rent to Collins Street being let on a building lease  
subject to the buildings erected being in accordance with such  
design.

as may be approved of by the Committee  
upon the foregoing resolution being put to the Meeting it was  
moved as an Amendment by Mr. Kilburn

Seconded by Mr. Guthrie

That the proposition to procure  
a suitable design for the erection of shops in front of the Institution  
be postponed for six months -

The Amendment upon being put the Meeting was lost and  
the original Motion carried.

Mr. Kilburn stated that he was about to proceed to Sydney and  
begged to resign as a member of the Library Committee

Seconded by J. Black.

Moved by Mr. Guthrie and carried "That Mr. Patterson be appointed  
a member of the Library Committee in the place of Mr. Kilburn"

The following accounts were duly passed and ordered to be paid.  
Petty Cash £ 1.1.4 J. Wilson £ 3.7.6. Mr. Combie 10/6.

The following Donations were then made by Mr. Turner -  
Sales & Sketches - Illustrations Mechanics.

The Undermentioned Gentlemen were then duly admitted Members of  
the Institution viz. Messrs C. Morris, P. Cohen, J. Ferguson, D. Sullock,  
J. Sprague, J. Rae, & J. Perrin,

Instructions having been given to the Hon. Secretary to convene a  
General Meeting of the Members for the purpose of receiving and  
adopting the New Code of Laws prepared by the Committee of Management  
for the better government of the Institution - The Meeting separated.  
H. Langford Secy

July 26<sup>th</sup> 1849. Special Meeting of the Committee of Management.  
Present Messrs M. Anthon, Dodds, P. Smith, Samson, Guthrie, Barwick,  
Patterson, Baughman, Craig, King, & Langston,  
Mr. M. Anthon C. in the Chair.

The Revised Code of Laws having been read to the Committee of  
Management and amended it was moved by Mr. Kerr  
seconded by Mr. Dodds and carried.

"That the Code of Laws now submitted to this Meeting be adopted and  
submitted to the General Meeting of the Members for their adoption -  
H. Langford Secy

July 26. 1849.  
Special General Meeting of the Members of the Melbourne  
School of Arts & Mechanics Institution.  
J. P. M. Anthon Esq. D. P.  
in the Chair.

The Chairman having stated that the present Meeting had been convened  
in accordance with the Rules of Society for the purpose of receiving and  
adopting a revised Code of Laws drawn up by the Committee of Management  
for the more efficient Government of the Institution - The Honorary Secretary  
proceeded to read the said Rules when it was moved by Mr. Dow  
and seconded by Mr. Patterson as an amendment up rule 3.

"That the Institution shall consist of an unlimited number of ordinary  
Members each paying one Guinea annual subscriptions, except in the case of  
working Mechanics to whom only one pound shall be charged and whose  
subscriptions may be paid either annually or quarterly at the convenience of  
the Member - upon being put to the Meeting this amendment was lost  
and the original rule adopted.

The following Amendment upon Rules 9. 10. 11. was likewise put to the  
Meeting and lost "That there shall be elected at every Annual Meeting  
by the General body of the Members a Committee of Management for  
the regulation of the affairs of the Institution, consisting of a President  
and President, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer three Trustees and fifteen  
ordinary members who shall retire at the following Annual Meeting  
but shall if otherwise qualified be eligible for re-election."

The original rules were duly carried.

The following Amendment was then moved upon Rule 9  
by Mr. Patterson  
Seconded by Mr. Dow. and carried. "That the ordinary Members of Committee  
shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting by the general body of  
the Members and one half of their number shall retire by rotation at the  
end of every year, when their place shall be supplied by election, the  
retiring members being however if otherwise qualified eligible for  
re-election.

The following Amendment upon Rule 58 was moved by Mr. Varnor  
Seconded by Mr. Ashly.

and lost upon a Division

"That a majority of the Members do have the  
power at a General Meeting convened for that purpose of altering  
the foregoing Rules—"

The whole of the Rules having been read and duly considered  
it was moved by Mr. King

Seconded by Mr. Jamieson and carried unanimously.

"That the Code of Laws now read be adopted as the  
Rules of the Melbourne Mechanics School of Arts" and that the  
Honorary Secretary be instructed to have the same classified into  
chapters printed and circulated gratuitously among the Members  
of the Institution.

A vote of Thanks having been presented to the Chairman  
the Meeting separated.

Attest  
Chairman

August 17<sup>th</sup> 1849.  
Special Meeting of the Committee of  
Management.  
Present Messrs. Mr. Arthur Crook Patterson,  
James Morrison Chapman & Jamieson.  
Mr. McArthur Chairman

Moved by Mr. Patterson  
Seconded by Mr. Dodds. Auct. Carried.

"That the sum of £40 be advanced  
to the Music Class as a loan for the purchase of a Grand Piano on the  
condition that the same shall be repaid within three months a guaran-  
tee being given by the Music Committee for the repayments."

Moved by Mr. McArthur  
Seconded by Mr. Chapman. As a Protest - the report being compelled  
to protest against the resolution arrived at this day by the Committee  
to make a loan for the purpose of purchasing a Piano for the use  
of the Music Class conceiving that such application involves  
an objectionable and dangerous precedent.

The Meeting then separated.

## Chap. 1.

### Objects and Constitution of the Society.

1. — The Melbourne Mechanics Institution and School of Arts, has for  
its object the diffusion of Literary, Scientific, and other Useful Knowledge  
amongst its Members, to the exclusion of all controversial subjects whether  
religious or political.

2. — These objects are sought to be attained by means of a circulating Library, a Reading Room, and Museum, the establishment of classes and the delivery of Lectures on Natural and Experimental Philosophy, Practical Mechanics, Astronomy, Chemistry, Natural History, Literature, and the Useful and Ornamental Arts; particularly those which have more immediate reference to the colony.

3. — The Institution shall consist of an unlimited number of Ordinary Members, each paying an entrance fee of ten shillings, and one pound annual subscription; except in the case of working Tradesmen or Mechanics, to whom only five shillings entrance fee will be charged, and whose subscriptions may be paid annually or quarterly, at the convenience of the Member.

## Chap. II

### Admission of Members.

4. — Any person desirous of becoming a Member of the Institution, must make application to the committee according to a form furnished by the Secretary, and on being approved by them shall be admitted as such, subject to the payments and restrictions prescribed by these Rules.

5. — The annual subscriptions to the Institution are payable in advance on the first of January in every year, and the quarterly subscriptions on the first of the months of January, April, July, and October; and unless paid within three months from such dates respectively, the party in default shall cease to be a Member, but may at any time resume his standing on payment of all arrears.

6. — Every Member on payment of his subscription shall receive from the Secretary a copy of these Rules, and a Ticket entitling him to all the privileges and advantages of the Institution, during the period for which he has subscribed; but no person who has not been a Member for a period of at least three months, shall be eligible to serve in any office or to vote at General Meetings.

7. — Any Member contributing a sum of Ten Guineas in one payment in aid of the funds of the Institution, shall hereafter enjoy all its privileges and be exempt from farther subscriptions.

8. — The Sons and Apprentices of Members under eighteen years of age, may be admitted as Junior Members, upon payment of the regular entrance fee, and ten shillings annual subscription; but no such Junior Member shall have any voice in the management of the Institution, until his eighteenth year, when he will be charged the full subscription and be allowed to rank as an Ordinary Member.

9. — The committee shall have the power of admitting as Honorary Members, persons in any part of the world, who shall have distinguished themselves by their researches or attainments, in Science, Literature, or the Arts, or who shall have conferred any signal benefit on the Institution; and every such Honorary Member shall enjoy all the privileges of Membership, except that of voting in the management of the affairs of the Institution.

10. — Naval and Military Officers on actual service, and the Captains of vessels trading to the Port, will, on being introduced by a member, be allowed free access to the Reading Room during their stay: It will also be in the power of any Member to extend to any other person, not being a resident in Melbourne, the privilege of free admission to the Reading Room for a period of one month in any year, by entering his name and address in an Introduction Book to be kept by the secretary for that purpose.

## Chap. III

### Management of the Institution, and Election of Office Bearers.

11. — The Institution shall be governed by a committee consisting of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, three Trustees, five Curators of Museum, and fourteen Ordinary Members, to be elected in manner hereinafter mentioned: Five Members of such committee to form a quorum for the transaction of business.



12. — The President, Vice President, Treasurer, Trustees, and Curators of Museum, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting in January of every year.

13. — The remainder of the Committee shall be elected by the general body of the Members by ballot, but one-half only of their number shall retire by rotation at the Annual Meeting in January, and an election be held to supply their place; the retiring Members being, however, if otherwise qualified, eligible for re-election.

14. — There shall also be elected by the Annual General Meeting two Auditors of the accounts of the Institution, who shall hold office for one year only, but be eligible for re-election.

## Chap IV

### General and Committee Meetings.

15. — There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Institution on the last Tuesday in the month of January in every year, notice of which shall be advertised in the Melbourne newspapers, and exhibited in the Reading Room for a period of fourteen days prior to the day of Meeting.

16. — It shall be competent for the Committee, or upon their refusal, for any fifteen Members of the Institution, to direct the Secretary at any time, to call a Special General Meeting by advertisement, stating the object for which the same is to be held, and published in the Melbourne newspapers fourteen days at least prior to the day of meeting; but no business other than that stated in the advertisement shall be transacted at such meeting.

17. — At every General Meeting of the Institution the business shall commence at eight o'clock in the evening and unless then disposed of, the meeting may adjourn until the next or any subsequent evening at the same hour; but no new business shall be entered upon at any such adjourned meeting, of which notice has not been given prior to the adjournment.

18. — The Committee shall meet once at least in every month, on such day as they may from time to time appoint, but extraordinary meetings for special purposes may be called by the President, or any three Members of Committee at any time; a circular stating the object of the meeting being sent to each Member by the Secretary, one clear day at the least prior to the date of holding the same.

19. — One of the Patrons, the President, or Vice President, shall take the chair at each General or Committee Meeting, but in the event of neither being present, the meeting shall appoint a Chairman for the occasion.

20. — The first business at any General or Committee Meeting shall be the reading of the minutes of any previous meeting not already confirmed, in order to their being certified by the Chairman.

21. — All questions brought under discussion at any General or Committee Meeting, shall be decided by the majority of the Members present by show of hands, the Chairman having in case of an equality a second or casting vote; but in the event of the Chairman, or any three Members being doubtful on which side the majority may be, he or they may demand a division, and the Chairman's declaration of the result thereof shall be final.

22. — Any motion made at a General or Committee Meeting shall be reduced to writing by the proposer, and seconded by some other Member before being taken into consideration.

23. — One amendment only upon any motion shall be discussed at the same time, but if such amendment be lost, another may be moved before the original motion is put to the vote; but upon an amendment being carried, it shall be held to have quashed the original motion, any Member having the right, however, of moving another amendment thereon.

24. — No proposition, other than a motion of course, shall be entertained at any General or Committee Meeting, unless notice thereof in writing has been exhibited in the Reading Room for a period of at least one week preceding the day of meeting.

25. — No proposition, the effect of which if carried, would be to contravene any previous decision of the Committee, shall be entertained, unless notice thereof shall have been given in writing to the Secretary one week prior to the meeting at which the same is to be considered, and the Secretary shall include every such notice in the circular convening the meeting.

26. — No resolution for the appropriation of a sum of Fifty Pounds or upwards from the funds of the Institution shall be acted upon until the same has been assented to, after due notice, by two successive meetings of the Committee.

27. — Any ordinary Member of the Committee who shall fail to attend any of its meetings, during a period of three consecutive months, shall, unless reasonable cause to the satisfaction of the Committee is assigned for such absence, be held to have vacated his seat.

## Chap. V.

### General Powers and Duties of the Committee

28. — The Committee shall have the custody of the property of the Institution, and the care and superintendence of the same, as regards the appointment and dismissal of all salaried officers, the due receipt and administration of its funds, the procuring of Lectures and the arrangement of classes.

29. — The Committee shall have the power of expelling any Member for misconduct, the person so expelled having a right of appeal to a General Meeting of the Institution; on giving fourteen days previous notice in writing to the Secretary.

30. — The Committee may appoint Sub-Committees of their number for particular purposes, but no decision of any such Sub-Committee shall be final or binding until approved and confirmed by the General Committee.

31. — No Member of the Committee shall be allowed to supply the Institution with any article from which he derives a profit, unless the same be openly tendered for, or to take any office of emolument connected therewith except that of Lecturer.

32. — Should any casual vacancy occur in the Committee, whether by resignation, or otherwise, it shall be competent for the remaining Members to supply the same, subject to the approval of the next General Meeting of the Institution; but no election to any such casual vacancy shall take place until the name of the Member or Members proposed to supply the same shall have been exhibited in the Reading Room for fourteen days at the least.

33. — The Committee shall lay before the Annual General Meeting in January, a full and particular Report of the proceedings of the Institution during the past year, and of its present state and prospects; and upon such Report being adopted by the meeting the same shall, if so directed, be printed, and a copy thereof furnished to each of the members free of charge.

## Chap. VI.

### Receipts and Expenditure of the Institution and Investment of the Property.

34. — All officers who may from time to time be authorized to collect or receive monies on behalf of the Institution, shall furnish proper receipts for the same signed by the President; and the Books and Vouchers relating to any such payments shall, if called for by any Member, be laid before the Committee at their next meeting.

35. — All money received on account of the Institution shall be paid into the Bank, whenever the amount shall exceed Five Pounds.

36. — No payment shall be made on account of the Institution except by cheque drawn by the Treasurer and countersigned by the

Secretary, but in no case shall any such cheque be issued until the account, in respect of which the same is drawn, has been submitted to and approved by the Committee; such approval to be certified on the face of the account by the Chairman.

37. — The Treasurer shall make up his accounts once in every year, namely, to the 31<sup>st</sup> of December, and shall lay the same before the Committee at their meeting, next ensuing that date, such accounts together with all vouchers relating thereto, to be immediately referred by them to the auditors for their examination and Report.

38. — The property of the Institution shall be vested, for the use and benefit of the Members, in three Trustees, appointed in manner hereinbefore provided, who are required to take sufficient security from all officers through whose hands the same may pass.

## Chap. VII. Library and Reading Room

39. — The Library shall consist of two branches, viz, a Library of Reference and a Library of Circulation.

40. — The Committee may determine to what particular branch of the Library any work belongs; the Books of Reference being open for inspection in the Reading Room, while the other works will be freely circulated among the Members for perusal at their own homes.

41. — The Reading Room and Library of Reference shall be open daily, Sundays excepted, from eight o'clock in the morning till nine at night, and the circulating Library from three to five o'clock in the afternoon, and from seven till nine o'clock in the evening, or during such other hours as the Committee, having regard to the convenience of the Members, may from time to time direct.

42. — Perfect silence must be preserved in the Reading Room, and no Member will be allowed to smoke or partake of any refreshment therein.

43. — No periodical work shall be circulated until the same has been open for perusal in the Reading Room during one month, nor until the next or some subsequent number of the series has arrived.

44. — If any Member shall remove from the Reading Room or Library of Reference, any book, newspaper, or other periodical, contrary to these Rules, he

shall be liable to such fine not exceeding double the value of the work as the Committee may determine, or to expulsion on a repetition of the offence.

45. — Any Member writing upon or otherwise wilfully defacing or injuring any work or paper, shall, over and above the value of the book or paper so injured, pay a fine of ten shillings, or be liable to expulsion on a repetition of the offence at the option of the Committee.

46. — Any Member lending a book to any person not being an inmate of his own house shall pay a fine of five shillings.

47. — If a book be written on or otherwise damaged, the Member in whose hands the book was at the time shall replace or pay the value of the same at the discretion of the Committee.

48. — For the purpose of enabling the Committee to ascertain the state of the Library, the circulation of books shall cease from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of January in every year, all books to be returned into the Library before the first of these days under a penalty of one shilling for every day any volume is detained.

49. — All fines must be paid to the Secretary, on application, within one month after being incurred, or the names of the Members liable to the same will be exhibited in the Library; and if after the lapse of two months, such fines still remain unpaid, the parties in default shall cease to be Members.

50. — Proper Registers shall be kept by the Secretary of all Books taken out of and returned to the Library, such Registers to be laid before the Committee at each monthly meeting if required; and in event of its appearing that the Secretary has failed to take the steps prescribed by these Rules for the enforcement of any fines which have accrued, he shall be held individually responsible for the amount.

51. — A Book shall be kept by the Secretary in the Reading Room in which any Member may enter, for the consideration of the Committee, any suggestion which he may consider proper to make relative to the purchase of books, papers, or apparatus, or the management of any department of the Institution; every such entry to be signed by the Member making the same, and laid before the Committee by the Secretary at their next regular meeting.

52. — The Committee shall exhibit in the Reading Room a list of such publications as are wanted, for completing any course of study, in order that persons who are desirous of presenting works to the Institution may be acquainted with those which are the most urgently required.

53. — The Committee shall be empowered to sell or exchange duplicates and other works which they may consider unnecessary to be retained in the Library or Reading Room, the proceeds to be paid over to the Treasurer in aid of the funds of the Institution.

54.—The Committee shall have the power of framing Rules for the better regulation and management of the Reading Room and Library, and of altering or modifying any of these Rules from 39 to 43 inclusive, as the interests of the Institution may from time to time require, especially as to the circulation of books among the Members and the fines consequent on the infringement of the regulations so prescribed; provided that notice of any such Rule be posted in the Reading Room and Library for the information of the Members before the same comes into effect.

### Chap. VIII. Lectures and Classes.

55.—The Committee shall have power to make such regulations, not inconsistent with these Rules, as they may think fit, for the delivery of Lectures and the holding of Classes connected with the Institution; every Member having the right of attending any such Lecture or Class, on conforming to the general regulations in force for the time being with respect to the same. Provided that each class shall keep minutes and make a full and particular report of their proceedings to the Committee in the first week of the months of January and July in every year.

56.—Any class formed in connection with the Institution shall consist of Members of the Institution only, and shall be regulated by Rules framed by such class and sanctioned by the Committee.

### Chap. IX. Interpretation and Amendment of Rules

57.—In event of any doubt or difficulty arising as to the meaning of these Rules, the Committee shall have power to finally decide the same.

58.—The Rules of the Institution, except as hereinbefore provided, shall not be altered or amended unless with the concurrence of two thirds of the Members present, at a General Meeting, and after specific notice in writing of the proposed alteration, signed by at least Twenty Members, has been exhibited in the Reading Room for one month prior to the meeting when the same is to be considered.

### Chap. X. Dissolution of the Society.

59.—No resolution for dissolving the Institution or alienating any of the freehold property thereof shall be effective until it has been consented to by at least nine-tenths of the Members present at two consecutive special General Meetings duly convened for such purpose.

August 6<sup>th</sup> 1849.  
Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management,  
Present: Messrs Croth, Barwick, R. Langlands, S. Craig, Patterson and  
Saunders—

Mr. Langlands in the Chair

The Minutes of the former Meeting having been read and confirmed  
A letter was read from Mr. King tendering his resignation as a Member of the Library Committee he having become disqualified to act as such by the adoption of the "new Code of Laws"

Seconded by Mr. Craig and seconded by Mr. Patterson that Mr. King's resignation be accepted, — resolution carried —  
The Honorary Secretary brought under the notice of the Committee a certain Paragraph which was published in the Gazette Newspaper containing several false statements with reference to the Committee and the condition of the Society

The Committee instructed the Hon. Secy. to frame and forward a reply thereto in contradiction to the same —

The following Accounts were ordered to be paid.

Bell £ 2. 2. 0. Jackson £ 5. 12. 6. Cousins £ 2. 6. 0.  
Cooper £ 11. 19. 3. Stafford £ 1. 10. 4. Roycroft £ 8. 6. 8. Cash 1. 0. 6

The following Gentlemen were elected Members of the Institution  
viz J. Campshell, R. Sutherland, A. Gallie.

The undermentioned Donations were then made  
to the Museum — One Hair Ball — J. Dunbar  
to the Library — Australia Felix. 1 vol. Mr. Griffiths (author)  
Report and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Tasmania —  
and Copy of Supplement to Callaghan's "Acts of Council" — By the  
Hon. C. J. A. Hob.

The Meeting then separated.

Attest J. C. Croth Secy.

September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1849.  
Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management  
Present Messrs Hodgson, Craig, Dodds, Patterson & Langlands  
Brooks, Warwick.

Mr. Hodgson  
in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed

A Letter was read from Mr. Ginn tendering his resignation as a Member of the Committee of Management moved by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Dodds and carried "That Mr. Ginn's resignation be accepted"

Moved by Mr. Craig seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried "That the sum of Five Guineas be voted from the funds of the Institution to Mr. Gibbes as an acknowledgment of the Lectures delivered by him before the Members on Figure Drawing and Physiognomical expression"

The undermentioned accounts were ordered to be paid. viz.  
Cobb cash 0.16.0 Books 7.0.0 Wood 3.12.0 Lament 2.8.0  
Charles (the day) £ 1.10.4. Receipt £ 8.6.8  
A presentation was then made to the Museum by Major Davidson of a specimen of Copper ore from Berrima N. S. W.

The following Persons were then duly admitted as Members of the Institution. viz. J. Dyball, J. Lightfoot, C. Broad, W. Stubb, A. Wilson, & Montgomery, J. Cosgrove, J. Colclough, J. Barlett, J. A. Little, A. Bishopp, J. Kemp.

The Meeting then separated.

H. C. A. Cherry  
President

October 7. 1849.  
Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management  
Present Messrs Langlands, A. Morrison, Patterson, Scummons  
and D. C. M. Anstee.

D. C. M. Anstee, B. S. in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former Meeting having been read and confirmed a Letter was read from Mr. Thos. Babuain intimating the receipt of his brother from Melbourne and tendering on his behalf his resignation as a Member of the Committee of Management.

Moved by Mr. Patterson

Seconded by Mr. Langlands and carried.

"That Mr. Babuain's resignation be accepted"

A Letter was likewise read from Redmond Barry Esq. stating that he was prepared to deliver a Lecture before the Members of the Institution on such day as the Committee should name - The Com. Dec. was instructed to confer with Mr. Barry and meet his convenience presiding the thanks of the Committee for his kind offer

Moved by Mr. Langlands

Seconded by Mr. Scummons and carried

"That the insurance of the Institution be removed from the Society in B. D. Lane to the Victoria Fire Insurance Society of Melbourne. The balance to the credit of the Institution in the Bank was shown to be £ 110.17.6.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid. Postage 1/6 Divison £ 1.5.10  
H. Davis £ 1.5.3 Gregory £ 10/6 Staffed 1.10.4 Receipt £ 8.6.8  
Insurance £ 5.10.0

The undermentioned Gentlemen were duly admitted as Members of the Institution. Thos. Rutherford, G. Dickson, J. Allan, J. Wood, W. Wray, J. Carey, R. Cox, G. G. Nicholas, Mrs. Nicholson.

The Meeting then separated.

Robert Langlands  
Chairman.

Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 1849.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.  
Present Messrs. Craig, Wharton, Barwick, Patterson, Dodds,  
R. Langlands Kerr,  
Mr. Langlands in the Chair.

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

A letter was read from Mr. Dalton explaining the cause of the non receipt of the Periodicals and Newspapers ordered on the behalf of the Institution - the cause of delay occurring with the post office authorities in London. The Committee accepted Mr. Dalton's explanation and requested that he be informed of the same.

A letter was read from Mr. Buchanan tendering his resignation as a member of the Committee - Resolved that Mr. Buchanan's resignation be accepted.

Moved by Mr. Patterson seconded by Mr. Dodds and carried that Mr. King be elected a member of the Committee of Management, he having resigned his appointment as Auditor to the Institution moved by Mr. Kerr.

Seconded by Mr. Wharton and carried that the sum of three pounds be voted for diagrams for the illustration of all Movements for the coming Lecture.

The following accts were ordered to be paid.

Parsonage Office 2.4.6  
Ayr 2.4.3  
Diagrams 2.0.0  
Peter Cash 4/-  
Secretary Salary P. G. D. Town Council 3.15.0  
Ad Union 2.2.0  
Press Salary 1.10.4  
Sydney Herald 4.7.6.

The undermentioned Gent<sup>l</sup>s were duly admitted Members of the Inst<sup>n</sup> - J. B. Mc Langhlin, C. Leape, W. Nicholson, J. Horning, D. G. Hamilton, J. Robinson, J. Bryant, J. H. St. J. Lead, W. Morrison.

The meeting then separated.

Mr Kerr  
Chairman

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management - Dec 3. 1849.  
Present Messrs. Kerr, Hodgson, Barwick, Patterson, Wharton, & Langlands.

Mr. Kerr in the Chair.

The minutes of the last Meeting having been read and confirmed.

A Letter was read from the Rev. W. Barwick offering a Security for the rental of the Hall by them - Messrs. Barwick, & Brown - Moved by Mr. Barwick.

Seconded by Mr. Wharton & carried.

Resolved that the Securities tendered on the behalf of the Baptist Congregation be accepted.

The following resolution moved by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Barwick was carried.

Resolved that the Library Committee do meet at least once every month or at such other times as they may hereafter determine. The undermentioned accts were ordered to be paid.

Patrol 3.1.6  
Lard 9.5.3  
Salaries 9.18.0.

A fragment of Pompey Pittar was presented to the Museum by Mr. H. Montgomery. To the Library 36 vol of Sermons by C. Maynard. In Water.

The undermentioned Gent<sup>l</sup>s were then admitted as Members - viz Messrs. J. G. (Grove), Geo. J. Holloppe, L. Ellis, W. Malcolm, A. Harwin, Capt. Curran, H. Sherrin, J. H. Rose, and W. Hills.

Mr. Patterson then gave notice of Motion.  
"That a Select Committee consisting of Messrs. W. A. Arthur, H. G. Smith, J. G. (Grove), being by appointment to frame a Memorial to His Grace the Duke of Devonshire in relation to the Institution and praying that a sum of money may be placed upon the Estimates on behalf of the Institution".

The Meeting then separated.

James Simpson Preside