

21<sup>st</sup> January 1832

At a Meeting of the Committee of Management of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution,

Present Messrs Barwick, Craig, Edwards, Hunter, McArthur, T. Farrell, Paterson, Rollings and Wharton.

Mr Craig Chairman

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

The Notice of Motion placed on the books by Mr Paterson, at the last Meeting was read, it was then

Moved by Mr Paterson

Seconded by Mr Wharton } And carried

\* That the Secretary be instructed to give due notice to the Corporation that after the termination of the current term, the rent will be increased to £125.

The Secretary then informed the meeting that the 1/2 year of the Corporation's tenancy terminates on the 12<sup>th</sup> inst, anticipating the passing of the above resolution, he had written to the Town Clerk on the 8<sup>th</sup> inst, a copy of which letter having been read, he had to state that the Corporation had acceded to the request of the Committee.

The Annual Report, as drawn up by the sub-committee, was then read, when after certain alterations it was

Moved by Mr McArthur

Seconded by Dr Hunter } And carried

"That the <sup>Report</sup> now read as amended be received and adopted."

A Letter was read from Mr Gouge resigning his office as a member of Committee.

On a verbal application from Mr Messow to be allowed the use of the Lecture Hall for £1.1. instead of £2.2. the present rental, it was

Moved by Mr Edwards

Seconded by Mr Barwick } And carried

"That the sum of £2.2. be charged Mr Messow for the use of the Lecture Hall." - as an amendment, it was

Moved by Mr Rollings

Seconded by Dr Hunter } And carried

"That Mr Messow be allowed the use of the Lecture Hall for £1.1. per night" which being put was lost.

The following Gentlemen were then duly elected Members of the Mechanics Institution viz - Messrs W. A. Farr, Edw. Burke, A. Rice, R. Davidson, R. Davidson, Gilbert Sheridan, Tho. Leatwick and W. Caird... 8.

The Meeting then separated

27<sup>th</sup> January 1852

Annual General Meeting of the Members  
of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution

D. C. M. Arthur Esq. President

The Chairman having read the advertisement  
concerning the Meeting called on the Secretary  
to read the Report.

The Report having been read. The President  
stated that he had to congratulate the Members  
on the very favourable Report they had just  
heard, which was so full in itself, that very  
few words were necessary from him. An explanation  
of the increased outlay, referred to, he might however  
explain that the additional expenditure for the  
current year was principally occasioned by an  
addition of £50 which it was proposed to make  
to the salary of the Secretary, an addition the  
Committee conceived not only, Mr Roycraft's  
zeal and attention in the performance of his  
duties entitled him to, but the additional  
expense of living occasioned by the late Gold  
discoveries rendered necessary as an act of justice  
and the Committee do not contemplate any objection  
on the part of the Members to the increase proposed.

The President had also to congratulate  
the Members on the success of the application of the  
Committee to the Government for a Grant of  
£500. towards the erection of an Amphitheatre on  
Lectur Hall, and although the Committee cannot  
hope in the present state of the Labor Market to  
be enabled to now proceed with the Building, the  
Members may rest assured that no time will be  
lost in proceeding with a work so much required  
as when this addition will be completed the Institution  
would possess a spacious Hall in which to hold  
its Lectures and Classes, and the present room would

be appropriated to its original purpose, a Museum.  
The cost of meeting this addition it was  
estimated would amount to £1000 -

of this sum there has been already  
subscribed by the Members - £300 -  
which with the Government Grant - 500 -  
would leave a deficiency of £200 -  
to be raised, and the President would now offer  
to such of the Members present who had not subscribed  
to come forward and give donations, and he would  
urge on the Members generally the necessity of using  
their influence with the Public to assist in carrying  
out so necessary and desirable an object.

The President concluded his address by  
stating that he was quite prepared and would be  
happy to furnish any of the Members with any  
further information they might be desirous of having  
with reference to the Report or to the past or contemp-  
-tated proceedings of the Institution.

It was then Moved by Mr Lamour

Seconded by Mr Young  
"That the Report now read be adopted."

as an amendment it was.

Moved by Mr Keales

Seconded by D. Hunter and carried

"That an abstract of the accounts of the  
Music Class Committee be appended to the Report  
now read, and that the Report be then approved of and  
adopted."

It was also agreed that a sufficient  
number of copies of the Report be printed for circulation  
among the Members of the Institution.

The Election of Officers bearing for the ensuing  
year was then proceeded with. It was

Moved by Mr Keales

Seconded by Mr Young and carried

"That D. C. M. Arthur Esq. be elected  
President of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution  
for the year 1852"



Moved by Mr Sammons }  
Seconded by Mr Watson } and carried  
"That C. A. Gilbert Esq. be elected vice  
President for the ensuing year."

Moved by Mr Durk }  
Seconded by Mr Watson } and carried  
"That Mr Black, J. S. Forston and  
R Langlands Esq. be elected Trustees of the Melbourne  
Mechanics Institution for the year 1852."

Moved by Mr Courtney }  
Seconded by Mr Young } and carried  
"That Shew Craig Esq. be elected  
Treasurer of the Mechanics Institution for the  
ensuing year."

Moved by Mr Fin }  
Seconded by Mr Meales } and carried  
"That Messrs C. C. Dism and Samuel  
Thorp be elected Auditors of the Melbourne Mechanics  
Institution for the year 1852."

The election of Curators was next proceeded with  
it was

Moved by Mr Kerr }  
Seconded by Mr Wharton } and carried  
"That the following Gentlemen be elected  
Curators for the ensuing year viz  
Mr W. Shutt :- Fine arts

A. D. Greaves Esq. :- Geology and Mineralogy

G. Howitt Esq. M.D. :- Entomology and Botany

Dr. A. Morrison :- Chemical and Philosophical Department

Mr J. Paterson :- Antiquarian and Miscellaneous Department

Mr. Shutt The election of the Members of Committee  
was then proceeded with, the retiring Members were,  
Messrs Crook, Dow, George, Kerr, Know, Rollings,  
and Mr. Farlane, the Gentlemen declared to be  
elected in their places were Messrs. J. T. Beckett  
H. C. Hart, R. Meales, Mr Kerr (re-elected) W. Rollings  
(re-elected), W. Watson, D. Young.

A vote of thanks having been presented to  
D. C. McArthur Esq. for his conduct as Chairman the  
meeting separated.

Dis. McArthur

9<sup>th</sup> February 1852

At a Meeting of the Committee of Management  
of the Melbourne Mechanics' Institution

Present Messrs. A. Beckett, Edward, Hart  
Meales, Hood, Kerr, McArthur, O'Hanell, Paterson  
Rollings, Watson, Wharton and Young,

J. C. McArthur Esq. Chairman

The Minutes of the General Meeting  
having been read and confirmed, it was,  
Moved by Mr Beckett }

Seconded by Mr Meales } and carried  
"That all future meetings of the  
Committee, the Minutes of the proceedings shall  
be confined to the entry of the Resolutions, that shall  
be carried at each meeting."

The following protest to the above Resolutions was  
then moved by Mr Kerr Esq. viz

I protest against this resolution on the ground  
that the Minutes of any Meeting should be a true  
Record of the business done at such Meeting, which  
Minutes made in accordance with this resolution  
cannot be used much as they will show only the  
acts of the Majority, and will not show what was  
negatived as well as what was carried. Mr Kerr

Moved by Mr Hood }  
Seconded by Mr Wharton } and carried  
"That the President, Messrs A. Beckett  
Kerr Paterson and Watson be appointed a sub-Committee  
to revise the Laws and Regulations of the Melbourne  
Mechanics' Institution."

It was agreed that the election of the  
various sub-Committees should be by Ballot,  
the President Mr Edward and the Secretary were appointed  
Secretaries,

On the Lecture Committee:- The following Gentlemen were declared duly elected - viz Messrs A B Kell, Neales, Hunter Watson and Young.

On the Library Committee:- The following Gentlemen were declared duly elected, viz Messrs Kerr, O'Connell, Paterson, Rollings and Wharton.

On the Music Class Committee:- The following Gentlemen were declared duly elected viz: Messrs Neales, Hart, Neales, Wood, O'Connell, Paterson, Rollings, Wharton and Young.

The Abstracts of the Treasurers accounts with the Music class, was then read when it was

Moved by Mr Neales &  
Seconded by Mr Watson & And carried

"That the abstract of the Treasurers accounts with the Music class as now read be appended to the accounts of the Institution in the report to be published."

Moved by Mr O'Connell &  
Seconded by Mr Wharton & And carried

"That three Members of any sub-committee of this Institution form a quorum for the transaction of all business."

A Letter from the Town Clerk in reply to one from this Committee of the 9<sup>th</sup> ultimo was read, when it was

Moved by Mr Young &  
Seconded by Mr Watson & And carried

"That the Committee agree to the proposition of the City Council contained in their letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February as to occupation and rent of the premises they occupy belonging to the Institution."

Mr Daltons letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> of October was read and referred to the Library Committee

A Letter was also read from Mr Henry requesting the use of the Lecture Hall for the purpose of giving a concert therein. When it was

Moved by Mr O'Connell &  
Seconded by Mr Edward & And carried

"That the application of Mr Henry be acceded to at the usual terms £2.2 per night"

Moved by Mr O'Connell &  
Seconded by Mr Kerr & And carried

That £100 be paid the Savings Bank towards the liquidation of the debts

Moved by Mr Kerr &  
Seconded by Mr Neales & And carried

"That the funds for printing the Annual Report be referred to the Library Committee"

It was agreed that no increase should be made to the boys salary

The following accounts were then passed and orders to be paid, viz  
Argus office £1.8 - Book Binding £1.19.4  
Petty cash £1.1 - Messrs Wood & Lewis 18/1 - Post office £1.1  
Daily News £4.6.6 - Savings Bank £100. - W Royce  
£12.10 - W Robins £2.5.6. - Total £125.9.5

The following Gentlemen were then duly elected Members of the Mechanics Institution, viz: W A Farn, Gethst Thomas, Geo Collins Levey, S A Dawson, C B Hall, 5

The Meeting then separated  
R. M. [unclear]  
Chairman

Three to  
be  
quorum of  
sub-  
committees.

1100



25<sup>th</sup> February 1852

At a Meeting of the Committee of Management of the Melbourne Mechanics' Institution.

Present, Messrs A Beckett, Craig, Edwards, Hart, Hailes, Heales, O'Farrell, Paterson, Rollings, and Wharton, Mr Craig Chairman.

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

The Minutes of the various sub Committees, viz the Music Class, Lecture and Library, were also read and approved of.

The following Gentlemen were then duly elected Members of the Melbourne Mechanics' Institution, viz Messrs John Conway, R Sweetman, Edw O'Keefe, Mas Miller, W<sup>m</sup> Conroy and J<sup>h</sup> Rawnsley. 6

The Resignation of the Secretary Mr W Roycraft, was then read by the Chairman, after certain questions having been proposed, and answered by him, it was

Moved by Mr Wharton & seconded by Mr Hailes & carried "That Mr Roycraft's Resignation be accepted."

Moved by Mr Paterson & seconded by Mr Heales & carried

"That in consideration of Mr Roycraft's interest and good manifested during his tenure of the office of Secretary, the gift of an Honorary Membership of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution be presented to him."

Mr Roycraft's Resignation

Moved by Mr Watson & seconded by Mr Wharton & carried "That the apparatus offered for purchase by Mr Wass, be not bought for this Institution. An advertisement calling for applications to fill the office of Secretary, to be forwarded over before the 1<sup>st</sup> of March next, as drawn up by Mr O'Farrell having been approved of the Meeting separated. *Wm Craig* Chairman.

March 6<sup>th</sup> 1852.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present - Messrs A Beckett, Craig, Hart, Heales, Hood, Hunter, Kerr, Mr Arthur, Morrison, O'Farrell, Rollings, Strutt, Watson, Wharton and Young.

Mr Craig, Chairman.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, a letter was read from Mr Watson, protesting against Mr Hunter's claim to a seat in the Committee of Management.

Mr Watson's Protest against Mr Hunter's claim.

Fifteen letters of application for the office of Secretary were then read, and the sense of the meeting having been taken by ballot, Mr James Paterson was declared duly elected.

Applications for Secretary Election of James Paterson

A letter was received from Mr Urquhart containing a list of Stereo Prints of Illustrious Characters, which he offered for purchase by the Committee. The consideration of the above letter was postponed till next meeting.

Letter from Mr Urquhart concerning Stereo Prints.



Notice of Motion by  
Mr. McArthur  
concerning Minutes  
of Meetings.

Mr. McArthur gave notice of Motion to the following effect,  
viz. "That the resolution arrived at, by the Meeting  
of Feb. the 9<sup>th</sup>, relative to the omission from the Minute  
Book of all the proceedings of Committee, saving the  
motions actually carried, — be rescinded, and that,  
as heretofore, the minutes contain a record of the full  
proceedings of each meeting."

Mr. Kern then entered the following  
Protest.

Mr. Kern's Protest

"The General Committee of Management having, at a  
meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 1852, negatived by a  
majority of seven votes to six, the following proposition  
brought forward by Mr. A. B. Watson — "That the ad-  
"interim election of Dr. Hunter by the Committee of 1851  
"not having been confirmed at the next following  
"General Meeting of the Society, Dr. Hunter is not a  
"member of the present Committee, Rule 32 not having  
"been complied with" — We, the undersigned, members  
of the Committee, protest against that decision, because  
we are of opinion.

1<sup>st</sup> That it is the indispensable right of every member of  
the Institution to insist upon strict adherence in any case  
to the Rules in force for the time being.

2<sup>nd</sup> That no General Meeting can confirm, or be held to  
have confirmed, a proceeding not brought under its  
notice, and the very existence of which is unknown  
to most of those present.

3<sup>rd</sup> That so far from Dr. Hunter's election having been  
mentioned at the General Meeting, as a matter requiring  
confirmation at that meeting, Dr. Hunter's name was  
distinctly read from the Chair as one of that body of the  
Committee, who were to continue in office as of right,  
during 1852: a circumstance calculated, although cer-  
tainly not intended, to divert attention from the fact  
that Dr. Hunter possessed no such right.

4<sup>th</sup> That power to elect members of the Managing  
Committee resides only in the General Meetings of the

Society, the Committee itself possessing a right merely  
to provisionally fill up any fortuitous vacancy, until  
the next General Meeting, but no right or power to con-  
tinue their nominees in office beyond the hour of that  
meeting, without then asking for and obtaining a  
confirmation of their choice.

5<sup>th</sup> That whether Dr. Hunter's election was or was not  
brought forward for confirmation at the General Meeting next  
following, his appointment is a question of fact, not of opinion,  
and the fact being notorious that a confirmation was not  
asked for, it is beyond the powers (*ultra vires*) of the Com-  
mittee to retain Dr. Hunter as a member without re-election.

6<sup>th</sup> That by the decision, as it appears to us, wrongfully  
arrived at, on the 6<sup>th</sup> March, the Committee has placed itself  
in a position which renders all its acts liable to be questioned,  
if not invalidated, so long as Dr. Hunter continues to be  
considered a member, a position highly injurious to the  
best interests of the Institution.

J. B. Watson  
W. Stuart.

Memphis  
Chairman

accounts passed. The following accounts were then passed, viz. Mr. Deacon,  
Books £7..0. Mr. Roycraft, salary £15..12..6. W. Robins,  
£2..5..6. Petty Cash £2

23<sup>rd</sup> March 1852.

Meeting of the General Committee of Management.

Present - Messrs. Craig, Hart, Strutt, Watson and Young.

Mr. Craig, Chairman.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Mr. Ungewant's letter containing a list of plaster busts offered for purchase by the Committee, was again read and considered, when it was

Moved by Mr. Watson, and carried, seconded by Mr. Hart

"That the Secretary be instructed to intimate to Mr. Ungewant the regret of the Committee that in the present state of the funds and accommodation of the Institution, they do not feel justified in acceding to his offer."

It was then Moved by Mr. Hart, and carried, seconded by Mr. Young

"That the consideration of Mr. W. A. Smith's Notice of Motion be postponed till the next meeting of Committee."

Dr. Hunter's Resignation. A letter was now read from Dr. Hunter resigning his seat as member of the general Committee.

On the Motion of Mr. Young, it was resolved: seconded by Mr. Watson.

"That the resignation of Dr. Hunter be accepted"

Mr. Hart next moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Strutt, and carried:

Chandelier "That the Secretary be empowered to procure an additional chandelier for the Lecture Room."

Notice was then given that the following gentlemen would be nominated for election, to supply the seat in Committee vacant by Dr. Hunter's resignation: viz.

Messrs. Knox, Blay,ripp, W. Kerr, Weaver, Ungewant, Frenchard, Mac, Russell, Vaughan, Willan and A. H. Hart.

The following gentlemen were duly admitted as members of the Institution. viz.

Messrs. Wm. Cochrane, Patriick Ansell, Henry Cooke, Watson, Blair, Richd. Wolfe, Alfred Bright, Robt. Brown, Ed. Wither, Geo. Hanson, David Moffatt, Geo. Barker, Benj. Romjau & Co. Baker, 14 in all.

Mr. Hart, Chairman

7<sup>th</sup> April, 1852.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present. - Messrs. Barwick, Heales, O'Farrell, Watson, Wharton, & Young.

Mr. Wharton, Chairman.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed: after which

Mr. Young Moved &

Mr. Barwick seconded

Minutes of Committee meetings to contain, entering in the Minutes, motions only that are carried, a full record of all he seconded, and that all business done at meetings of Committee be entered in the Minute Book." Carried.

Interest due to Savings Bank £ 19 .. 13 .. 0

Periodicals, &c from Slatten. The following letters were then read - viz. one from Mr. Smith, accountant, Savings Bank intimating that the amount of £19 .. 13 .. 0, was due on the 31<sup>st</sup> ultimo.

Mr. Corniche's offer to print for Institution. Also, a letter from Mr. Slatten, London, advising of 1 Case of Periodicals & Newspapers up to date Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> being shipped per California, accompanied by a Bill of Lading. Likewise a letter from Mr. Corniche enclosing his account for printing 400 copies of the Report for 1851, and stating his readiness to execute all the printing of the Institution, at a lower rate than any other house in town.

Mr. O'Farrell's resignation of Concert Com. Accepted. There was next read a letter from Mr. O'Farrell, resigning his place in the Concert Committee. His resignation was accepted on the Motion of Mr. Heales, seconded by Mr. Kerr.







Mechanics Institution.

This matter, on the motion of Mr. Heales, seconded by Mr. Barwick, was referred to the Library and Lecture Committees, which were appointed to meet on Monday evening for its consideration.

The following accounts were passed and ordered to be paid. Mr. Morris, Work done in 1851 £8..10  
Torrens Water for 1851. £4. Messrs. Montgomery, Carries for 1851 £16..2..8 Jackson Wax & Co. Candles for 1851, £10..5 Messrs. Thomas and Mathison, Sundries £1..2..6 Mr. Rogers, Books & Furniture £12..9..6 Mr. Kameber, Printing Reports £3..13..6 Mr. Kavanagh Advertising £3..5..3 Savings Bank, Interest £19..13..3 Mr. D. Lucas, Printing £1..19..5 Mr. Pearson, Binding £2..12..0 Petty Cash £4..5..5 Secretary's Salary £10..1..6 W. Robin's do. £2..5..6.

The following gentlemen were duly admitted Members of the Institution, J. Fisher, Donald Douglas W. L. Orr, Geo. A. Lorkman, Joseph Pasisto, W. Snowden, Thos. Forbes, Emanuel Salmon, Ed. Barnes, J. W. Hooper, Blacke, St. Bowie, Geo. Small & Henry Parker, also Mr. Walls of Brighton.

The meeting then separated.

Wm Craig  
Chairman

3<sup>rd</sup> May 1852.

Monthly Meeting of the General Committee.

Present:

Messrs. A. Beckett, Barwick, Gray, Craig, Heales, O'Sullivan, Urquhart, Watson & Wharton.

Mr. Craig, Chairman

The Minutes of the previous meeting having read and confirmed, a letter was received from Mr. Oswald, intimating that Committee of A. S. Building Society had agreed to the increased rate of rent for the large room, viz £10..10 per annum.

commencing from the 1<sup>st</sup> of May instant. A letter was then read from Mr. A. H. Hart, tendering the resignation of Mr. H. J. Hart's place in Committee, on which it <sup>was</sup> moved by Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Wharton, and carried.

"That Mr. Hart's resignation be accepted"

Another letter was read from the same gentleman submitting for the Committee's acceptance a Sonata of three of Beethoven's Overtures, arranged for a full Band, when it was moved by Mr. Heales seconded by Mr. A. Beckett, and carried.

"That the Secretary be desired to convey to Mr. Hart, the thanks of the Committee for his valuable donation"

After the consideration of a message from Mr. S. Brooke, complaining of the drainage of the Institution property, upon this ground, it was moved by Mr. A. Beckett, seconded by Mr. Barwick, and carried.

"That the Secretary be empowered to get the Spout on the west end of the building repaired or renewed as may be required"

It was also moved by Mr. Heales seconded by Mr. A. Beckett and carried.

"That Mr. Wharton and the Secretary be appointed to examine the state of the Building and the drainage of the premises and to report"

It having been stated that a communication from the Melbourne Literary Society, addressed to this Committee, had been for some time in the hands of Mr. McArthur, and that Mr. Gibbons, president of that society, was in attendance in the adjoining room, Mr. Heales moved and Mr. A. Beckett seconded.

"That although no document relative to the application of the M. L. Society is before the meeting, yet as an act of courtesy to the gentlemen connected with the above society, Mr. Gibbons be invited to explain to this meeting the nature and objects of their communication." carried

As it was found on inquiry that Mr. Gibbons had left the Library, the Committee proceeded to the next business, which was an application for the use of the Lecture Room for the purpose of holding a weekly Lesson

It was moved by Mr. A. Beckett seconded by Mr. Heales and carried

"That the application be refused and that this refusal be considered as definite instructions for the guidance of the Letting Committee in cases of similar application

It was now stated that several complaints had been made concerning Mr. Geo. Arden, who was in the habit of frequenting the Reading Room in an unseemly state of uncleanness, to the annoyance of other members. Mr. O'Farrell then moved and Mr. Barwick seconded:-

"That the Secretary intimate to Mr. Arden that such complaints have been made, and request his attention to personal cleanliness, when in future he frequents the Institution." carried.

Mr. Watson gave notice of his intention to move at next meeting, the following resolutions:-

1<sup>st</sup> "That the present Music Class (Concert) Committee be authorized and instructed to investigate and settle all claims which may be made against the Institution in consequence of the acts or engagements of any preceding Music Class Committee, and to release all the members from personal liabilities, upon their giving up to the present sub-committee all instruments and other property purchased by them for the use of the Music Class, and that the sub-committee report to the General Committee the amounts they shall have paid and the estimated value of the property received."

2<sup>nd</sup> "That whenever, at any meeting of a sub-committee, there shall not be present, 1/4 of an hour after the appointed time, a sufficient number (a quorum) for the dispatch of business, any members of the General Committee, who may be present shall be competent to act on the sub-committee for that occasion."

The following accounts were passed Sundries £5.8.3 Secretary's Salary for April £12.10 W. Chair's do. £2.5.6

The following gentlemen were admitted as members of the Institution, viz. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Mr. Brookes G. Robinson F. Simmett Mrs. Hall Geo. Lang M. H. Hickey Moses Kintel Chas. Spencer Edw. Macklock Mrs. G. Athey ... Henderson Jas. Hurlstone H. Lester D. Masson 14 in all.

The meeting separated  
M. Heales  
Chairman

May 17<sup>th</sup> 1852.

Half-Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management

Present:-

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Barwick, Gray, Craig, Heales, Unguard, Watson and Wharton.

Mr. Heales, Chairman

Roof of Building.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting having been confirmed, Mr. Wharton stated that in order to put the roof of the building in a proper state of repair, it would be needful to renew the gutters, the lead being completely worn out; but as he was not prepared to estimate the expense of the required improvement, the matter was deferred until next meeting, when a report of the necessary work & outlay would be submitted.

Literary Society

The Secretary now brought under consideration of the Committee, the following prospectus which had been issued by some individuals styling themselves



the Melbourne Literary Society, intimating to the public that an alliance had been effected between that Society and the Melbourne Mechanics Institution.

M. S. S.

## The Melbourne Literary Society.

Established, April, 1857.

For the mutual instruction and improvement of its members,

Has commenced its sittings for the Winter season, and, having formed an alliance with the Mechanics Institution, will hold its meetings in the Hall on each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

The objects of this Society are the encouragement of literary and scientific pursuits, and the provision of a means of conference between kindred spirits, whose aim is mental development. It will also provide rational recreation during the dreary Winter evenings for those who may not be qualified by education, nor impelled by inclination to immerse themselves in deep study. Social and political economy, more particularly as regards subjects of local interest, will be prominent objects for consideration. Lectures will occasionally be delivered on various popular scientific subjects, and essays and papers will be read by such of the members as are engaged in experiment and research.

All the members of the Mechanics Institution are eligible for admission on paying a nominal subscription and conforming to certain regulations.

The meetings will be held weekly, and the subjects for consideration announced a week in advance.

N.B. - Members of the Institution are admitted as visitors.

Application for admission to Mr. W. N. Bull, Elizabeth Street; Mr. Geo. Lewis, Medical Hall; or to the President at the Institution.

W. S. Gibbons,  
President.

Mr. Gibbons

invited

to

explain

Rules.

Rejected.

and

Music Class

affairs.

Constitution

of

Sub-Committees.

Mr. Gibbons, who was in attendance, on the invitation of the Committee entered the room and having given certain explanations and answered several questions put by the Chairman, retired, leaving a copy of the Regulations of the Melbourne Literary Society for the examination of Committee.

These being read Mr. Gray moved, and Mr. Watson seconded the following Resolution, which was carried:

"That this Committee do reject the proposal of the Melbourne Literary Society to form an alliance with the Melbourne Mechanics Institution as a Club, inasmuch as, from the Prospectus issued, and the Rules submitted to this Committee, it appears that such Society bears the character of a distinct Institution: that, independently of its being a debating Society, it is admitted that political controversy is an essential element in its constitution, and that, therefore, such a connexion as is now attempted to be formed, is not in accordance with the principles and Rules of this Institution."

Mr. Watson's first notice of motion, relative to the affairs of the Music Class, was next proposed and seconded by Mr. Wharton, but, on consideration was withdrawn and amended as follows: viz.

"That the present Music Class Committee be authorized and instructed to investigate all claims which now exist against the Institution in consequence of the acts or engagements of any preceding Music Class Committee, and to report to the General Committee."

The following motion was then proposed by Mr. Watson and seconded by Mr. Perwick viz.

That whenever at any meeting of a sub-committee, there shall not be present, one quarter of an hour after the appointed time, a sufficient number (in quorum) of the members of that sub-committee for the dispatch of business, any members of the General Committee who may be present, shall

be competent to act on the sub-Committee for that occasion."

Mr. Wharton moved as an amendment, and Mr. Urquhart seconded, the addition of the following words, viz.

"but shall have no vote on the arrival of the proper members of the sub-committee."

The amendment having been put to the meeting, was lost, and the original motion carried.

Mr. Wharton then moved, according to notice, and Mr. Watson seconded the following resolution, viz. —

"That Mr. H. H. Hart be appointed a member of the Committee of Management, in room of Mr. H. S. Hart, resigned" Carried

A letter was next received from Miss Lewis, wishing to rent the Lecture Room for a dancing class. The application was refused.

A message was delivered from Dr. Hunter, requesting, as a condition of his delivering the promised course of lectures, that the Committee of Management should, at least in his case, support the lecturer by their presence on the platform, and that the lectures commence at eight o'clock.

To this request the Committee expressed their assent.

The following gentlemen were admitted as members of the Institution, viz. Messrs. Brantow, Dr. Kennedy, Tho. Sandle, jun. G. S. Munn, H. Taylor, Geo. Sprague, And. Ferguson, W. S. Gibbons, D. Mounce, H. W. Hull, — Rusden, Alex. Reed, W. Carter also Miss G. Anderson.

Mr. Watson gave notice that he would move the appointment of Mr. Jas. Dow as member of committee, in place of Mr. G. B. Hailes resigned. The meeting then separated.

*Geo. W. Arthur*  
Chairman

Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 1852.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management

Present:

Messrs. A. Beckett, Barwick, Blay, Craig, Edwards, Hart, Heale, Kerr, Mr. Arthur, Farrell, Urquhart, Watson and Wharton.

Mr. Mr. Arthur, Chairman.

Minutes confirmed.

Repairs of

Roof.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Wharton then, in compliance with the desire of the last meeting, handed in an estimate from Mr. Edens, offering to renew the lead gutters on the roof of the building for the sum of £60.

It was moved by Mr. A. Beckett and seconded by Mr. Blay, and carried, "That Mr. Edens's tender be accepted."

The following amendment was moved by Mr. Barwick, seconded by Mr. Watson and carried,

"The lead gutters be repaired, and protected from the sun by boards, provided, it do not affect the insurance policy, and that Mr. Wharton be requested to effect the same."

A letter was read from Mr. Lusk, containing Mr. G. B. Hailes's resignation of office in the Committee, on which it was moved by Mr. Barwick

seconded by Mr. Watson — and carried "That Mr. Hailes's resignation be accepted."

Mr. Watson here gave notice of his intention to move, at next meeting, the appointment of Mr. James Dow, in room of Mr. Hailes.

Mr. G. B. Hailes'

Resignation

accepted.

Mr. Jas. Dow proposed.

Mr. A. H. Hart appointed a Member of Committee.

Dr. Hunter's

Lectures.

New members

Mr. Jas. Dow proposed



Letters  
from  
Literary  
Society.

Two letters from the Melbourne Literary Society were read; the one containing a reply to a communication from this Committee; the other requesting the sanction of the Committee to the establishment of their society as a class of the Institution, and referring the Committee to the Copy of their rules, formerly submitted, which they proposed to modify into accordance with the Laws of the Institution.

Mr. Kerr moved, and Mr. Hart seconded the following proposition which was carried, viz:

"That the Secretary be instructed to reply to the application from the Melbourne Literary Society intimating the perfect willingness of this Committee to sanction the formation of a Class of the nature proposed, if constituted in accordance with the laws of this Institution, and requesting the submission of a Code of laws suitable to a class of this Institution, in accordance with the 56 Rule of the Mechanics Institution

Application  
for  
a  
Special  
meeting

Another letter was read, signed by the members of the above society and other subscribers to the Institution, requesting the Committee to convene a Special General Meeting of the Members, for the purpose of altering the first Rule of the Institution, so as to admit of the discussion of Politics.

Upon this Mr. Kerr moved the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hart and carried, viz.

"That this Committee refuse to call a Special General Meeting of the Members of the Institution to consider the propriety of altering the first Rule so far as it prohibits the discussion of political subjects."

Applications  
for  
Hall.

Two applications for the use of the large room for Saturday evening Concerts were received from Messrs Reed and Wheeler.

Reference  
to  
Concert  
Committee.

Proceedings  
of  
Concert  
Committee.

Resolution  
of  
7th inst.  
disapproved.

Report  
of  
Committee  
on  
Coins.

On the Motion of Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. O'Sannell "That the applications be referred to the House Committee, with power to act."

Mr. Urquhart moved the following amendment which was seconded by Mr. Barwick and carried, viz. "That the applications be referred to the Concert Committee, with power to act."

Mr. Watson brought under the notice of the meeting some of the late proceedings of the Concert Committee, which he thought irregular. The minutes of the last meeting of that sub-committee were called for, and read, when it was moved by Mr. Kerr seconded by Mr. Heales, and carried.

"That the resolution of the previous Music Committee of the 7th instant, rescinding the resolution of the previous meeting respecting Mr. Cooze, without notice given, being irregular, be disapproved."

Mr. Kerr, as Chairman of the undermentioned sub-committee, handed in the following Report:

Melbourn Mechanics Institution,  
7th June, 1852.

The Committee appointed to examine the collection of coins offered for sale for the Museum of the Institution have the honor to report that the collection consists of

- 41 Silver Coins
- 91 Copper do.
- 106 Tokens and Medals

Several of the Coins are of considerable antiquity and, regarded as an opportunity of forming the nucleus of a very interesting branch of the Museum, the Committee recommend the purchase of the Collection at the price of ten pounds.

(signed) Mr. Kerr,  
Chairman.

It was moved by Mr. Kerr and seconded by Mr. Wharton that the Report read be received and adopted. Carried.

Accounts.

The following accounts were papered viz.

Hobart Town Courier, for two years	5	—	—
South Australian Register	1	15	—
R. Benson, Bookbinding	2	8	6
Symons and Perry for Candles	12	14	3
Jackson Rae and Co., Candles	1	10	—
Slowe and Oswald for Coals, 1 1/2 ton	5	5	—
Secretary's Salary for May	12	10	—
Walter Bowie's do. do.	2	5	6

Confirmed this 21<sup>st</sup> June, 1852.  
 Wm. Kerr  
 Chairman

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 1852

Half monthly meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present: —

Messrs Barwick, Clay, Edwards, Hart, Heales, Kerr, W. Farrell, Urquhart, Watson and Wharton.

Mr. Kerr, Chairman.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Dow's appointment to Committee.

The following motion was then proposed according to notice & seconded by Mr. Barwick and carried: viz.  
 "That Mr. Jas. Dow be appointed a member of the Committee vice Mr. G. B. Hales, resigned."

Letter from Melbourne Lit. Soc.

A letter was received from the Melbourne Literary Society accompanying a copy of their rules as revised.

referred to Sub. Com.

Mr. Heales moved and Mr. Hart seconded the following motion which was passed: viz.  
 "That the letter from Dr. Sprague be referred to Messrs Wharton, Heales and W. Farrell, and that those gentlemen be requested to inform Mr. Sprague the sense of the Rules, which would be acceptable to the General Committee."

Proposed to alter

Constitution

of

the

Concert

Committee

rejected.

Musical Instruments.

General Committee

meetings

on

Tuesdays

Mons. Del Santo

According to notice Mr. Watson then moved and Mr. Clay seconded the proposal.

"That the appointment of a sub-committee for carrying out weekly concerts be rescinded, because such a committee cannot be invested with powers adequate to the purpose consistently with the rules of this institution: and that the use of the room be, on terms to be agreed upon, allowed to the present members of that sub-committee, or such of them as may choose to act, with power to add to their numbers, under the title of Managers of the Concerts, for the sole purpose of continuing the cheap weekly concerts: and that while those concerts are continued no other concerts or musical entertainments shall, without the sanction of those managers, be performed in the room, except such as may be got up by a regular music class of the members of the Institute and that no arrangement for concerts shall interfere with lectures."

This motion on being put to the meeting was lost.

Mr. Heales next moved and Mr. Wharton seconded the following resolution which was carried: viz.

"That the Concert Committee be empowered to dispose of the musical instruments, the property of this Institution and appropriate the amount towards the purchase of a Piano."

In pursuance of a notice of motion by Mr. Hood, Mr. Heales moved and Mr. Watson seconded

"That in future the meetings of the General Committee be held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, instead of on Mondays as heretofore, in order to leave Monday evenings available for a choral class."

The motion was put to the meeting and carried.

A note was received from Mons. Del Santo, applying for the sanction of the Committee to his forming a class of the Institution for instruction in vocal music.



On the motion of Mr. Watson, seconded by Mr. Heales,  
"That the application be refused"  
Mr. Warwick moved and Mr. Wigham seconded the amendment. "That the application be referred to the Music Committee"

On being put to the vote the amendment was negatived and the original motion carried.

On the motion of Mr. O'Farrell seconded by Mr. Heales, the following gentlemen were admitted members of the Institution viz. Messrs Chas. Henry Jno. Peake W. S. Clarke L. F. Appleton Jno. Buckley Chas. Mills Wm. Mould J. B. Forrestor W. Kellott Jno. Brown R. P. Shumley B. Schumley W. G. Hemphill J. McDonough G. Melbrouchy G. Knight W. G. Taylor J. Chamberlain J. Earle G. Langhorne Geo. Knight Israel Joseph = 22 in all.

Mr. S. Blay gave notice of his intention to move "That Concerts and Concert Committee be abolished, both being at variance with the Rules of the Institution"

The meeting then dissolved.  
Confirmed this 6th July 1852.  
J. C. M. Anthony  
President

News.

Members.

Notice of Motion

Mr. Blay

to  
Withdraw the Concerts.

Tuesday, July 6th 1852.

Monthly meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present:

Messrs Craig, Dow, Edwards, Mr. Arthur, Wigham and Watson.

Mr. McArthur, Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary stated that the sub-committee appointed to confer with Mr. Appaque of the Melbourne Literary Society in reference to the Rules of that Society, had no report to submit on account of the latter gentleman having withdrawn his application, in consequence of several members of the Institution having resolved upon the formation of a similar class, constituted in accordance with the rules of the Institution.

Mr. Watson then moved and Mr. Edwards seconded the following resolution, which was carried, viz:

"That it forms no part of the duty of the Secretary to attend to any portion of the management of the Concerts, either of those got up for the benefit of this Institution, or by individuals for their own benefit, and that it is not desirable that his time should be so occupied, his own duties requiring all his energies and attention."

The Report of the sub-committee appointed to revise the Laws of the Institution was next brought up, but its consideration was postponed until the next meeting of the Committee, and until special notice to that effect had been given to the members.

The collection of ancient Coins purchased by the Committee for the Museum, was submitted, and the Secretary also placed on the table the Bill of Lading of a case of periodicals and newspapers, from Mr. Walton, London, per ship  
Shippers

"Quilins" and containing dates up to February.

The following gentlemen were duly admitted members of the Institution, viz: Messrs J. S. Williams  
R. Martin H. Levy Fred. Campbell Jr. Browning  
Jas. McConnell A. Hale Geo. Lusk Jas. Lusk  
Jas. Fowler W. Black and W. W. Witten = 12 in all.

The undermentioned accounts were passed and directed to be paid, viz:

Symons and Perry, Books	£ 13	4	..
Soldier, Candles	1	12	6
Books, Sundries	5	1	9
Coins	10	..	..
Mr. Mayhew	2	5	3
Francis and Cohen, Candles and Books	8	11	9
Secretary's salary for June	12	10	..
W. Bowie's salary do	2	5	6

The meeting then separated.

D. Lewis Arthur  
Chairman

Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> 1852.

Half-monthly meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present:

Messrs Craig, Edwards and W. Farrell and later, Mr. Heales.

A quorum not being in attendance, no meeting was constituted.

W. Farrell  
Chairman

Tuesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> 1852.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present:

Messrs Craig, Edwards, Hart, Heales, W. Farrell, Watson and Wharton and Young.

Mr. Craig, Chairman.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Watson brought up the following

Report

of the sub-committee appointed to revise the Rules of the Institution.

July 16<sup>th</sup> 1852.

Gentlemen,

The Committee appointed to revise the Rules of the Institution, having carefully considered the same, recommend that the Rules be amended according to the alterations in the printed copy appended hereto.

(signed) D. Lewis Arthur  
Chairman

Rule 1. Proposed to be amended by cancelling the clause: "to the exclusion of all controversial subjects, whether religious or political."

Rule 2. To the present Rule add the clause: "but no lectures are to be delivered, or discussions held in the Institution on religious or political subjects."

Rule 3. To the present Rule add the clause: "and any member entering during the year shall pay a proportionate amount of subscription, at the rate



of 1/8 per month, for each month of the current year, including the month in which he may be admitted a member."

Rule 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, or whose subscription shall be unpaid, shall be eligible to serve in any office or to vote at the General Meetings."

Rule 8.

The sons and Apprentices of Members may be admitted as Junior Members, whilst under 18 years of age, upon payment of 6s.

Rule 11.

After the "elected" insert the words "by Ballot."

Rule 13.

The remainder of the Committee shall be elected by the general body of the members, but one half only of their number shall retire by rotation, at each Annual General Meeting in January in every year, such half to consist of the members elected during the year by the Committee to supply vacancies, and others members of the Committee to be selected by lot, the retiring members being, however, if otherwise qualified, eligible for re-election.

Rule 16.

It shall be competent for the Committee, or, upon their refusal, for any fifteen members of the Institution, to direct the Secretary in writing at any time, to call a special General Meeting by advertisement, for any purpose other than that of altering the Rules, stating the object for which the same is to be held, to be published in 6s.

Rule 17.

At every General Meeting of the Institution the business shall commence at eight o'clock in the evening, and unless disposed of on that evening, the meeting may 6s.

Rule 23.

No second amendment upon any motion shall be discussed until the first amendment be disposed of, but if the first 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 an amendment upon the amendment previously carried.

Rule 24.

Proposed to be cancelled.

Rule 27.

Any ordinary member of the Committee who shall have left the Colony, or who shall fail to attend any of its meetings, 6s.

Rule 29.

Cancel the clause: — "on giving 14 days previous notice in writing to the Secretary" and add the clause: "to be called by the Secretary, on the member requiring the same, giving 14 days notice of his desire to have such meeting convened"

Rule 30.

The Committee may appoint sub-committees of their number, for particular purposes, whose duties shall be defined at the time of their appointment and who shall report their proceedings to every monthly meeting of the Committee

Rule 32.

Cancel the clause: "subject to the approval 6s. to the end" and substitute the clause: "but his time of office will expire at the end of the year, he being, nevertheless, eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting, as per rule 14."

Rule 33. Instead of "present" read "then".

Rule 34. Cancel the clause: - "if called for by any member, be laid before the Committee at their next meeting." and substitute the words: - "be laid before the Committee at every monthly meeting."

Rule 37. The Treasurer shall, at every monthly meeting, present, through the Secretary, a statement of the cash transactions of the preceding month, and shall make up a general statement of his accounts, once in every year, namely to the 31<sup>st</sup> of Dec. in every year and shall lay the same before the Committee at their meeting next ensuing, such accounts with all vouchers relating thereto shall be immediately referred to the Auditors for their examination and Report.

Rule 38. Cancel all after the word "Trustees."

Rule 55. In the last clause read: - "Provided that each class keep minutes, and lay such minutes before every monthly meeting of the General Committee."

Rule 56. "Every class formed shall consist &c."

Rule 57. In the event of any doubt arising at any meeting as to the true construction of any rule of the Society the majority of the members present shall have power to decide the same.

Mr. Heales moved and  
Mr. Young seconded the following resolution  
which was carried:

That the Report now read be received  
and the consideration postponed till the next  
Annual General Meeting

A letter was read from the Colonial Secretary, addressed to the Treasurer of the Mechanics Institution, acknowledging the receipt of the Treasurer's letter requesting that the authority of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor might be obtained for the appropriation of the £150 voted by the Legislative Council towards the maintenance and enlargement of the Institution, and requiring a certificate of the Colonial Architect as to the extent of work expended on the proposed building.

This letter gave rise to some discussion as to the propriety of at once commencing the erection of the Amphitheatre, which resulted in Mr. Heales moving the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr. Wharton and carried:

That under the present circumstances of the labour-market, the Committee deem it improper to proceed with the Building, & that the Treasurer be requested to make application for the yearly grant of £150 towards the maintenance of the Institution.

Mr. Heales then moved according to notice and Mr. Edwards seconded the proposal:

That Mr. McDonough be appointed a member of the Committee of Management vice Mr. Hollings, disqualified by non-attendance.  
The motion was put to the meeting & carried.

On the suggestion of Mr. Heales, the Chairman desired the Secretary to retire, when it was proposed by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. Hart and carried unanimously:

"That the salary of the Secretary be increased to the sum of £250 per annum, and that the Boy's salary be paid in full by the Institution, to commence from the first day of August, 1852."



It was moved by Mr. O'Farrell  
 seconded by Mr. Wharton and carried

That the Secy. be instructed to send  
 to an Auction Mart for sale all the purchases  
 but unmarked books of the Institution, which are  
 either repugnant to the rules or undesirable to  
 retain, and also all the waste paper of the  
 Institution."

The following accounts were then passed, viz.

Town Rates	£ 4 .. "
Herald for advertising	4 4 9
Furniture	6 8 "
Sundries, handles &c	13 2 4
Symonds and Perry, Books	3 2 "
Salary of Secretary for July	12 10 "
" " R. Adamson ..	2 5 6 14 15 6
B. Lucas, for printing	10 8 "

The undermentioned gentlemen were then duly  
 admitted as members, viz.

- |                     |               |               |             |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Messrs. Jos. Penney | Jas. Steinger | Wm. Smith     |             |
| G. Jervis           | Jas. Glenn    | Geo. Martin   | Geo. Martin |
| Sam. Seales         | Jas. Smith    | Jas. McGeorge | G. Hudson   |
| R. B. Walker        | W. J. Boyd    | M. Gugin      | G. Nichols  |
| G. Hudson           | Mr. Delaney   | Mr. Pearson   | Ed. Clarke  |
| Wm. Russell.        | = 20 in all.  |               |             |

The meeting then separated.

Approved at meeting  
 held 17th Aug 1852.  
 J. C. Wharton  
 Secretary

Tuesday, August 17th 1852.

Half-monthly meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present:

- Messrs. Craig, Dow, McArthur, McDonogh,  
 O'Farrell and Wharton.

Mr. McArthur, Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting having  
 been duly confirmed, Mr. Craig's notice of  
 motion relative to the concert committee  
 was laid on the table, but no member  
 present being disposed to move it in  
 Mr. Craig's absence, the meeting proceeded  
 to the next business, which was the  
 election of a member of the Library  
 Committee in room of Mr. Rollings.

Messrs. Dow, Hart and McDonogh  
 were nominated. The votes of the members  
 were taken by ballot, and resulted in favor  
 of Mr. Dow, who was declared duly elected.

A Donation, by Mr. Cashmore, consisting  
 of 5 vols. was then presented to the Committee  
 and referred to the Library Committee.

The following gentlemen were admitted  
 members of the Institution, viz.

- |                 |            |              |              |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Messrs. J. Lowe | W. Wooney  | Sam. South   |              |
| Jas. Stewart    | J. Clark   | Mr. Givens   | Geo. Givens  |
| Sam. Spence     | Sam. Dunn  | Mr. Hooper   | W. D. Forbes |
| Jos. Pearson    | W. Worrum. | = 13 in all. |              |

The meeting then separated;

Approved at meeting held 21 Sept 52  
 Wm. Craig  
 Chairman

Tuesday Sept 7<sup>th</sup> 1852.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management

Mr Clay alone being in attendance, no meeting was constituted

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1852.

Half-Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management

Present:

Messrs Clay, Craig, Kerr, Mc Donogh & Watson.

Mr. Craig, Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Letters

from

Colonial

Secrety.

£150

£500

Two letters from the Colonial Secretary were read. — the first enclosing a printed circular issued by the "Society for the Encouragement of Arts and Manufactures" — the second announcing His Excellency's approval of the appropriation of £150 voted by the Legislative Council towards the maintenance of the Institution for the current year, and desiring a statement of the present position of the Institution.

Mr Kerr called for a previous letter of the Colonial Secretary requiring a certificate from the Colonial Architect as to the amount of work expended in building the proposed Amphitheatre, previous to His Excellency's approval of the appropriation of the £1500 voted by the Legislative Council.

The letter having been produced and read, Mr Kerr moved and

Mr Clay seconded the resolution

Referred to  
to  
Sub-Committee.

Mr. Dalton.

Concert

Committee.

Applications

for

Concert

Room.

Old

Music

Class.

That the letters of the Colonial Secretary now read be referred to a sub-committee consisting of Messrs Craig, Clay, Mc Donogh and Watson for the purpose of affording the required information and requesting the payment of the £1500 vote unconditionally by the Legislative Council.

The motion was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

A letter was read & moved by Mr Dalton, dated April 13<sup>th</sup> 1852, acknowledging the receipt of Mr. Hoyercraft's letter instructing him to stop the Periodicals and Newspapers published by him, and intimating the shipment per Mythen of a case containing dates up to April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Clay introduced his notice of motion respecting the Concert Committee, when it was moved by Mr. Kerr seconded by Mr. Mc Donogh and carried.

That the consideration of Mr. Clay's motion be postponed until next meeting of Committee.

Letters were received from Messrs Baechle, Baechle, Vesterg, Moller and Anderson, requesting the use of the Lecture Room for the purpose of giving Concerts.

Mr. Kerr proposed and

Mr. Watson seconded

That these applications be answered in the same way as Mr. Anderson's previous applications. The motion was carried.

Mr. Clay and the following

Report

of the Music Committee on the affairs of the Old Music Class.





Mr. May, according to notice, moved and Mr. Wharton seconded the motion,

That the Hall of the Institution be not in future, let on given for any musical purpose whatever of the Music Class and Sections excepted so long as the Concerts are continued and that the House Committee be instructed accordingly.

On this Mr. Farrell moved an amendment,

That the Music Committee be instructed to report to the next half monthly meeting of the General Committee as to whether the letting of the Hall for concerts is detrimental to the weekly concerts given by the Institution, and whether the generality of the members supporting the Thursday Concerts are favorable to the giving of Concerts by private individuals, and generally to report on the subject.

This amendment was not put to the meeting not having been seconded.

Mr. McDonough moved another amendment to the effect,

That the Concert Room should be let to every respectable person applying to the Secretary.

This amendment not being seconded also fell to the ground.

The original Motion was then put to the meeting and was negatived.

Mr. May proposed his second Motion of Motion which was seconded by Mr. C. James viz.

That from and after Oct. the 31<sup>st</sup> the rent charged to the Corporation be raised to the rate of £250 per annum.

Mr. Wharton and Mr. Healy moved and seconded, as an Amendment that the rent be £300 per an. The Amendment was carried.

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It was next moved by Mr. McDonough seconded by Mr. Wharton and carried

That Mr. W. Knox be appointed a member of the Committee of Management in room of Mr. Warwick.

It was moved by Mr. Healy, seconded by Mr. May and carried

That the amounts of Rent charged to all the occupants of the Hall be increased at the rate of £100 per cent.

The Motion of last meeting in reference to the affairs of the Old Music Library, was confirmed, on the Motion of Mr. McDonough seconded by Mr. Wharton.

The undermentioned accounts were passed

Savings Bank, Interest	16	"	"
P. Davis, Librarian	6	"	"
Insurance Prof. Decm. out 2000	9	"	"
Secretary's Salary for Sept.	20	16	8
W. Adams' do. do.	4	6	0



The following gentlemen were duly admitted as members of the Institution viz.

M. P. Russell	A. Mallason	Mr Fairbairn
C. Milke	E. Plaisted	A. Blanche
A. Stacey	W. Hamby	F. Seyler
J. Bonwick	Thos. Plaisted	W. C. Collopy
		M. Saunders

The meeting then separated.

J. H. Watson Secy

Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> of October, 1852.

Half-monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present

Mr. Dow, Mr. Heales, Mr. Knox, Mr. Watson, Mr. Wharton and Mr. Arguehart

Mr. Watson, Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Letters from the Colonial Secretary, addressed to the Treasurer and Secretary of the Institution were then read, being in reply to those submitted to last meeting of Committee, and intimating that His Excellency could not warrant the appropriation of the £500 voted by the Legislative Council towards the erection of an amphitheatre in connection with the Institution, without work equivalent being expended, and stating that His Excellency had given instructions that a like sum be placed on the estimates for 1853, and also a sum of £300 towards the maintenance of the Institution for the same year.

A letter was read, signed H. Coarney of the Sydney Legislative Council Office, requiring a

fresh supply of postage stamps for the continued transmission of the Government Papers.

In connection with this Mr. Heales moved and Mr. Knox seconded

That the Secretary be requested to apply to the Governments of Van Diemen's Land and of South Australia, for a supply of the Legislative Council Papers of these Colonies, and to transmit to both of these and to Sydney postage stamps to the amount of £1.1 each.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Heales then in accordance with his notice of motion, proposed and Mr. Dow seconded

That the letting of the Hall for the purpose of concerts be entrusted to the Concert Committee, as best qualified to decide on applications for that purpose.

The motion on being put to the meeting was carried nem. con.

Mr. Arguehart next moved according to notice

That in future the Rent of the large room for the purpose of concerts shall be £10.10.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Dow and carried.

Mr. Heales moved and Mr. Wharton seconded.

That the last motion shall not be made to apply to Mr. Weston's Concert in consequence of this engagement being made previous to the meeting. This motion was also agreed to.

Rent of Concert Room.

On the motion of Mr. Steeles, also seconded by Mr. Wharton, the following gentlemen were admitted members of the Institution, viz

Mr. W. C. Howe	Mr. Thorne	Ed. Dickens	
Mr. Atkinson	W. H. Rogers	Mr. Thompson	John Budge
Mr. A. Roberts	P. Thompson	Sam. Furnival	W. Peary
Mr. Edbury	M. Bruce	J. W. Williams	W. C. Millman

15 in all.

The meeting was then dissolved.  
Don. Urquhart Chairman

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1852.

Monthly Meeting of the General Committee.

Present:

Messrs Clay, McDonough, Watson, Wharton and Urquhart, and Mrs.

Mr Urquhart, Chairman

The Minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, a letter was read from the Town Clerk of date 26<sup>th</sup> October last, stating that the City Council did not think the rise of the rental of the premises occupied by the Corporation from £125 to £300 per annum to be such a reasonable demand as they ought to comply with, and further that as there was reason to believe that the tenure by the Corporation of their present offices will be but of short duration the City Council hoped that the Committee's arrangement would not make any demand for an increase of rent.

Mr. Watson moved and Mr. Wharton seconded the following resolution which was carried.

That an account be sent to the Mayor charging the usual sum for the use of the Hall on all occasions when he has called meetings in it, not required by the Municipal Corporation Act, in consequence of such meetings not being included in the agreement between the Council and the Institution.

It was moved by Mr. McDonough seconded by Mr. Clay and carried.

That the Secretary be directed to inform the Town Clerk in answer to his letter of the 26<sup>th</sup> ultimo, that this Committee do not feel disposed to withdraw their demand for an increase of rent, especially as the rate of valuation effected by the Corporation Valuers has been this year quintupled in its amount over former years.

A letter was read written by the Secy. of the "Early Closing Association" requesting the use of the Lecture Room for the purpose of giving a Grand Concert commemorative of the first Anniversary of that movement.

Mr. Wharton moved and Mr. Clay seconded

That the Concert Room be granted to these applicants for the above purpose for one evening gratuitously.  
The motion was passed nem. con.

Mr. McDonough moved the next resolution to the effect,



Objection  
to  
Corporation  
Valuation.

That the Secretary be instructed to give specific notice of objection to the recent valuation effected by the Corporation Valuator of these premises.

The motion was seconded by Mr Wharton and carried.

Mr McDonough moved according to notice and Mr Play seconded.

D. Blair

That Mr D. Blair be appointed a member of Committee in room of Mr S. J. O'Beckett disqualified.

Mr Wharton moved as an amendment and Mr Watson seconded.

Notice  
to  
Defaulters.

That the motion be deferred until such time as notice of vacation of their seats be sent to the defaulting members of Committee.

This amendment was put to the meeting and carried and the original motion accordingly lost.

Mr Play moved and Mr Wharton seconded.

Concert  
Committee.

That Messrs. Knox, McDonough and Ungreboth be requested to act as members of the Concert Committee.

The motion was passed.

The following accounts were this signed by the Chairman, viz.

W. H. Dalton	46	15	1
G. Kavanaugh	1	13	6
J. Taylor	4	10	"
Oldhair's Observer	2	12	6
Books, Sundries	14	7	"
Re Campbell and Co.	14	1	6

Pullar and Co.	21	17	11
Secretary - Salary for Oct.	20	16	8
Re Adamson	4	6	8

The undermentioned gentlemen were duly elected members of the Institution, viz.

Messrs. J. Munting	Wm. Miller	Alba. Wates
Jno. Brooke	Wm. Moore	Thos. C. Brooke
H. Harwitz	J. Applin	Jas. Small
W. Harris	M. Hogg	W. S. Marie
W. Brown	Ch. Ross	Wm. Carr
Jas. Pearson	Wm. Rowland	Thos. Pinnose
Jno. Mullaly	=	24 in all

The Meeting then separated.

Wm. Wharton

Tuesday November, 1852.

Present

Half monthly Meeting of the General Committee

Messrs. Hart, Knox, McDonough and Wharton.

There being no quorum present, the Meeting was not constituted.

Tuesday 30th Dec. 1852.

Special Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present

Messrs. Keeler, Kerr, Knox, Farrell, Watson and Wharton  
Mr Wharton, Chairman.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting having been read and confirmed Mr Watson moved and Mr W. Farrell seconded the following motion which was unanimously carried, viz.

Honorary  
Membership  
E. H. Hargraves

That this Institution confer in Honorary Membership upon Edward Hammond Hargraves Esqre, as a mark of the high estimation in which they hold his geological talents and the incalculable benefits resulting to this Colony from his successful application of those talents to the practical development of the mineral wealth of Australia.

The Meeting then separated.

E. H. Hargraves  
Chairman

Tuesday 7th December 1852.

Monthly meeting of the General Committee.

Present.

Messrs. Play, Dow, Heales, Moser, Mr Arthur, O'Farrell, Watson and Wharton.

Mr Mr Arthur, Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

The following letter from Mr Hargraves was read to the meeting and on the motion of Mr O'Farrell, seconded by Mr Watson ordered to be entered in the Minutes: viz -  
(Copy.)

Melbourne, 1st December 1852.

Sir,  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date, informing me of a resolution passed by the General Committee of Management of the Melbourne Mechanics

To the Secretary  
of the Mechanics Institute.

Institution and School of Arts, conferring on me the honor of "Honorary Membership" as a mark of their high esteem for the benefits resulting to this Country from the application of my scientific skill and knowledge in having searched out and made known to my fellow Colonists the Auriferous Wealth of Australia.

You will please be good enough to tender to the Committee of Management my thanks for their consideration and assurance that it affords me the sincerest satisfaction to receive the testimony of a body of Gentlemen so well able dispassionately to estimate the value of my Discovery, and so perfectly uninfluenced by the thoughtlessness of the unreflecting.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your Most Obedient Servant  
(signed) E. H. Hargraves.

A letter was just received from the Town Clerk, of date 3rd Dec. inst., declining to accede to the Committee's demand for an increase of rent.

It was moved by Mr Heales and seconded by Mr Dow.

& That, notice having been given to the City Council that the rent be raised to £250 per annum and the Council having declined to comply, the Secty. be instructed to demand the Rent up to date, and inform that Body that their tenancy, being at will, is now determined.

This motion was withdrawn, and re-introduced in the form of a notice of motion contingent upon the result of a subsequent resolution.



Dec. 7

It was moved by Mr. Clay, seconded by Mr. Farnell and carried.

Iron Building for proposed Amphitheatre

That it be referred to the Building Committee to report upon the probable expense of an Iron Building of 120 ft long by 40 ft, and to furnish a plan and estimates and to ascertain whether it can be erected on the ground at the rear of the Institution, without infringing the terms of the 7th Building Act.

It was moved by Mr. Beates seconded by Mr. Wharton, and carried

Building Committee

That the names of Messrs. Gray, Dowdson and Watson be added to the Building Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Beates seconded by Mr. Nixon, and carried

That Messrs. Gray and Farnell having kindly consented to draw up the facts connected with the letter from the Crown Works, with reference to the rent, for the consideration of this Committee this Committee do adjourn until Thursday evening, at half-past six o'clock, for the purpose of receiving their report.

The meeting accordingly adjourned

J. H. Wharton Secretary

Dec. 9

Thursday 9th Dec. 1852

Adjourned Meeting of the General Committee.

Presents:

Messrs. Gray, McArthur, Farnell, Watson and Wharton  
(Mr. McArthur, Chairman)

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Clay then read to the meeting a statement of the case in the matter of the Mechanics Institution and the Incorporation.

It was moved by Mr. Wharton seconded by Mr. Watson, and carried

That Mr. Clay be requested to lay the case as just read before Mr. Wilkinson, for his opinion.

It was moved by Mr. Wharton seconded by Mr. Watson, and carried.

That a fee of Five Guineas be paid per the Secretary, to Mr. Gray, for his professional assistance in the matter before the Committee, also a Fee of Three Guineas to Counsel.

A Chess Board presented to the Institution by Mr. H. B. Gray, was laid before the meeting and was received with an expression of thanks to the donor, and instructions to place the same in the Reading Room on the express condition that no dice should be used or game of chance or stake be played in the Institution, which restriction the Secretary was empowered to enforce.

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Dec. 9 Permission was also granted for a Box of valuable scientific works, the property of Mr. Turner, to lie in the Institution for the use of the Members.

The following accounts were passed

Mr. Carter, 6 Chairs	19 " 4 " -
Secretary, Salary for Nov.	20 " 6 "
Mr. Robinson " " "	11 " 6 "

The undermentioned Gentlemen were admitted Members of the Institution viz:

Mr. Poulson	Mr. G. A. Morris	Mr. Gallwey	Mr. Rowley
Mr. De Kay	Mr. C. H. Hill	Mr. Clegg	Mr. Lewis
Mr. Booth	Mr. Jas. Gray	Mr. A. Hill	Mr. Phil. Rindergast
Mr. S. H. May	Mr. Thomas Hayes	Mr. A. S. McKim	Mr. J. Webb Ware
Mr. Thompson	Mr. J. B. Cox	Mr. W. Weston	Mr. P. Selby
Mr. Wolcott	Mr. W. S. Harper	Mr. Jas. Brewster	Mr. W. Peterson
Mr. J. B. Cox	Mr. R. H. Stevens	Mr. J. B. Buist	Mr. Malpas =

29 in all.

The meeting was then dissolved

*D. M. Anthony*  
Chairman

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1852

Half-monthly meeting of the Committee of Management

Present: Mr. Blay, Dow, Nixon, McArthur, McDough, W. Furbell, and Watson.

Mr. McArthur, Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, Mr. Blay read the following

Opinion of Counsel in the matter of the Mechanics Institution and the Corporation.

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Opinion

Counsel.

Whatever doubt may exist with respect to the nature of the Tenancy by the Corporation of the room in question, I am clearly of opinion that it is not a Tenancy at Will. The simple wording of the regular notice previous to the reduction or increase of the Rent, which appears to have taken place on either side is not sufficient to constitute such a Tenancy, when a different kind of Tenancy originally existed.

The original Tenancy appears to have been for six months certain with a three months notice to quit, and the only doubt in my mind has been whether that Tenancy has been subsequently converted into a yearly Tenancy. But after carefully considering the case, I can see nothing which leads me to think that it has been so converted. I am of opinion therefore that the original Tenancy viz. for six months with a three months notice to quit, still exists.

Under these circumstances it will be necessary for the Committee of Management, if they wish to place themselves in a position to enforce the payment of the increased Rent proposed, to give the Corporation a three months notice to quit, expiring at the end of the current six months in which such notice shall be given.

With regard to the extra room referred to, there is certainly some ground for considering the Tenancy as that of a Tenancy at Will, but there is not sufficient stated in the case to enable me to judge whether from the length of time or otherwise, during which the Corporation have been allowed to use it, that room



Opinion  
of  
Counsel  
cont.

would not be considered as having been incorpo-  
ated, as regards the nature of its tenancy, with  
the rest.

Should the Committee of management  
ultimately take any steps to eject the corpo-  
ration, the proceedings, if under the 11<sup>th</sup> Victoria  
Ch. 2. may be taken in the name of the Secretary,  
as Agent of the Trustees, but if regular action  
of Ejectment, they must be in the names of  
the Trustees as the

(signed) Fred Wilkinson  
21<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1852.

It was moved by Mr. McDonough  
seconded by Mr. W. Farrell and carried.

"That Mr. Clary be requested to refer  
the case of the Nec. Inst. v. the City Council  
to such other Counsel as to him shall  
seem fit, for the opinion of such Counsel.

Referred  
for  
Revision

A Letter of Date, Dec. was received  
from the Socy. of the Australia Felix Building  
Society, declining on the part of that Society  
to occupy the Hall after that date, on the  
terms proposed by Committee.

A. F. B. Soc.  
decline  
to rent  
Hall.

This resignation was accepted.

A Letter was received from Mr.  
Richard Smith, proposing to exhibit his  
Panorama of London on the Thames, on con-  
dition that the Committee should pay  
the necessary expenses and share the proceeds.

Panorama

It was moved by Mr. W. Farrell,  
seconded by Mr. McDonough & carried

The Letter of Mr. Rich. Smith requiring  
the use of the Hall, three nights in the week,  
to exhibit a panoramic view of London  
and to lecture thereon, be referred to the

Donation  
of a  
Lecture on  
Phrenology

Lecture Committee, with power to act."

A Donation was received from Mr.  
Gwing, President of the Lancaster M. Mechanics  
Institution, consisting of a published Lecture  
on Phrenology.

Mr. D. Blair  
proposed.

It was moved by Mr. McDonough  
seconded by Mr. W. Farrell.

"That Mr. D. Blair be elected a mem-  
ber of the General Committee in room of Mr. J. J. Watson

On this Mr. Watson moved the following  
Amendment, viz.

"That Mr. David Blair be not elected  
a member of the Committee, because he published  
in the Argus newspaper a statement respecting  
the Lecture Committee, which was untrue, and  
has not retracted the charge although he must be  
aware that it is not correct."

Notice of  
Motion.

This amendment not being seconded  
was lost. The original Motion was put  
to the meeting and also lost. Mr. McDonough  
then gave notice of his intention to move at next  
meeting. "That Mr. D. Blair be elected vice  
Mr. J. Edwards, disqualified."

It was moved by Mr. Clary,  
seconded by Mr. Dow and carried.

Concert-  
Committee's  
share  
of Rent for  
Musical  
purposes.

"That all funds derived from the  
letting of the Room for Musical purposes  
above the usual rate be handed over to the  
Music Committee for their use and purposes.

Accounts  
passed.

The undermentioned accounts were passed  
by Mr. Clary, Counsel's Fees £0. 10. 6  
" Libras, Printing  
" Old Music Club 35-10-"

The following were proposed and admitted Members of the Institution, viz.

Mr. Jas. Long. J. Thompson. Sadie Gordon  
And. Baxter. Mrs. Schomburgk. W. W. Dillon. Mr. Bayport  
Jas. L. Knight. W. Orwe and Mesdames Fiddes and  
Treachy. = 11 in all

The Meeting then separated.

~~Mr. Craig~~  
Chairman

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1853

Monthly Meeting of the General Committee of Management

Present:— Messrs. Craig, Hunt, Knox, M. Donogh, O'Farrell,  
Watson, Wharton and Urquhart.

Mr. Craig, Chairman.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were confirmed.

Mr. O'Farrell read to the Meeting the following opinion of Mr. Forbes on the lease submitted to him by Mr. Clay.

In my opinion the Council should hold by the original tenancy, the several alterations in the amount of rent. Changing the tenancy not creating a new tenancy (Adams) and the notice to quit of the 9<sup>th</sup> July 1845 not having been acted upon but waived by the subsequent payment and receipt of rent (

) The only alteration introduced into the original tenancy, except an increase of rent, to the amount of £125 being that the Committee waive formal notice of the termination of the tenancy being given by the Council on the completion of the Town Hall,

I am at a loss to suggest means of enforcing payment of increased rent beyond that sum until the offer of £200 per annum by the Council be accepted by the Committee. By the original tenancy, the Council are not entitled to the extra room, and (from the case as put) it does not appear that the extra room was ever part of the consideration for an increased rent of the other two, from which any other tenancy of the extra room might be implied — the tenants therefore may be ejected from that, they being, as far as that room is concerned mere tenants by sufferance, or at most tenants at will, and any legal measures should be commenced in the names of the trustees.

(signed) J. Forbes.

It was then moved by Mr. O'Farrell seconded by Mr. Watson and carried.

That the Secretary be instructed to inform the Corporation that rent at the rate of £200 per annum, under the present tenure will be accepted for those parts of the Institution occupied by the Corporation.

It was moved by Mr. M. Donogh and seconded by Mr. Urquhart.

That Mr. D. Blaw be elected a member of this Committee in room of Mr. Edwards.

The motion on being put to the meeting was lost.

It was moved by Mr. Wharton seconded by Mr. Knox and carried.

That Messrs. M. Donogh, Craig, M. Arthur, O'Farrell and Hunt be appointed a committee for drawing up the Annual Report of the Institution for 1852.