

January 7. 1850.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management,  
Present Messrs Simpson (President) Simpson, Mr. [unclear] B.S.  
H. Langlands, Patterson, Barnwick, H. Langlands, [unclear]  
Crock, Craig, [unclear], [unclear].

J. Simpson Esq. President in the Chair.

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

Mr. Patterson introduced the notice of motion which had been entered at the last Monthly Meeting at his request for discussion at this meeting -

The following Gentlemen were then appointed a Committee for the purpose of reviewing up the Annual Report for the year 1849. viz. Messrs Westgate, King, Patterson Rev. A. Morrison, and the Hon. Secretary -

A Letter was read from Mr. Hayken proposing to establish a class in the Institution for the study of the Classics on the Hamiltonian system - the proceeds thereof to be appropriated to the benefit of the Institution - Resolved that Mr. Hayken's offer be accepted and the thanks of the Committee presented to that Gentleman for his liberality. The following acct. were ordered to be paid -

Davis. £ 6.5.0 Petty Cash 1.1.11 Books 1. 10.0 Essay 5.15.9  
Books 1. 12.0 Mon. [unclear] 1. 10.0 P. G. S. Cooper. 8.11.0

The following donations were made to the Library. Mr. Disson's Ancient History of Greece. 1. vol. Mann and his Actions. 1. Diet and Regimen 1. Essay on Scepticism 1. Howards's Account of Literature 1. Gil Blas 2. The Horse - 1.

Rev. Mr. Frohpe. 25. vols. Miscellaneous.

The following Gentlemen were duly elected members of the Institution Messrs Brougham, J. Scott, C. H. Deme, J. Palmer, J. Young, J. Batty, J. L. Balchour, P. W. J. E. Cooks, J. Wade, J. Legendre, W. H. Cropper.

The Meeting then separated. James Simpson

January 27. 1850.

Special Meeting of the Committee of Management,  
Present Messrs Cole, Mr. [unclear], Rev. A. Morrison, Mr. [unclear],  
King, Brougham, H. Langlands Esq. of the [unclear].

Mr. Cole in the Chair.

The Chairman having stated that the present Meeting was called for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to review up the Report for the year 1849, to be submitted to the Members at the coming Annual General Meeting - called on the Hon. Secy. to present the same -

The Report having been duly read was again referred to the Sub-Committee for the embodiment of certain suggestions of the Committee of Management -

James Simpson

Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Melbourne School of Arts -

His Worship the Mayor, R. F. A. G. [unclear] Esq. as one of the Patrons - was voted to the Chair on a motion made by Mr. [unclear] of [unclear] Mr. H. Langlands -

His Worship having taken his seat - stated that owing to the Report not being fully completed and from the smallness of the attendance it was suggested that in order that every possible publicity should be made of the Meeting with the view of obtaining a large attendance of Mechanics & Workmen the Meeting be adjourned - The following Resolution was then put to the Meeting and carried. That this Meeting do now adjourn until Monday next the 4th Proximo at 8 o'clock P.M. for the reception and reception of the Report of the Committee of

Management and the election of Office Bearer for the current year and that the Secy. be given the fullest publicity of the adjournment by inserting the advertisement in all the Newspapers and by posting placards throughout the town.

The Meeting then adjourned to Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> February in terms of and accordance with the following Resolution Moved by Mr. M. Anthon - seconded by B. Black that the Meeting be stand adjourned to Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 8 o'clock P.M. in consequence of the small attendance of the Members, and that the Secretary be advertise the same in all the Melbourne Papers and post placards throughout the town with the view of giving the greatest publicity to the Meeting.

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February 4<sup>th</sup> 1850.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management  
Present Messrs. M. Anthon, Hodgson, Craig, Callison,  
Black, Couper, Crook, King, Rawick, J. Simpson.  
J. Simpson Esq. President in the Chair

The Minutes of the former Meeting having been read and confirmed the Secretary read the Annual Report for the year 1849 which had been prepared for presentation to the Special Meeting of the Members when it was moved by Mr. Hodgson and seconded by Mr. Craig - "That the Annual Report of the Committee of Management to the Members for the year 1849 now read by the Secretary be received and adopted" carried unanimously.  
The following resolution Moved by Mr. M. Anthon seconded by Mr. Craig - was put and carried - "With reference to a sum of £40 which was lent to the Music Class for the purchase of a Piano and repayment of which sum was guaranteed by Messrs. Horsfall, Patterson, Knox, Gillett, Meyer & Co. by a Promissory Note at 3 months - and this promissory note being now overdue it is moved that the gentlemen whose names are attached thereto be called on immediately to pay the amount"

The following accounts were then duly passed and ordered to be paid  
viz. Roycroft Salary £ 8. 6. 8. Provided 1. 10. 10. W. Allen. 1. 5. 0  
Casey 22. 10. 4.

The Undersigned Gentlemen were then admitted as Members of the Institution viz. Messrs. St. John, J. Plummer, J. Porter, W. D. Lund, Frankville, E. Country, J. Halland, J. Roycroft & Mr. Hanson.

The Committee then separated.

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February 27<sup>th</sup> 1850.  
Annual General Meeting of the Members of the  
Melbourne School of Arts.

His Worship the Mayor A. J. D. Greenes Esq<sup>r</sup>  
in the Chair.

The Chairman stated the present was an adjourned  
Meeting of the Members of the Institution convened  
pursuant to the Resolution duly carried at the Meeting  
convened January 29<sup>th</sup> and called upon the Honorary Secretary  
to read the Annual Report for the past year prepared and  
adopted by the Committee of Management for presentation  
to the Members and hereunto appended.

Report of the "Melbourne Mechanics' Institution and  
School of Arts" for the Year 1849.

Your Committee have the pleasure of submitting this their tenth  
Annual Report of the operations of the "Melbourne Mechanics' Institution  
and School of Arts," being for the year which ended on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December  
last; and in doing so, they feel justified in congratulating the Members  
on the Society's steady advancement in public favour, as well as upon  
the encouraging prospects of still more extended usefulness which the  
opening of the current year would seem to present.

At the date of your Committee's last Report, the Institution  
consisted of 379 members. Since that time there has been an accession  
of 84 new subscribers, and 79 parties have terminated their connection  
with the Society, thus leaving an increase of five members during the  
year. It may, however, be considered worthy of remark that while  
those who have been recently admitted to the privileges of Memberships are  
principally respectable tradesmen or mechanics, being the class of persons  
for whose benefit Societies of this nature are specially intended, the  
resignations are for the most part attributable to the fluctuations, as  
regards place of residence, which are incidental to a colonial community,  
and not to any dissatisfaction with the working of the Institution, or indifference  
as to its success, on the part of the individuals who have ceased  
to be members.

In the early part of the past year the attention of your Committee was forcibly directed to the necessity of remodelling the constitution of the Society with the view at once of rectifying the many imperfections and inconsistencies with which it was found to abound, and placing the Institution on a more liberal and extended basis. Measures were accordingly taken by your Committee for the preparation of a new code of laws for the better government of the Body, and they have now the gratification of stating that the Rules framed by them for this purpose, and which were adopted by a general meeting of the members on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July last have been found to work satisfactorily.

It will be in the recollection of members that the income of the Institution for the year 1849, was estimated by your Committee in their last Annual Report at £590. A reference to the Treasurer's Balance Sheet, which will be found in the Appendix, shows the actual receipts for that year to have been £586.7.4. The expenditure for the above period, it will also be recollected was estimated at £590. The actual disbursements it will be seen amounted to only £494.10.2, thus leaving a balance of £91.17.2, which it is intended to appropriate towards the liquidation of the debt, together with a sufficient amount from this year's income to augment the payment to £200.

The receipts of the current year may, it is considered, be estimated as follows:

Balance from previous year	91	17	2
Annual Subscriptions and Donations	290	"	"
Entrance Fees, sale of Catalogues, Fines, &c.	40	"	"
Rent for use of Building	135	"	"
Government aid	150	"	"
Total	706	17	2

This amount your Committee propose appropriating as under:

Current Expenses and Interest on Mortgage	300	"	"
Books, Newspapers, and Periodicals for Library and Reading Room	125	"	"
Sinking Fund for payment of Mortgage	200	"	"
Towards erecting dwarf wall and railing in front of Building	50	"	"
Reserve Fund to meet unforeseen expenses	31	17	2
Total	706	17	2

It will thus be observed that your Committee hold steadily in view the importance of using every effort, consistent with the due efficiency of the several departments of the Institution, towards the liquidation of the debt with which the Body has been so long encumbered. When the contemplated payment of £200. has been made, the debt, which was originally £1250, will be reduced to £600, whereby a saving of £16 per annum in the shape of Interest will be effected, and the entire liabilities of the Society brought within the scope of a single year's income.

Your Committee having so far endeavoured to present a general view of the Society's progress and financial position during the period to which their Report has reference, would now advert, as briefly as the importance of the subject will admit, to the state of the several departments through whose instrumentality the great objects of the Institution are sought to be attained.

In the absence of those facilities which older communities enjoy for the dissemination of useful knowledge through the agency of lectures and classes, your Committee have felt that it is to the Library and Reading Room of the Institution they must mainly look for the means of creating and sustaining a love for information among the members; and under this conviction they have been unremitting in their exertions for the extension and improvement of these departments.

At the close of the year 1848, the Library consisted of 3228 volumes. Since that time it has received an addition of 371 volumes by purchase, and 74 volumes as donations from the gentlemen named in the appendix; the works so obtained being for the most part of standard merit, and otherwise peculiarly adapted to the requirements of the Institution, as completing particular courses of reading or study in which the Library was previously deficient.

The anticipations expressed by your Committee in their last Report, with respect to the more punctual transmission of British Newspapers and periodicals for the Reading Room, under the new London agency, have been fully realised, and the Institution is now regularly supplied with complete files of these publications up to the latest dates received in the colony. It is at the same time encouraging for your Committee to notice that their successful efforts in the improvements of this highly interesting branch of the Society, have not been unappreciated by the public, the daily attendance at the Reading Room both of members and visitors, having so much increased of late as to render additional

accommodation exceedingly desirable, if not absolutely necessary.

With the exception of a few donations, which are duly acknowledged in the Appendix to this Report, the museum has not undergone any change during the past year, the more pressing claims of other departments of the Institution, and the desire for reducing the debt on the building, having prevented your Committee from devoting that attention to the extension of this highly important branch of the Society's objects which could have been desired; but they entertain the hope that the time is not distant when the improved state of their finances will enable them to propose a suitable annual expenditure for the purpose.

Your Committee succeeded in procuring the delivery of thirteen Lectures during the past session, which were generally well attended, and they have now to invite a vote of thanks from this meeting, in favour of the gentlemen whose names are mentioned in the appendix, for their kindness in delivering the same.

It is a matter of deep regret to your Committee that their endeavours for the permanent establishment of classes in connection with the Institution, have not been more successful, the Music Class under the superintendance of Mr. Meeson, being the only one in existence. This class, however, seems to progress satisfactorily both in point of numbers and the degree of public interest which their periodical concerts excite, while its operations have recently been extended, by the addition of a Choral class, under the direction of Mr. Reed.

Your Committee have also had under their consideration proposals from competent teachers, for the establishment of classes for the study of the French and German languages, and of the classes on the Hamiltonian system, but holding in remembrance the unavailing nature of similar efforts in times past, they are far from being sanguine of success, unless the members generally could be made more fully alive to the advantages attendant upon this mode of instruction.

It now only remains for your Committee to call upon the meeting to proceed, in conformity with the Rules of the Institution, to the election of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, three Trustees, five Curators of Museum, two Auditors, and seven ordinary Members of Committee, in the room of the following gentlemen, who retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election, viz.; — Messrs Simpson, Macartney, Cole, Langlands, Foxton, Kerr, Cassel, Lumson, Hodgson, Westgarth, Kilburn, Dods, and Ginn.

In closing this report your Committee cannot, however, refrain from adverting, in terms of regret, to the circumstance of the respectable tradesmen and mechanics of the City, most of whom are members of the Institution, having hitherto failed to take any legitimate share in its management. In frequent instances individuals of this class have, it is true, been persuaded to consent to serve on the Committee, but with few exceptions their attendance at its meetings has been so irregular, and the interest which they evinced as to the operations of the body, so trivial, as to render their accession a virtual nullity. The pecuniary position of the Institution may perhaps, to some extent have justified the members in entrusting the directorship to the parties who have, up to this time, been its more active office bearers, but it certainly cannot now be regarded as otherwise than anomalous, that when the financial arrangements of the establishment are comparatively favourable, and its prospects unclouded, the very class of persons for whose especial benefit the Society was called into existence, should take so little share in the regulation of its affairs. While, therefore, the retiring members of your Committee are still willing to devote their best energies to the advancement of the objects of the Institution, if called upon to do so, they would reiterate the wish expressed by them at previous annual general meetings, that its management may be transferred, in part at least, to persons more immediately interested.

## Appendix

### Abstract of the Treasurer's Accounts for the Year 1849

Receipts	Amount			Disbursements	Amount		
	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance from previous year	2	11	"	Repairs of building, furniture &c.	54	15	4
Entrance fees from new members	43	"	"	Current expenses and interest on mortgage	298	"	11
Subscriptions for the year	258	11	"	Books, periodicals, and newspapers for Library and Reading Room	133	8	11
Donations in aid of the of the Institution	11	10	"	Fees to Lecturers.	8	5	"
Rent for use of building catalogues, &c.	119	15	"	Loan to Music class.	40	"	"
Annual grant from Government	150	"	"	Balance in Bank	51	17	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>586</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>

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The Report having been read it was moved by  
Mr. Belcher } and carried  
Seconded by Mr. Gillett } That the Report now read be  
adopted and printed for circulation among the Members.

The Meeting then proceeded to the election of Officers  
for the current year when it was moved by  
Mr. Edwards  
Seconded by Mr. Young and carried.

That James Simpson Esq<sup>r</sup>  
be elected President of the Institution for the current year  
Moved by Mr. Davy  
Seconded by Mr. Gillett and carried.

That D. C. M<sup>r</sup> Matthew Esq<sup>r</sup> be  
elected Vice President for the current year.

Moved by Mr. Ballman  
Seconded by Mr. Mathew and carried. That J. G. Sinton Esq<sup>r</sup>  
be elected Treasurer for the current year  
Moved by Mr. Humming  
Seconded by Mr. Gillett and carried.

That F. A. G. West Esq<sup>r</sup> be  
elected Honorary Secretary for the current year.

Moved by Mr. Humming  
Seconded by Mr. Mathew and carried. That Messrs Black, Sinton  
and P. Lamborn be elected Trustees for the current year.

Moved by Mr. Young  
Seconded by Mr. Gillett and carried. That W. F. A. Green Esq<sup>r</sup>  
J. Howitt, M. D. and J. A. Gibbs Esq<sup>r</sup> be the Curators of the  
Museum for the current year.

Moved by Mr. Davy  
Seconded by Mr. P. Farrell and carried. That Messrs Young  
and Guthridge be the Auditors for the current year.

The Meeting next proceeded with the election of the  
Members of the Committee of Management.

Moved by Mr. Humming  
Seconded by Mr. Young and carried

That D. C. Black and Mr. King be  
the scrutineers on the present election of the Committee.  
The following Members retired by Rotation - viz.

Messrs. Keen.	elected	W. Kerr - vice
Crook.		Cooper
Sammons		Dow.
W. Johnson.		Penning.
W. G. Smith		Young.
Ballman		Crook.
Davy		Edwards, Holyson.
Ginn		Holmes, Esq <sup>r</sup> - extra.

The Committee having been elected it was moved by Mr. M.  
Dunham and Seconded by D. C. Black That the Honorary Secretary  
be instructed to communicate the thanks of this Meeting to the several  
Gentlemen who favored the Institution by the delivery of Lectures  
during the past year as well as to those Gentlemen who kindly  
made donations of Money, Books or Specimens of that list be.

The President moved that a vote of thanks be presented to the Hon  
Secretary Mr. Gilbert for his assistance during the past year - carried  
unanimously.

Moved by D. C. Black  
Seconded by Mr. Holyson That his Worship the Mayor do vacate  
the Chair and that J. Simpson Esq<sup>r</sup> do sit in the same.

The thanks of the Meeting were unanimously presented to  
his Worship the Mayor for the kindly manner in which he had  
presided over the Meeting.

February 13<sup>th</sup> 1850.

Special Meeting of the Committee of Management  
Present Messrs. A. M. King, Cooper, King, Robbins,  
Barwick and Dow.

Mr. A. M. King in the Chair.

The Secretary proceeded to open the several trunks  
which had been forwarded for printing the 500 copies  
of the Annual Report adopted at the General Meeting  
of the Members held Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> 1849 which was moved by  
Mr. Dow seconded by Mr. Barwick and carried.

"That the Organ Office tendered for printing the required  
number of copies of the Report for the year 1849, he accepted  
it being the most eligible tender.

Amount of Income - 500 copies - £ 5.5.0

Moved by Mr. Cooper

Seconded by Mr. Barwick and carried.

"That all the members of the  
Institution be supplied with one copy of the Rules gratis  
and all extra Members who charge sixpence per copy.

The Secretary was instructed to convene the Special Meeting  
for the transaction of the following business at 7 o'clock on  
Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> inst.

To consider the expediency of changing the hour of Committee Meetings  
from 4 o'clock P.M. to 7 o'clock P.M.

To receive certain proposals for the improvement of the approach  
to the Institution

To consider an application from Mr. Jennings the Solicitor  
for the Deed of Association.

To appoint a Lecture Committee - Library Committee  
and to receive on such Periodicals and newspapers as may be  
deemed necessary for the Reading Room

The following were admitted members of the Institution  
viz. Thos. P. Law, Mr. Child, Mr. Minburn.

J. C. King  
Secretary

The Meeting then separated.



February 19<sup>th</sup> 1830.  
Special meeting of the Committee of Managers  
Present: Messrs King, Stoughton, Brunswick  
Patterson, Dow, D. Black, Cooper, Cook, Polking,  
M. Anthon, May, Craig.

D. Black in the Chair.

The Minutes appointed, the present Special  
Meeting having been read - in conformity thereto  
the following resolution was moved by

M. Patterson

Seconded by M. Dow - and carried.

"That the future Meetings of the  
Committee be held at 8 o'clock on Wednesdays  
instead of 4 o'clock as heretofore -

A Letter was read from Mr. Jennings requesting to  
be furnished with certain documents belonging to the  
Institution for the purpose of making out a catalogue  
of certain property purchased of the Trustees since their  
secession it was moved by M. Anthon

seconded by M. Cooper and carried. That the doct.  
do write a letter to Mr. Montgomery stating that the  
Committee have been glad to understand that he  
has retired from business with the intention of residing  
in the Country and requesting to know whether or not  
they have been earnestly recommended in the event of such  
being the case the Committee will require to appoint  
another suitable person to act for the Institution.

Moved by M. Anthon

Seconded by M. Stoughton. and carried.

"That Messrs Dow, King, Polking Cook  
of Brunswick be a sub-committee to prepare a  
plan and estimate for the repair work and steps  
to be erected in front of the Institution.

Moved by M. Cook

Seconded by M. Cooper and carried. That Messrs  
Patterson, Garrison, Polking and May be a Library  
Committee three to form a quorum.

Change in the hours of  
Committee Meeting.  
P. S.

Library Committee

Moved by M. Anthon  
Seconded by M. Stoughton and carried.  
"That Messrs Dow, King, Polking  
Cook and Brunswick be a sub-Committee to prepare  
a plan and estimate of the repair work and steps to be  
erected in front of the Institution.

Moved by M. Stoughton

Lecture Comm<sup>ee</sup>

Seconded by M. May and carried. That Messrs M. Anthon  
D. Black, Craig, Brunswick and M. King be appointed  
a Lecture Committee for the current year.

A Letter was read from Mr. Reid to Polking stating that  
he was willing to deliver 8 lectures before the members of  
the Institution.

Moved by M. Stoughton

Seconded by M. Anthon - and carried.

"That the thanks of the Committee  
be given to the Rev. W. Polking for his generous offer  
of giving a series of Lectures at the Mechanics Institute  
and that the Secretary be requested to notify the same to  
Mr. Westbourne"

Moved by M. Anthon

Seconded by D. Black. "That the List of Newspapers  
and Periodicals adopted with the Annual Report, at the  
Annual general meeting be continued for the current year  
upon the foregoing motion the following Resolutions were  
put and carried - moved by M. Cooper

Seconded by M. Patterson.

"That the several Newspapers and Periodicals be read  
over - received in acct. of the Institution and any attention  
be introduced considered necessary.

In the second Messrs Cooper, Patterson, Craig, Brunswick, Polking  
The Committee then proceeded to give notice to the continuation  
of the Newspapers to which the following list was adopted.

- Periodicals -
- North British Review
  - Quarterly Review
  - Edinburgh Mag.
  - Blackwood's Ed.
  - Bentley's Miscellany
  - Colburn's Mag
  - United Service M.
  - Dublin University M.
  - Chambers Journal

Peoples Journal. New Army list Glasgow. Mech. Amis Mag.  
 Mechanics Mag. Mrs. May's do  
 Tait's Mag. Art Union Journal  
 Pharmaceutical Journal Sydney. Linguistic Mag.  
 Journal Amal. Nat. Hist. and Engineries Journal.

Newspapers -

London Times	Banner of Ulster
British Banner	Southern Reporter
Non-Conformist	Scottish Newspaper
Bells Life in London	Illustrated London News
Liverpool Albion	Punch, Atlas, Spectator
Glasgow Herald	Examiner
Scotsman	Economist
Edinburgh Witness	Athenaeum
Dublin Freeman & Mail	Lancet
Post.	Law Times, Builder

Mr. Colclough's resignation

At the close of the Meeting Mr. Cooper tendered his resignation owing to his inability to attend during the evening on Committee - Resignation under the circumstances accepted

The Meeting then separated.

*James Anthony*  
 Chairman

At a meeting held the 4<sup>th</sup> 1854.  
 Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management,  
 Present Messrs. Down, King, St. Andrew, Cook, Dow-  
 King, Parrish, Peterson, Edwards, J. Black and  
 Gray

Mr. St. Andrew, Chairman.

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

A letter was read from His Honor the Superintendent stating that he had placed the sum of £150 upon the estimate in aid of the Institution as heretofore for the year 1854 and that the vote for 1855 of the same amount was now at the disposal of the Committee of Management for the current year.

Upon the application being made for the sum of £52 to be remitted to the London Agent on acct. of Newspapers and Periodicals, it was moved by Mr. St. Andrew seconded by Mr. Parrish and carried "That Messrs. Down, King and Gray be appointed severally to enquire upon the most economical and expeditious mode of supplying the Reading Rooms with Newspapers and Periodicals and to report thereon to the General Committee on Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup> current - O

The following accounts were then duly passed -  
 Agents Office 3.19. Receipts 8.6.8. 1854. 1.11.4. Petty Cash 4.15.8. Grants Office 4.0.0. House do. 1.15.6. Daily News 6/6

A Presentation was made to the Institution of the new coin called a florin by Mr. E. W. Parrish.

The following Gentlemen were duly elected Members of the Institution viz. Messrs. G. Milne Thang, Laird, Robertson - Henry Johnston & J. Bonneton.

The following Resolution moved by Mr. Down, and seconded by Mr. Parrish, and carried. "That the resolution of Committee Meeting previous the Committee Meeting the first Monday in every month be rescinded and that the Secretary do convene the Meetings for the future, upon the second Tuesday in every month unless notice be given by the Committee to the contrary - The Meeting then separating

Minutes of the day of Committee Meeting previous the Committee Meeting

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James Anthony  
 Chairman

March 14<sup>th</sup> 1850.

Special Meeting of the Committee of Management  
Present Messrs. Patterson, Knay, D. Black, Dow  
Craig, Barwick, Edwards & Cook.  
D. Black in the Chair.

The Chairman stated that the present Meeting had  
been convened for the purpose of receiving the Report  
of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the best  
mode of securing Newspapers and Periodicals for the  
Reading Room - whether it should be advisable  
to order the same through an Agent in Melbourne or  
continue the London Agency as heretofore, when it was  
moved by Mr. Black  
Seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried.

That Mr. Dalton our  
Agent in London be instructed to forward by every  
opportunity of Ship coming direct to this port the papers  
and Periodicals ordered for the use of the members of  
the Institution and that the same be forwarded in a box  
addressed to the Secretary, accompanied by a bill of lading  
in duplicate sending one copy by post, by the same vessel  
as parcel and the other copy by the next vessel, this change  
being rendered necessary by a late post office act.

The Meeting then separated.

J. W. A. Henry  
Chairman

April 9<sup>th</sup> 1850.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management  
Present Messrs. Knay, Knay, Patterson, Barwick,  
Knay, W. Cuthbert, Hodgson, Cook, Dow, Kerr, Pullings  
& Edwards

W. Cuthbert W. P. in the Chair.

The minutes of the former Meeting having been read  
and confirmed

The Honorary Secretary proceeded to open the several  
Letters which had been forwarded for binding the books  
of the Library attached to the Institution. when it was  
Resolved that the volume of Mr. Dickens be accepted it being  
the most eligible volume - viz. one Shilling and two pence per  
vol. including Newspapers -

The Hon. Secretary proceeded to read over the several names  
of Gentlemen who had become defaulters and received themselves  
liable to the loss of the Privileges of membership, those out  
of their respective subscriptions not having been paid by the  
31<sup>st</sup> of March, in terms of the rules of the Society.

It was moved by Mr. Kerr  
Seconded by Mr. Hodgson and carried that those Gentlemen  
whose subscription fees are not paid according to the  
rules of this Institution do cease to be members - save to  
resolution having reference only to Town residents. We think  
to be allowed extra for residents in the Bush -  
Seconded by Mr. Kerr

Seconded by Mr. Patterson and carried. That the sum of Fifty  
three Pounds be appropriated from the funds of the Institution  
in payment of the Newspapers and Periodicals required for  
the Reading Room.

The Chairman having stated that Mr. Simpson the  
President would recommend the Savings Bank to receive  
the sum of £200 in part payment of the Month's  
debt of 200 - The Committee authorized the payment  
of the same in the name of the Trustees of the Savings  
Bank agreeing to accept the same.

Mr. John Smith was duly elected a Member of the  
Committee of Management in the place of Mr. Cooper

The following accounts were duly passed and payments authorized. viz.

Goods £ 1. 3. 6	MacKilloch	0. 6. 6
Fresh m. 9. 0. 0	Guthrie	6. 6
Augustine 7. 3. 0	Haycraft	8. 6. 8
Boys' outfit 1. 15. 7	Shields	1. 10. 4
Books 7. 9. 6	Saving Bank interest	32. 0. 0

The following donations were made to the Institution Wakefield's Colonization from the Author. (See also from Sample of Sheep (per Dr. Lang) grown by Capt. Dizon & V. D. Land.

The undersigned Gentlemen were duly elected Members of the Institution viz. Messrs. C. Hutton, J. Cunningham, B. Simble, W. Hutton, C. H. Hutton, W. M. Duran, J. Williamson, Adam Taylor, J. Reed.

The meeting then separated.

J. C. Anthony  
Chairman & Vice President

May the 11<sup>th</sup> 1858.

At a meeting of the Committee of Management, Present Messrs. J. Black, Martin, Barwick, Smith, Edwards, Dow, King, Rollings, Peterson, Morrison, Kerr and King.

M. M. Anthony in the Chair.

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

The Committee proceeded to examine the designs sent in for the erection of the new wall and flight of steps in front of the Institution when it was moved by Mr. Kerr.

Seconded by Mr. Barwick and carried.

"That the design proposed by Mr. Martin be adopted with the exception that the flight of steps be of the full width and of equal depth, and that the iron railing proposed be dispensed with for the present.

Upon the foregoing resolution being put to the meeting, an amendment was moved by Mr. King, and seconded by Mr. Barwick and Mr. Hutton and lost. to the effect "that a stout or level wall be adopted instead of the one proposed."

Moved by Mr. Kerr

Seconded by J. Black and carried.

That tender be called for in conformity with the plan adopted and the specification to be proposed by Mr. Martin, such tender to be lodged with the Secretary on or before 12 o'clock on the 30<sup>th</sup> inst.

Moved by Mr. King

Seconded by J. Black and carried.

That a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. D. Murray, Barwick, Barwick and Cook be appointed to open the tenders and enter into a contract for the erection of the new wall, according to the plan now approved at an expense not exceeding twenty pounds - Fifty pounds thereof being taken from the amount appropriated for such purposes - Twenty pounds from the reserve fund.

A doubt having arisen upon the adoption of the foregoing resolutions as to the interpretation of Rule 30 it was determined that whenever a distinct and specific instruction are given to any



seconded by Mr. Craig and carried. That Messrs Barwick  
Craig, and Warrington, be a sub-committee to report,  
1. Whether it be necessary for the purposes of the Institution  
to have a road from Little Collins Street.

2. Whether the work now in progress is being done in a proper  
manner.

3. To see that the work be completed in the best manner  
with a view regard to economy and after to pay the basis  
proportion due by the Institution and exceeding in amount £5.

The following accounts were duly passed and allowed. The said

Mr. A. Mendenhall - 1. 10. 0 Society News Mr. 1. 6. 0

Secretary - 0. 6. 0 Fire Wood - 7. 10. 0

General Office - 2. 5. 6 Petty Cash - 1. 11. 3.

The undersigned Gentlemen were then elected Members  
of the Institution Mr. G. L. H. Blake, J. Sargent, J. Patterson  
John Black, W. P. Disher, Geo. Bruce, Chas. Ridgeway, J. Lindsay  
F. W. G. P. Sutherland, W. J. Rowland -

The following notice of Motion was then handed in by  
Mr. Patterson - "That notice be given to the Corporation that  
the Room at present occupied by the Town Council be secured  
will be required for the purposes of the Institution, after the  
expiration of the present year, but that another room of the  
building will be given instead."

The Meeting then separated.

John Hodgson  
Chairman July 9/507

July 9<sup>th</sup> 1850.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management,  
Present Messrs Hodgson, Craig, Patterson, Smith, Edwards, Crook,  
Barwick, Rowlands, King, Dow, & Mr. Sutherland.  
Mr. Hodgson in the chair.

The Minutes of the former Meeting having been read and  
confirmed a letter was read from the Salford Unity Total Abstinence  
Society applying for the use of the Lecture Hall for the purpose of  
holding meetings therein. Which it was moved by Mr. Patterson and  
seconded by Mr. Edwards - "That the room be let to the Salford  
Unity Total Abstinence Society for three months at the rate of  
Twenty Pounds per annum to be paid in advance."

An application was also made by Mr. Henry Miller for the use  
of the Hall who had a preliminary Meeting of the Building Society  
therein granted.

The following Report was then read from the sub-committee appointed  
to report upon the condition of the Lane in the rear of the premises  
Gentlemen. The sub-committee appointed at the June meeting to  
inspect the Lane at the rear of the Institution and to report on the  
of the Institution bearing part of the expenses incurred in repairing the  
same. Your Committee therefore having examined the Lane, do not  
feel justified in recommending that the Institution should bear any part  
of the said expenses for the following reasons. 1<sup>st</sup> it appearing to them  
that the Lane does not take a proper direction being very much curved  
and leading direct to Mr. Crook's Gate leaving a deep gutter to cross in  
approaching the Institution which even at the present time is almost  
quite impassable. 2<sup>nd</sup> in the opinion of your Committee the descent  
ought to have been of an even gradient from the top to Little Collins Street  
whereas it is much embanked leaving a rapid fall for the water at one  
end and very little at the other.

Lastly it appearing to your Committee that some encroachments  
must have been made owing to the curved appearance of the Lane  
and they would recommend that the plan of the subdivision of the Ground  
should be produced in order to remedy the same if necessary before  
going to any other expense.

Signed James Barwick  
W. Robinson  
Henry Craig.

The Reading Room Sub-Committee then reported  
"that they had in accordance with the discretion confided to  
them, expended the following sums during the past month which  
they consider will be found useful and convenient to the  
Students - namely - 1 Table, 2 box des - Springs & pairs of  
knuffers and bay, nails, and bracket springs and repairing  
lock.

Signed John Edwards  
John Smith.  
L. Cook.

Approved by Committee upon the Motion of Mr. M. Doutham.  
Mr. Patterson the moved in pursuance of his Notice of Motion.  
"that notice be given to the Corporation that the rooms at present  
occupied by their Treasurer will be required for the purposes  
of the Institution after the expiration of the present term  
and that another room of the building will be given instead  
upon the foregoing resolution being put to the Meeting  
Mr. M. Doutham moved as an Amendment

Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.  
That no intimation be made to the Town Council  
and that the resolution proposed by Mr. Patterson  
be taken into consideration, if requested at another meeting.  
Moved by Mr. M. Doutham seconded by Mr. Patterson and  
carried. That Mr. J. S. Warwick Smith and Mrs. be  
a sub Committee to assess further repairs upon the  
repair in the rear of the Institution.

The following accounts were then passed Thomas Cook  
£ 6. Books £ 14. Books 11. 3. 5. Repair of house £ 6. 10. 0  
Grogg £ 1. Table 1. 10. Copyright Salary £ 6. 8. Provided 1. 10. 4  
Petty cash £ 2. 8. Johnson 1. 12. 0. Progress of Mr. Ferris 1. 18.  
The Government and Postmen's sum duly elected Members  
of the Institution viz. Messrs J. M. Wilson, Mr. Donald  
L. Musher, J. M. Moberly, Henry Cooke, G. J. Mitchell, C.  
W. R. Hackett, J. Ham, J. P. Day, W. Cousins, W. Whitton,  
G. Matthews, H. Cairn, Mr. Whitte, Leslie J. Montague,  
E. B. McLaughlin, J. P. Dickson, H. D. Cuffell -

The Meeting then separated.  
I Certify  
J. M. Wilson

August 7<sup>th</sup> 1850.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management  
Present Mr. J. R. Barr, C. W. Smith, H. J. King, J. H. Johnson,  
J. W. King, J. H. Williams, J. H. Edwards, J. S. Warwick  
Mr. M. Doutham in the Chair.

The Minutes of the former meeting having been read and  
confirmed the following Report was read  
"The report of the Sub-Committee with reference to the claim of Mr. Cook  
for repairing the Lane leading from Little Collins Street to the Mechanics  
Institution.

"The Committee have examined the plan of subdivision of the  
various allotments sold by the Institution in 1846, and they find the widths  
of 12 and 24 feet wide apart.  
On considering the whole matter carefully the Sub-Committee recommended  
that the sum of Four Pounds be paid to Mr. Cook on his changing the  
gutter to the line marked with a space by the Committee and widening  
the road-way entrance or gateway to Institution yard about 6 ft., well  
conveying it with at least 6 inches of metal.

Signed J. H. King  
James Warwick  
Robert King.

Moved by Mr. King  
Seconded by Mr. H. J. King. "That the sum of £ 4 be paid to Mr. Cook  
according to the recommendation of the Sub-Committee to be taken as above.

A Letter was then read from the Reading Society  
requesting to rent the Hall for the purpose of holding their next meeting  
Messrs G. M. King  
Seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried. That the use of the Hall be granted  
for the purpose desired at the rate of £ 15 per annum.  
Instructions were then given to request to the Government Postage Stamp  
to the amount necessary to secure the receipt of Government Grants.  
The following accounts were ordered to be paid. Cooper £ 2. 1. 0.  
Mr. Cambie £ 2. 4. 0. Wages £ 2. 14. 6. Provided £ 1. 11. 6. Expended £ 8. 6. 0  
Petty cash £ 1. 12. 11. Walker £ 11. 0. 0

The following donations were then made Mr. Pating, J. H. King's works  
and Life of Johnson. Rev. J. Morrison. Copy of thorough bag  
J. Patterson  
1462 1661





September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1850.

Special Meeting of the Committee of Management.  
Present. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Craig, Smith, Rollings, D. Black, Hodgson  
M. Curthwaite, Wm Patterson, Warwick Crook.

M. M. Curthwaite, V.P. in the Chair.

The Minutes having been read at the request of the  
Chairman upon which the present meeting had been convened  
It was moved by Wm Patterson

Seconded by Mr Crook. That a sub-committee  
consisting of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Smith, Crook, Wm and the Honorary  
Secretary be appointed for the purpose of enquiring into  
the expediency of enlarging the Building of the Mechanics  
Institution according to the original plan and to report to the  
General Committee as to the probable expense of the same  
Upon the foregoing resolution being put to the Meeting an  
amendment moved by D. Black. Seconded by M. Hodgson  
as follows was put to the meeting and lost, on a division  
the original Motion being carried.

"That the appointment of a sub-committee to take  
into consideration the extension of the Building is  
unexpedient & unnecessary so that the motion on the  
Books be taken into consideration this day six months.

The unmentioned Gentlemen were admitted as  
Members. M. Logan, C. M. Smith, A. Reid, C. Brown  
& A. H. Hart.

The Meeting then separated.

M. Curthwaite

October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1850.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.  
Present. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Edwards Craig, Marton, Patterson, Rollings  
Dow & Murray

M. Craig in the Chair.

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

A Letter was read from Mr Gibson proposing to deliver  
certain Lectures upon terms set forth in the letter.

- Letter referred to the Lectures Committee for consideration.  
A Letter was likewise read from Mr. Prank proposing  
to establish a German class in connection with the  
Institution. was referred to the Class Committee.

Moved by Mr. Patterson

Seconded by Mr. Marton and carried. That in conform-  
-mity with a resolution of committee of September  
6<sup>th</sup> Mess<sup>rs</sup> Marton Dow, Wm Patterson and first  
he appointed a sub-committee for the direction  
of Classes in connection with this Institution.

The sum of Two Pounds ten shillings were voted  
towards defraying the expenses of Separation repairs  
by illuminating the Institution with lamps & candles.

The following accounts were then allowed to be paid

Prayer Book £8. 6d. Moulded 1. 10. 4. Firewood 2. 10.  
Book 6. 10. 6. Oct Union 2. 2. Interest on Mortgage  
24. 10. 0. Jackson Rae and Co 7. 17. 6. Cunniff 3. 5. 6.  
Insurance 5. 10. 0. Chairs 2. 2. 0. Rally cash 2. 9. 5.  
Walker 10. 0. 0. Goodell 1. 6. 9. Gazette 2. 10. 0. Agnes  
2. 10. 0.

A Donation was made of a copy of the Melbourne  
Cooperation Act by Mr J. L. King.

The unmentioned Gent<sup>l</sup> were admitted Members  
of the Institution. Mess<sup>rs</sup> W. Hawkins, C. W. Rowling,  
J. H. Harris, Chas Brodie & Geo Crisp

The Meeting then Separated.  
D. W. Sturtevant  
V.P.

December 11<sup>th</sup> 1856  
Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.  
Present Messrs. M. (in the Chair), Kerr, King, Cook, Patterson,  
Dow, Smith, King, Warwick & Cois.  
Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Amstutz V. P. in the Chair.

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

A letter was read from Mr. Harcourt applying on the  
behalf of the Wesleyan Bazaar Committee for the use of the  
lecture hall for the purpose of holding a Bazaar there -  
Moved by Mr. King

Seconded by Mr. Patterson and carried.  
That the application of Mr. Harcourt be acceded to.

A letter was read from Messrs. Langlands and Langland  
applying for the use of the hall every Sabbath upon the  
same terms as it was held by the Rev. W<sup>m</sup> Barnes.

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

That the use of the Lecture Hall be granted to Mr. Scott  
for evening and evening services on Sundays for three months  
at the rate of twenty pounds per annum but in the event of the  
Room being wanted for a Sunday School on extra charge of  
Ten Pounds be made as was done in the case of the Free Church  
while the Hall was rented by Mr. Fisher.

A letter was likewise read from Mr. Row proposing to contract  
a hall on upon certain conditions for the Institution -

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

That the Secretary be requested to state the Mr. Row in reply to  
his letter that the Committee regret that his proposal does not  
come within the legitimate scope of the operations of the  
Society.

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

That the arrangement entered into with Mr. Smith by  
the Secretary for the use of the Lecture Hall be confirmed.

A letter was also laid before the Meeting from Mr. Gibbons  
applying for "expenses incurred by him at his Lectures delivered  
 lately before the Members of the Institution -

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

That Mr. Gibbons be informed in reply to his letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> of  
last month that the offer to deliver the Lectures referred to was a  
voluntary one on his part, and was unaccompanied with any  
intimation that the Institution would be expected to incur any  
outlay in the matter, beyond the customary charges for lecturing,  
and that the Committee cannot therefore consider that Mr. Gibbons  
has any just claim on them for the expenses incurred without  
their knowledge or sanction.

The following Resolution <sup>was</sup> Moved by Mr. Kerr seconded by  
Mr. Patterson carried "That Messrs. Dow & Warwick report  
to the next meeting the expenses of printing for the front  
wall of the Institution

Moved by Mr. Patterson seconded by Mr. King and carried  
"That the Committee of the Instrumental Music Class be  
required to collect and hand over to the Treasurer of the  
Institution the sums of money subscribed for the purchase  
of the Piano purchased by them, and to furnish to the next  
Monthly Meeting of this Committee a statement of their present  
prospects or plans for the liquidation of their debt to the funds  
of the Institution"

Moved by Mr. Warwick seconded by Mr. Dow and carried  
"That Messrs. M. Amstutz, Kerr, & King, be appointed as  
a sub-committee for the purpose of drawing up the Annual  
report for the past year -

The following Resolutions were then duly passed. Resolved That  
Messrs. D. C. D. Bay. 1. 11. to Postages. 1. 19. 1. at 17. 6.  
unexpended for illumination to 14. 6.

The undermentioned were duly admitted Members of the  
Institution Messrs. D. Bradshaw, W. Hill, A. Thompson,  
C. Brown, R. Wooley, G. Sillwood, J. Gardner, G. Haskeo,  
G. Jenkins, J. Hunt. - Martin, J. James, Seales, G.  
Austin, D. Harrison, W. E. Carr, J. Wilkie, M. G. Shea.

Music Class

The Meeting then separated  
D. C. D. Bay