

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. C. Knight. W. Orwe and Mesdames Fiddes and
Treachy. = 11 in all

The Meeting then separated.

~~Mr. Craig~~
Chairman

Tuesday, 4th Jan^y 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 9th 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.

The Committee then admitted the following gentlemen as members of the Institution, viz:

M. J. H. H. H.	Mr. H. H. H.	Mr. H. H. H.	Mr. H. H. H.
Mr. H. H. H.	Mr. H. H. H.	Mr. H. H. H.	Mr. H. H. H.
Mr. H. H. H.	Mr. H. H. H.	Mr. H. H. H.	Mr. H. H. H.
Mr. H. H. H.	Mr. H. H. H.	Mr. H. H. H.	Mr. H. H. H.

The accounts passed were -

Puller and Co.	Rs. 14 .. 6
Argus	5 14 ..
Sydney Morning Herald	7 10 ..
Counsel's second fee	3 5 6
Mr. Gange and Sundries	10 10 3
Mr. Unghart, Stationery	6 7 3
Mr. Pearson Binding	6 3 ..
Secretary's salary for Dec.	20 16 0
R. Adamson's do. do.	4 6 0

The Meeting then separated.
 Wm. Frazer
 Chairman

Tuesday, 18th Jan. 1853.

Half-Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present: Mr. J. H. H., Mr. H. H. H., Mr. H. H. H., Mr. H. H. H., Mr. H. H. H., Mr. H. H. H., Mr. H. H. H., Mr. H. H. H.

Mr. H. H. H., Chairman.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A Draft of the Annual Report was read by the Secretary, when it was moved by Mr. H. H. H. and seconded by Mr. H. H. H.

That the Report as read by the Secretary be received and adopted by the Committee.

Annual Report adopted

Mr. O'Farrell moved and Mr. McDonough seconded the following amendment viz.

That the Sub-Committee appointed to prepare the Annual Report not having presented any report as ordered by the last General Meeting of Committee, that it be referred to such sub-committee to bring up a report by the next general meeting of the Committee of the Institution.

The Amendment was put and lost and the original motion carried.

A letter was received from Mr. McDonough, applying on behalf of the Unitarian Society for the use of the Reading Room on Sundays for religious service.

Unitarian Society

It was moved by Mr. H. H. H. and seconded by Mr. McDonough.

That the letter of the sub-committee of the Unitarian Society applying for the use of the Reading Room for the purpose specified in the letter of Mr. McDonough, be received and that the Secretary be directed to draw up the necessary agreement with the sub-committee of the Unitarian Society, and to demand the weekly sum of 25/- per week for said room.

apply for

Mr. Unghart moved as an amendment and Mr. O'Farrell seconded.

Reading

That this application be referred to the approaching General Meeting of the Members.

Room

This amendment was put and lost when Mr. Watson proposed another to the following effect, which was seconded by Mr. Dow and carried

Room let

@ £2 per week.

That the Reading Room be let to the Unitarian Society for £2 per week.

The original motion was accordingly quashed, when Mr McArthur moved and Mr Wyndham seconded as an amendment on the last

That the Reading Room be not let for any purpose.

The amendment was put and lost.

It was moved by Mr Knox seconded by Mr McDonough and carried

That the members of the second Baptist Church be informed, that the rent in future shall be two pounds per week.

A letter was received from Mr Scrutton informing the Committee that Dr. Comblin would be ready to deliver a lecture on the subject of "Public Baths" on the first convenient evening, if agreeable to the Committee.

It was moved by Mr McDonough seconded by Mr O'Farrell and carried

That the letter of Mr Scrutton be referred to the sub-committee for lectures.

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

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|---------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Messrs. Le Mastrion | O'Sullivan | W. Morse |
| Dr. Snowball | Mr. McBurnie | C. W. Stuyvesant |
| Dr. Green, jun. | W. Birkmyre | Brodrick |
| Thos. D. Parkes | - Scivright | S. C. Barrows |
| Dr. Sharpe | G. Dixon | Thos. Furniss |
| J. H. Severn | G. O'Brien | Dr. Lockie |
| | | W. Harris |
| | | Dr. Fairhead = 22 in all |

The President volunteered to request Mr Westgath to act as Vice President for this year, and also to ask His Honor, the Chief Justice to preside at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday evening next.

The Secretary was desired to call a special meeting of the General Committee on Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock, an hour before the opening of the Annual Meeting of Members.

The Meeting was then dissolved.

Tuesday 20th Jan. 1853.

Special Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present: Messrs. Craig, Olay, Knox, McArthur, McDonough, O'Farrell, Wyndham, Watson and Wharton.

Mr. McArthur, Chairman.

The Chairman stated to the meeting that he had, in accordance with the wish of Committee, requested Mr Westgath to consent to his nomination at the General Meeting as President of the Institution, and that failing to obtain his consent he had called upon Dr. Palmer, who had expressed his readiness to fill that office if elected. Mr. McArthur also stated that His Honor, the Chief Justice, had agreed to preside at the General Meeting;

The further proceedings of the meeting were prevented by the entrance of the Members

Baptists' Rent

Public Baths.

New Members.

Tuesday 25th Jan^y 1853.

Annual General Meeting of the Members
of the Mechanics Institution.

His Honor, the Chief Justice,
(Chairman).

His
Honor's
Address.

His Honor having addressed the members
at some length on the purposes and prospects
of the Institution, called upon the Secretary
to read the Annual Report of the Committee
of Management for the past year.

Report

It was moved by Mr. Barwick and
seconded by Mr. Mowbray

Read

"That the Report just read be received
and adopted"

Mr. Gibbons moved as an amendment,

and

That this meeting being dissatisfied
with the past and present management of
this Institution does not consider itself
justified in now affirming the Report, but
requires it to be laid for a time on the
table of the Reading Room for perusal by
the members

Adopted

This amendment being seconded
by Dr. Hunter was put to the meeting and
lost and the original motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Mowbray
seconded by Mr. Brodie and carried.

Printed
Copies.

"That a sufficient number of
copies of the Report be printed for circulation
among the members."

PATRONS

Mr. G. Groves then moved and Mr. G. M.
Stephen seconded the proposition

That His Excellency, the Lieut.
Governor, His Honor, the Chief Justice, the
Right Worshipful the Mayor, James Simpson
Esq. and J. H. M. Arthur Esq. be the Patrons
of the Institution for this year.

Mr. McDonough moved as an amend-
ment and Dr. Hunter seconded.

The addition of the name of J. C.
McArthur Esq. to the list of Patrons.
The amendment was put and carried.

It was moved by Mr. Watson and
seconded by Mr. M. Arthur.

Dr. Palmer

That J. F. Palmer Esq. M. L. C.
be elected President of the Society for
this year.

electd

Mr. Brodie moved as an amendment
and Mr. Quirk seconded the appointment of
J. F. A. B. Kett Esq. but the proposal was
afterwards withdrawn.

Another amendment was moved
by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. G. M. H.
viz.

That Dr. Greenes be appointed
President.

President

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

Dr. Hunter

Vice-

President.

It was moved by Mr. Mowbray
seconded by Mr. Gades and carried

That Dr. Hunter be Vice President for this year.

It was then moved by Mr. Gibbons,
seconded by Mr. Quirk and carried.

Treasurer.

"That S. Craig, Esq. be elected
Treasurer of the Institution."

It was moved by Mr. C. D. Miller,
seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried

Trustees.

"That Dr. Black and Mr. G. Tanton, Esq.
be the Trustees for the ensuing year."

It was moved by Mr. Edwards,
seconded by Mr. Quirk and carried.

Auditors.

"That C. Vaughan Esq. and J. L.
Clay, Esq. be the Auditors for 1853."

It was moved by Mr. Edwards,
seconded by Mr. Mowbray & carried

Curators.

"That the Curators for this
year be as follow: viz
A. F. A. Greene, Esq. M. D. M. S. C. Geology & Mineralogy.
Godfrey Hewitt, Esq. M. D. F. R. S. L. S. Entomology & Botany.
W. J. Gibbons Antiquarian & Origines.
Rev. A. Morison, Esq. Theological and Philosophical Department
W. Mutt Esq. Fine Arts."

Confirmed

The election of Messrs. Trux, Dow,
and Argubent by the Committee during the
past year was confirmed.

Election

Committee.

The meeting then proceeded to the
election of ten members of Committee in
room of Messrs J. J. A. Beckwith, J. H. Hart, P. Hedges
W. Kerr, M. J. M. Donogh, J. H. Watson and W. Young,
rotating by rotation, and Messrs Edwards and Hood
disqualified and Mr. Clay appointed Auditor.

Committee.

The meeting having appointed Messrs
Bull and Watson scrutineers, proceeded
to take a ballot which resulted in
the following gentlemen being declared duly
elected viz. Messrs Blair, M. Donogh
(re-elected), Charles P. Brown, Mr Hart, re-elected,
G. M. Stephens, J. C. Palmair, R. S. Brodie, Jas.
B. Mowbray and Geo. Edwards.

Mr. McArthur moved and
Mr. Trux seconded that

Thanks
to
Chairman.

"That His Honor vacate, and
Mr Mc Arthur take the Chair."

Mr. Bull then moved
"That the thanks of the meeting
be given to His Honor for his conduct
as president of the meeting."
Carried by acclamation

Mr. M. Donogh moved and
Mr. Stephen seconded

Thanks
to
Mr. Mc Arthur.

"That the thanks of the Members
are due to the late President, Mr. Mc Arthur
for his invaluable services to the Institu-
tion for twelve years past."

The motion was carried unan-
imously and the meeting was dissolved.

Prof. A. M. W.
Once Chair =

Tuesday, 1st Feb. 1853.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present: Messrs Barwick, Blair, Brodie, Clowes, Craig, Eades, Edwards, Gibbons, Hunter, Knox, McDonough, O'Farrell and Wigham.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read, and after a slight amendment were confirmed.

The Committee then proceeded to the election of the necessary sub-committees.

Mr Knox proposed and Mr McDonough seconded,

Lecture

"That the following gentlemen be appointed as Lecture Committee, viz. Messrs Hunter, O'Farrell, Eades, Gibbons and Greaves.

Committee.

The motion was put and carried. Mr Clowes moved as an amendment,

That the Lecture Committee consist of Messrs Hunter, Blair, Eades, Gibbons & Greaves.

The amendment was put and carried.

It was moved by Mr Wigham, seconded by Barwick and carried,

Library

That the Library Committee consist of Messrs Knox, Blair, Stephen, McDonough and Morrison.

Committee.

House

Committee.

Mr Barwick then moved, "That Messrs Hunt, Wigham, Edwards, Clowes and O'Farrell be the House Committee for the year." The motion was seconded by Mr McDonough and carried.

Building

Committee.

It was moved by Mr Wigham seconded by Mr Barwick and carried.

That the Building Committee consist of Mr Hunter, Mr Greaves, Mr Gibbons, Mr Dow, Mr Knox, Mr Clowes, Mr Stephen, Mr Barwick, and Mr McDonough.

Concert

Committee.

After some discussion respecting the Music Committee, it was moved by Mr Knox, seconded by Mr O'Farrell & carried

That Messrs Brodie, Gibbons, Hunter, Edwards, Clowes and McDonough form the Concert Committee for the ensuing year.

It was moved by Mr O'Farrell seconded by Mr Craig and carried

Report

on

Music

Affairs.

That the Concert Committee be directed to report upon the subject of Concerts as connected with this Institution, - to inquire into the utility of continuing the Thursday night Concerts, - to draw up a formal report of the result of the Concerts from the 1st Jan. 1852 to the 31st Dec. of the same year, and generally to report upon the subject

Mr Edwards then moved and Mr Gibbons seconded.

"That Mr. Peterson be re-elected Secretary of the Institution"

The motion was put and carried.

The Secretary having, at the request of the Chairman, left the Room for a few minutes, it was moved by Mr. O'Farrell

seconded by Mr. Mc'Donogh & carried.

"That the Secretary's Salary be continued at its present rate."

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

"That this meeting do now adjourn until next Friday, at half-past seven o'clock p.m. for the despatch of the business which otherwise should be brought forward this evening."

The motion was put and lost, and the proceedings of the meeting resumed.

Mr. Mc'Donogh moved and Mr. Barwick seconded

"That a Clerk be engaged by the Secretary at the rate of £13 per week, his duties to be at the discretion of the Secretary, under the approval of the General Committee. Engagement terminable at the discretion of the Committee."

A doubt having arisen as to this resolution being a "motion of course", it was put to the meeting and decided to be in order.

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried.

The Chairman called the attention of the meeting to the fact that the whole volume of music from the New Chimes of the Argus Office was constantly playing upon the face of the Institution Building, and the Secretary was requested to draw the attention of Mr. Wilson to the subject.

On the motion of Mr. Mc'Donogh; seconded by Mr. Edwards, the Secretary was empowered to get printed such forms of accounts &c. as might be required to facilitate business.

A letter was received from Mr. Vaughan claiming on behalf of the second Baptist Church, the usual notice due to yearly tenants, before enforcing the proposed increase of rent.

Mr. Mc'Donogh moved, and Mr. Barwick seconded

That the Secretary be instructed to write to Mr. Vaughan demanding the increased amount of rent agreed upon at a previous meeting of Committee 10th Jan^y. ult.

The motion was carried.

It was then moved by Mr. Barwick; seconded by Mr. O'Farrell, and, after considerable debate, carried.

"That the meeting be adjourned till Friday next."

The meeting accordingly adjourned.

Friday, 4th Feb. 1853.

Adjourned Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present.

Messrs Barwick, Blair, Brodie, Colvins,
Craik, Coates, Edwards, Gibbons, Hunter,
Knox, Mc Donogh, W. Farrell, Palmer & Wigham.

Dr. Palmer, Chairman.

A letter was received from Mr. Law, proposing
to establish in the Institution a class for in-
struction in Mathematics.

Mr. Knox moved and

Mr. Mc Donogh seconded the following
motion which was carried, viz.

That a sub-committee for classes
be now formed for this year, consisting of
Messrs. Balmain, Gibbons, Hart,
Stephen and Dr. Coates.

It was moved by Mr. W. Farrell:

"That Mr. Law's letter be referred to the
Class Committee."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Mc
Donogh and carried.

At this stage of the business the Presi-
dent addressed the meeting, intimating that
whilst he appreciated the honor conferred on
him by the members in appointing him to
the office he held, he felt himself bound to
say that he thought the interests of the Insti-
tution would be better forwarded by the election
of some other gentleman who could devote more
time to its furtherance and give more regular
attendance to the Committee Meetings than his

public duties would allow him to afford: but
that, should the Committee freely and unbiassedly
express to him their desire that he should continue
in office, he should be happy to spare as much
of his attention as possible for the advancement of
the Society. Dr. Palmer concluded by re-
questing permission of the meeting to return to
return to the Legislative Council.

The President having withdrawn
the Vice-President took the Chair, and the
Committee resumed business.

The following tenders for printing the
Annual Report were received and opened, viz.

Mr. Boucher for 400 Copies	£10	for 500 Copies	£11	for 600 Copies	£12
" Shanley "	"	"	"	"	"
" Goode "	£11	"	£12	"	£13
" Angus "	£8	"	£10	"	£12
" Mr. Lucas "	£8	"	£9	"	£9.10

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

That Mr. Lucas be the printer of the Report
and that 600 Copies be printed.

Mr. W. Farrell then moved and Mr. Brodie
seconded the resolution—

"That the Secretary be instructed
to inform Dr. Palmer that, inasmuch as the
President is not expected to attend every Com-
mittee meeting of the Institution, the Committee
request he will retain his appointment,
being satisfied that he will devote as much
of his attention to the affairs of the Society
as his other duties will permit."

The motion was put to the meeting and
carried unanimously.

An application was received from Mr. Hunt, asking leave to place his tent in the back yard of the Institution premises.

It was moved by Mr. Farrell and seconded by Mr. Colowes

"That the Secretary be instructed to inform Mr. Adolphus Hunt that the request contained in his letter cannot be complied with."

Mr. Gibbons moved as an amendment, and Mr. Brodie seconded, -

"That Mr. Hunt's letter be referred to the House Committee."

The amendment was put and lost, and the original motion carried.

The Committee examined a crayon portrait of His Honor the Chief Justice, one of the Patrons of the Institution, drawn by Mr. Sothorn, and offered for sale.

Mr. Farrell moved and Mr. Edwards seconded, -

"That the likeness of the Chief Justice be purchased by the Committee for the Museum of the Institution, at the price of five pounds."

The motion was put and carried.

The Secretary stated that in accordance with the desire of the Committee he had made formal objection to the amount of valuation affixed by the Corporation Valuers to the Institution premises, and had attended the Court of Appeal, the result being a reduction in the valuation from £800 to £600 per annum.

In connection with this Mr. McDonough moved and Mr. Gibbons seconded, -

That the Secretary draw up, under the direction of the House Committee, a Memorial to the City Council respectfully requesting them to permit the improvement on the Institution premises, and that the same be entrusted to Alderman Hodgson for presentation and to Councillor Colowes for support in the City Council.

The resolution was put and carried.

It was then agreed on the motion of Mr. Blair seconded by Mr. Farrell

That the House Committee communicate with Mr. Wilson in reference to the nuisance occasioned to the Institution by the smoke from his chimney.

It was moved by Mr. Argus and seconded by Mr. McDonough, and carried.

That the Secretary be empowered to call for tenders for the wood work necessary in fitting up the room intended for the Library, according to a plan to be sanctioned by the Library Committee.

It was moved by Mr. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Brodie, and carried.

That it be referred to the Building Committee to report if the Front of the Building require fresh painting, &c.

The Committee then took under consideration the list of Periodicals and Newspapers.

Mr. Farrell moved and Mr. Colowes seconded, -

"That the British and Irish periodicals mentioned in the printed list be received during the ensuing year, and that other periodicals introduced into the Library be inserted in the list."

The motion was carried.

Mr Brodie moved and Mr Clowes seconded the addition of the British Almanac and Companion: which was agreed to.

On the Motion of Mr. Wigham, seconded by Mr O'Farrell, the Illustrated Exhibitor was added.

From the Newspaper List the Atlas Economist and Britannia were struck out, and on the Motion of Mr O'Farrell seconded by Mr Edwards, the "Nation", Dublin Evening Post, John-o-Groat's Journal & the Inverness Courier &c were added.

On the Motion of Dr. Leader seconded by Mr M'Donogh the "Courrier de l'Europe, ou L'Echo du Continent." was added to the list.

The choice of a German Paper was deferred until next meeting.

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

G. S. Beale	Thos. Goodliffe	J. W. Sutton	Jos. Taylor.
Alex. Bruce	W. S. Louthwood	P. Thompson jun.	W. Duffey
Jno. Hayhoe	C. Bell	"Alston	Ben Potornoi
W. C. Lewis	W. W. Tickle	J. Hollings jun.	W. H. Abbott
W. Henry	Balfour Stewart	C. H. Ellis	and S. Escalyne

20 in all.

The accounts passed were Post Office Box £1.1.1 Little & Co. 1.3.4 Anderson Candles £16.4. Secretary Salary for Jan'y £20.16.0 R Adamson do. do. £4.6.0-

The meeting then separated.

Prof. W. M. M.
Vice Chair.

Tuesday, 15th Feb. 1853.

Half-Monthly ^{Meeting} of the Committee of Management.

Present.

Messrs Barwick, Blair, Brodie, Clowes, Edwards, Hart, Hunter, Knox, M'Donogh, O'Farrell and Stephen.

Dr. Hunter, (Chairman).

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed, on the Motion of Mr O'Farrell, seconded by Mr Knox.

It was then moved by Mr Stephen, seconded by Mr Knox, and carried:—

"That the "Allgemeine Zeitung" be obtained."

Allgemeine Zeitung

Mr Knox moved and Mr O'Farrell seconded:—

"That the "Atta California" Newspaper be added to the list."

Atta California.

The motion was put & carried

Mr Hart then moved and Mr M'Donogh seconded

"That the Jewish Chronicle be added to the list"

Jewish Chronicle

The motion was put and carried.

Mr. Gloues moved and
Mr. Barwick seconded

That the "New York Herald" be
ordered
The motion was carried.

New York
Herald.

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

That the "New York Tribune" be
added to the list.

New York
Tribune.

Mr. McConough moved and
Mr. Stephen seconded

That the "Inquirer" be obtained.

Inquirer

After much ~~of~~ discussion the motion
was passed.

It was moved by Mr. O'Farrell and
seconded by Mr. Brodie

That the Minutes of the sub-com-
mittees of the Institution which have not
and done business since the last meeting
of General Committee be read for confirma-
tion or otherwise, and that this course
be pursued at every general Committee
meeting, immediately after the confirmation
of the General Committee's minutes.

Minutes of
Sub-
Committees
to be
read at
General
Committee
Meetings.

The meeting expressed their
opinion that this motion was unneces-
sary, it being in the power of the Chairman
or any member of Committee to call for

the Minutes in question to be read. The pro-
position was accordingly withdrawn.

Minutes
of

The Minutes and Report of the Concert
Committee.

Concert
Committee.

After much discussion it was
moved by Mr. Stephen
seconded by Mr. O'Farrell and carried.

That the suggestion of the Concert
Committee that the Platform be raised, and backs
to the seats be added - shall not be confirmed
but that the Concert Committee shall ascer-
tain and report to the General Committee
what the expense will be.

It was moved by Mr. Gloues,
seconded by Mr. Brodie and carried.

That the Report read be received.

£ 500

A letter was received from the
Colonial Secretary (Mr. Jintimurating
that the sum of £500 had been voted
by the Legislative Council towards
the erection of a Theatre at the Insti-
tution and £150 towards the mainte-
nance of the Institution during the current
year.

£ 150

Mr. Edwards moved and
Mr. Stephen seconded the following
resolution which was carried, viz.

That the Treasurer be requested
to apply to the Colonial Secretary for
the amount voted for by the Legislative
Council.

Collection of
Mineral^g
Specimens

A sample of a Collection of mineralogical specimens left for purchase by the Committee, was submitted, when Mr. Blowes moved and Mr. Barwick seconded

That Mess^{rs} Knox, Stephen, and McDonough be appointed a sub-committee to examine the mineralogical collection of Mr. Wootley, with power to purchase if deemed advisable.

The motion was put and carried

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

Pullar's
Contract

That Mess^{rs} Pullar and Co's contract for the supply of the British and other Newspapers, and Periodicals be continued for this year.

New

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

Members.

Mess^{rs} - Mrs. Heilly, Mrs. Ransom, - Mr. Child, Mr. M^rink, F. A. Goodall, - Farwell, J. S. Lorrimer, Mr. Elliott, G. Holmes, - Dewar, R. Kennerly, - Osborne, Ed. Forman, J. Brown, C. G. Mayne, J. Blackham, W. Harrison, - Stead, L. M. Thomson, - Battieart, - Hawkins. = 21 in all.

The meeting was then dissolved.

Wm. F. M. M.

Wine Chair

Tuesday, 1st March, 1853.

Monthly Meeting of the General Committee of Management.

Present Mess^{rs} Brodie, Blowes, Edwards, Gibbons, Hunter, Knox, McDonough and Myrbaert

W. Hunter, Chairman;

Minutes
G. e. n.
Comm^{tee}

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and after a verbal amendment, were confirmed.

Sub-comm^s

The Minutes of the sub-committee meetings held since last General Committee meeting were next read.

Concert
Comm^s

Some discussion took place on the proceedings of the Concert Committee which resulted in the following resolution,

Minutes

Moved by Mr. Myrbaert
Seconded by Mr. Blowes and carried.

Gen. comm^{tee}

"That the Report of the Concert Committee be re-committed for amendment."

Mr. Brodie moved and Mr. Blowes seconded

Comm^{tee}

for

Minerals.

"That the Minutes of the Special Committee appointed to examine and purchase Mr. Wootley's Mineralogical Specimens be affirmed"

The motion was carried.

Tenders

for

Platform

x

Seats.

After some discussion on the Lecture Committee's minutes, a Tender, from Mr. Mayor, for raising the Platform, and backing the seats of the Lecture Room, was read the former item amounting to £11, the latter to 7/ per seat, for work.

Tender
for
Platform

Mr. Wryubart moved and
Mr. Gibbons seconded.

acc^{pt}

"That the Tender for the raising
of the Platform be accepted, but that the
alteration of the seats be deferred for a time."

The resolution was put & carried

Tender
for
Library

Another Tender was received from John
Vondahlen, offering to put complete the fittings
for the New Library for the sum of £66.

It was moved by Mr. Wryubart
Seconded by Mr. Gibbons and carried

deferred. "That the consideration of the proposed
alterations to the Library be postponed till
"more tenders be received"

Mr. Knox moved and
Mr. Brodie seconded

Reading
Room.

"That the Building Committee
be instructed to produce a plan for enlarging
the Reading Room by throwing into it the
Town Treasurer's Room"

Town

The motion was put to the meeting and
lost. It was then moved by Mr. Mc Donogh,
Seconded by Mr. Wryubart and carried

Treasurer's

Room

"That the Secretary be instructed
to write to the Town Council, requesting them
to give up possession of the Town Treasurer's Room
"as the same is not included in the original
required agreement."

New

The undersigned gentlemen were admitted
Members of the Institution, viz. Messrs W. W. Duckett
Henry, John Kelly, Alex. Linnard - Woolf
Jno. Asher, C. Lucas, - May - Hirschler
W. J. Fallows, W. W. Winton H. Single Esq. Hunt
Goodwin, A. Linnard = 15 in all.

Members.

ap^{pt}

The accounts passed were	
Thos Little, for Candles	£ 12 " 10 " 11
A. Vent for Books	3 " 7 " -
- Miller for do.	2 " 14 " 6
A. Morrison for do.	14 " 11 " 6
Penny Cyclopaedia	12 " - " -
E. Dotham Portrait of His Honor	5 " 5 " -
Boniface Re-leading of Roof	20 " 16 " 0
Town Rates	4 " - " -
Secretary, Salary for July	20 " 16 " 0
Assistant, do. for 26 th July	9 " - " -
Boy, do for July	4 " 6 " 0

The meeting then separated.

Wm. A. M. M.
Vice Chair -

Tuesday, 15th March, 1853.

Half-monthly meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present.

Messrs. Balmain, Barwick, Brodie, Clowes,
Dow, Eades, Edwards, Gibbons, Hunter, Knox,
McDonough, W. Farrell & Urquhart.

D. Hunter, Chairman

Minutes
Confirmed.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

Lecture
Com.

The minutes of the Lecture Committee meeting of the 4th inst. were confirmed on the motion of Mr. W. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Edwards.

House
Com.

The House Committee's minutes were also read and affirmed on the motion of Mr. Clowes seconded by Mr. Brodie.

Town
Clerk's
letter

A letter was received from the Town Clerk, of date _____, refusing the application of the Committee for the cession of the Town Treasurer's room for the use of the Institution.

Corporation
Workmen

in

the

Entrance

Hall.

Attention was next called to the nuisance created by the thronging of the entrance to the building, every Saturday, by the Corporation workmen waiting payment. It was moved by Mr. Gibbons seconded by Mr. McDonough and carried.

That the Secretary be desired to write to the Town Clerk requesting that the nuisance arising from the crowd of laborers, waiting in the Hall for payment may be obviated.

Mr. Daly's

application

for

Room.

An application was received from Mr. Daly, requesting the use of the Lecture Room for two evenings a week to lecture on Electro-Biology.

On which it was moved by Mr. Clowes seconded by Mr. Eades and carried.

That the Room be granted to Mr. Daly for two convenient evenings a week.

A Copy of Mullman's "Art of Drawing on Stone" was received as a donation from Mr. Jas. Millar, and on the motion of Mr. Brodie, seconded by Mr. Gibbons, the thanks of the Committee were voted to Mr. Millar for the same.

Dr. Eades then proposed and Mr. Gibbons seconded.

That the Committee shall have the entree to all entertainments given in the Institution, whether the Room be rented or otherwise, except in the case of Concerts to which the members of the Concert Committee shall alone have gratuitous entree.

It was moved as an amendment by Mr. Barwick and seconded by Mr. Dow.

That the clause of the preceding proposition beginning with "except" be expunged.

The resolution as amended was put to the meeting and carried.

The undermentioned gentlemen were admitted members viz.

1853

March

Attest	Weyon	A Elliott	G W Selby
J. Mudge	Ch Wscape	W C Howard	F Giblin
J. S. Davis	E Leadbeatter	C. Conie	E Benjamin
W. Edwards	P. Dayell	Fox	R Mitwell
P. Mason	Brainin	J. Luke	S. Robson
R. M. Donald	J Benjamin	= 21 in all	

The Meeting then separated
 A. Hart
 Chairman

Tuesday, 5th April, 1853.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present Messrs Bulmain, Barwick, Blair, Clowes, Edwards, Gibbons, Hart, Knox, M'Lough, O'Farrell and Stephen.

M. Hart, Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed

House Committee's

The minutes of the House Committee meeting of the 4th inst. were read and it was moved by Mr. O'Farrell and seconded by Mr. Knox.

Minutes

That the minutes of the House Committee be confirmed except in the matter of their refusal to let the Rooms for religious purposes.

The following amendment was moved by Mr. Clowes and seconded by Mr. Edwards. viz

"That the minutes of the House Committee be confirmed."

April.

A second amendment was moved by Mr. Knox, and seconded by Mr. Bulmain, viz.

That the Presbyterian and other bodies (applying for the Rooms) be informed that they have the option of appealing to the General Committee in reference to the use of the Reading Room for religious purposes.

The amendments were put to the meeting and lost and the original motion carried.

Concert Committee Minutes

The Concert Committee Minutes were next read and confirmed un. con.

Town Clerk's Letter

A letter was received from the Town Clerk, intimating that it was impossible for the Town Treasurer to vacate his room until the completion of the New Town Hall.

Chess

A letter was received from the Chess Club of the Institution, submitting a Draft of their proposed Rules, on which it was moved by Mr. Clowes, and seconded by Mr. Edwards.

Chess

That the Consideration of the Rules be referred to the Glass Committee.

Mr. O'Farrell moved as an amendment and Mr. Knox seconded.

That the Rules be now read and considered serialim by the Committee.

The amendment was put and carried.

Rules.

The Rules were accordingly read,

and Mr. Colmes moved and Mr. Edwards seconded

Class

That this consideration be deferred until additional accommodation can be obtained for classes.

Class

Mr. O'Farrell moved as an amendment and Mr. Stephen seconded.

Rules

That it be suggested to the members of the Chess Class to add the following words to the 17th Rule viz.

Amended.

"Provided further that every such new rule or regulation shall be laid before the next General Committee Meeting of the Institution and shall be allowed or disapproved of by that body."

A second amendment to the following effect was moved by Mr. Gibbons and seconded by Mr. McDonogh, viz.

and

That the Rules of the Chess Class as read be sanctioned."

Sanctioned

Mr. Gibbons' amendment was put to the meeting and lost. Mr. O'Farrell's amendment was then put and carried, thus quashing the original motion

The meeting then adjourned for five minutes and at the expiration of that period resumed business, when it was moved by Mr. McDonogh seconded by Mr. Gibbons and carried.

That the Rules of the Chess Class, subject to the last resolution be confirmed"

New

The following gentlemen were admitted members of the Institution, viz. ^{Adm} on the motion of Mr. Knox, seconded by Mr. O'Farrell viz. Messrs J. Lee

- G. F. Bartrop G. Marshall P. Winslow G. W. Perry
 - J. Cole Col. Campbell W. Furrow Bro. Whitman
 - W. H. Stevens J. A. Thomas Scrutton Samuel
 - G. Robinson Caleb Anderson Mr. Thomas G. South
 - Gilber V. J. Wall J. H. Little & R. Francis
- 21 in all

Members.

Solar

It was moved by Mr. Stephen and seconded by Mr. Gibbons

Lamps

That the House Committee be directed to purchase a sufficient supply of suspended Solar Lamps for the Hall of the Institution."

ref?

Mr. McDonogh moved as an amendment and Mr. Colmes seconded,

to

House Com^{tee}

That it be referred to the House Committee to consider if the adoption of Solar Lamps in the Hall of the Institution be advisable and to report on the same to the General Meeting of Committee

The amendment was carried.

Notice of Motion

Mr. Edwards gave notice that, at next meeting of Committee, he would move

Secy's Salary.

"That the Salary of the Secretary be increased to £300 per annum."

Amphitheatre

Mr. McDonogh gave notice that at next meeting he would move "That the Building Committee take immediate steps for the erection of the proposed Am

1853. April 5th.

"Amphitheatre, and the claiming of the £500 voted by the Legislative Council."

The accounts passed were.

Accounts.

Books	7 "19" -
Interest. t. Savings Bank	16 " - " -
Wood for Platform & Work	10 "15" "5
do	11 " - " -
M. Blackburn Mechanics Magazine	9 " 3 " -
Small stable	2 " 2 " 6
Secretary's Salary for Mar.	20 " 16 " 8
Boys " " do	4 " 6 " 8

The Meeting then terminated.
Don. Urquhart - Chairman

Tuesday, 19th April, 1853.

Half-monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management

Present. - Messrs Balmain, Barwick, Colowes, Eades, Edwards, Knox, M^o Donogh, Urquhart and Brodie.

Mr. Urquhart, Chairman

Minutes confirmed.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Concert

Committee

Minutes.

The Minutes of the Concert Committee were next confirmed on the motion of Mr Edwards, seconded by Mr Colowes, and the Balance Book of the Concert Funds was examined.

19th April 1853.

Dr. Hunter's

Apology.

Dr Hunter (here tendered, through Mr. Edwards, an apology for his non-attendance at the meeting, arising from a sudden professional call at St. Rilda.

Library

Committee

Minutes.

The Minutes of the Library Committee were then affirmed.

Mr. M. Donogh moved and Mr. Barwick seconded the following resolution which was carried; viz.

That the copy of Wilkes's American Exploring Expedition (as purchased offered by Mr. Norris) be purchased for £4. 4s. and that the Library Committee be instructed to make a Reserved List of such books as it may not be desirable to lend in general.

Lecture

Committee.

Lectures

of Season to proceed.

House

Committee.

The minutes of the Lecture Committee were next read and confirmed.

It was agreed to on the motion of Mr. Colowes, seconded by Mr. Balmain,

That the Lecture Committee be directed to proceed at once with the Lectures of the season, even failing Dr. Palmer being able to deliver his proposed opening address.

The minutes of the House Committee having been read, Mr. Colowes proposed Mr. Edwards seconded.

"That the minutes of the House Committee be confirmed"

House Committee

Minutes

On this Mr. McDonough proposed the following amendment, which was seconded by Mr. Balmain and carried.

"That the minutes of the House Committee, be confirmed, except the resolution respecting the letting of the room to Mr. Campbell and that Mr. Campbell and other applicants be referred to the General Committee.

It was then moved by Mr. McDonough seconded by Mr. Barwick and carried.

"That this meeting adjourn for five minutes.

The meeting having accordingly adjourned for that period, resumed business, when an application was received from Mr. W. Campbell, wishing to rent the Reading Room on Sunday afternoons, for religious service.

It was moved by Mr. Balmain, seconded by Mr. McDonough and carried.

That Mr. Campbell's application for the use of the Reading Room on Sunday afternoons (that is for one service) be acceded to, at the rent of £2 per week.

An application was received from Mrs. Viessaix, proposing to rent the Large Room for the purpose of holding her subscription sale of Paintings, and, on the motion of Mr. McDonough, seconded by Mr. Clowes, was agreed to.

The attention of the Committee was

Adjournment

Application for Reading Room

on

Sunday

Afternoons

acceded to @ £2 per week.

Mrs. Viessaix's

Subscription Sale agreed to.

Model

Seat

Dr. Milton's

placards

contradicted.

Secy's salary

Amendment

carried.

next drawn to a Model Seat, prepared by direction of the Concert Committee, and the Secretary was authorized to continue the carpenter at work on the seats until next meeting of the Committee.

In reference to a placard put forth by ~~Dr. Milton~~ Dr. Milton, advertising his proposed Lecture on Industry as a Mechanics Institution Lecture,

Mr. Knox moved and Mr. Edwards seconded,

"That an advertisement be inserted in to-morrow's papers intimating that the Lecture on Electro-Biology, placarded by Dr. Milton as a Mechanics Institution Lecture is not in any way connected with, or sanctioned by this Committee."

The motion was carried.

The Secretary having retired to carry into effect the foregoing resolution, Mr. Edwards, according to notice, moved,

That the Salary of the Secretary be increased to £300, per annum.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Barwick;

The following Amendment was (moved) by Mr. Knox, seconded by Mr. Clowes and carried, viz.

"That it is not expedient to raise the salary of the Secretary until we can dispense with the services of the Sub-Secretary."

April 19th 1853.

Amphitheatre
consideration
postponed.

Mr. Mc'Donogh proposed, according to notice, ~~the~~ his motion in reference to the building of the Amphitheatre, which was seconded by Mr. Clowes and withdrawn for consideration at a Special Meeting to be called for the purpose.

The undermentioned gentlemen were admitted as members of the Institution viz
Messrs - S. B. Drew. J. N. Ware Jas. Abraham
- Bohren J. J. Smith P. Pascoe R. Winter
Jas. J. Thompson - Fligg. G. G. Jones G. W. Lee.
P. A. Jones Chas. Ogilby - Bruce - Forbes
also Miss M. Davis - 16 in all.

New
Members.

The Meeting then closed.

Wm. A. M. M.

Wice Chair

Tuesday, 3rd May, 1853.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present. Messrs Barwick, Blair, Brodie, Clowes, Gibbons, Hunter, Knox and Mc'Donogh.

Dr. Hunter, Chairman,

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed, after some discussion relative to the construction and arrangements of the new seats.

Lecture &
Library
Committees'
Minutes.

The minutes of the Lecture and Library Committees were confirmed. Those of the Concert Committee were also after some consideration, affirmed, on the motion of Mr. Knox seconded by Mr. Clowes.

Quorums

Mr. Knox then moved and
Mr. Clowes seconded

That if only one member of any sub-committee attend any meeting of the same, at the specified time, he shall, after the lapse of a quarter of an hour, proceed to business and be a sufficient quorum.

It was shown that this proposition, contravening a previous resolution of Committee, could not, (according to Rule 25) be passed without special notice given. The mover and seconder therefore withdrew it, and gave notice of the motion for next meeting of Committee.

Mr. Brodie now moved and
Mr. Mc'Donogh seconded.

That the meeting adjourn for five minutes. The motion was agreed to.

The meeting having resumed business, Mr. Mc'Donogh, according to notice, brought forward his motion of which was seconded by Mr. Knox, viz

That the Building Committee be directed to take immediately preliminary steps for the erection of the proposed Theatre, and for claiming the appropriation of the £500 voted by the Legislative Council towards that object.

A statement was here made of a proposed plan of proceeding in the erection of the Building, viz. To erect immediately a Wooden Hall, constructed of such dimensions as to allow the intended stone or brick Building

being raised around it. The Wooden erection to cost from £1200 to £2000, to be raised by Mortgage the Stone building to be proceeded with in the meantime, and the £500 voted by Govt. claimed.

Certain suggestions of the President, Dr. Palmer, were given to the Meeting, viz.

That, the New Hall being erected immediately, the present Lecture Room be made a spacious Reading Room; that the Library be transferred to more suitable apartments, and that the Government be applied to for a grant of £2000 for the purchase of a complete Library from England.

Mr. Blair moved as an amendment to Mr. Mc Donogh's motion, and Mr. Clowes seconded.

That the Building Committee be directed to take into consideration the propriety of proceeding with the erection of the proposed Theatre, and report thereon to the General Committee.

Mr. Blair's Amendment was ultimately withdrawn, and Mr. Mc Donogh's motion was put and carried.

A letter was received from Mr. W. W. Blow, complaining of the paucity of Newspapers and Periodicals in the Reading Room.

A letter was also received from Mr. Syon of the "Express" newspaper soliciting a share of the advertising connected with the Institution.

Mr. Knorr proposed

that the Collection of Busts exhibited in the Lecture Room be purchased at £1 each, but agreed to post from the proposal till a future meeting.

Mr. Clowes moved and Mr. Brodie seconded, the following resolution which was carried, viz.

That a financial statement may be made by the Secretary to the next meeting, of the present state of the funds of the Institution with the probable annual revenue for the current year, and show much of that amount has been received.

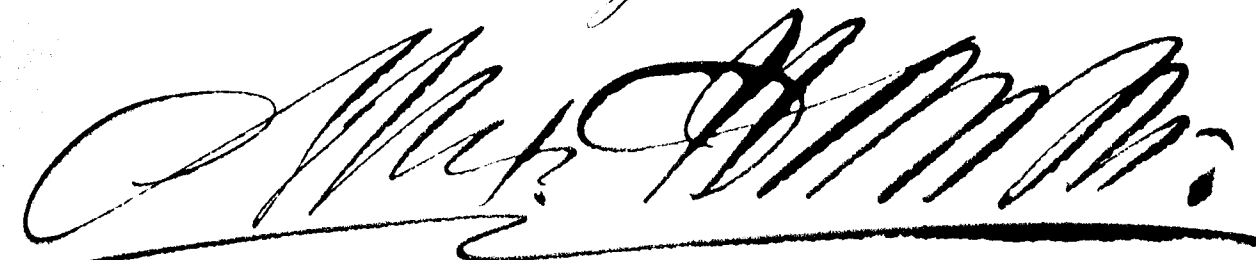
An application was received from the Atlas Building Society requesting to rent the Lecture Hall for Monday, the 16th of May, which was agreed to, on the motion of Mr. Knorr, seconded, by Mr. Barwick, &c.

It was also agreed that that 500 Copies of the Rules of the Institution be printed for the use of the members.

The following gentlemen were admitted members of the Inst. viz. Messrs. J. Hancock
C. Poole August. Wolff A. Vent Bro. Millar.
Mr. M. Coll. Mr. Fowle J. G. O'Reilly W. W. Brown
Hen. Fischer E. Langton H. Harris - Powles
Capt. M. Mathon Mrs. Henderson & Richard G. N. Newton
G. Norton Esq. Mr. Carey Esq. J. Fincham J. Alexander
A. Walsh Jas. Hancock J. D. Gargill J. A. Hyne
P. Savers = 26 in all.

The accounts passed were. Books £4.3.6.
J. Goode, Printing £5.13, Carpenter, Wood & Stone £42.11.2
W. Clarke, Books £2.16.9, Painter £2.11 Argus £4.0.0
Books £4.4, Sundries £4.9, Mr. Norris for Books £4.
Lucas & Caird for Printing £5.4.6, Secretary, Salary for 4m.
£20.16.0, Assistant, do. for 9 weeks x 2 days £20, Porter's
do. for April £4.6.0.

The Meeting ^{then} Separated.


Vice Chair.

Tuesday, 17th May, 1853.

Half-monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present, Messrs Barwick, Brodie, Clowes, Dow, Leades, Edwards, Gibbons, Hunter, Knox, O'Farrell & Stephen.

Dr. Hunter, Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

The Minutes of the Building Committee were confirmed, and in connection therewith the Secretary reported that Mr. Brooke had agreed to sell the piece of land at the back of the Institution premises for less than £500.

It was moved by Mr. Stephen, seconded by Mr. Knox and carried.

That in the opinion of this Committee the Institution should purchase from Mr. Brooke, the Cottage and piece of Land adjoining the premises of the Institution, at the rear.

Some discussion took place relative to former alienation of the land belonging to the Institution and the power of this Committee to effect such alienation, on which it was moved by Mr. Gibbons, seconded by Mr. Barwick and carried.

That a sub-committee consisting of Messrs Stephen, Edwards, O'Farrell, Clowes and Knox be appointed to inquire into the nature of the Trust Deed of the Institution, and to investigate the transactions relating to the past alienation of the land of the Institution, also to procure a copy of the Deed.

Brooke's Land.

Legal Committee of Inquiry into Trust Deed, &c.

Concert

Com. Minutes

Weekly

Concerts

abolished.

House Com.

Minutes.

Society

for Advancement

of Fine Arts

propose an Exhibition.

The Minutes of the Concert Committee were next read and confirmed, when it was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. O'Farrell, and carried.

That after Thursday next the Weekly Concerts be abolished.

Mr. Stephen moved as an amendment and Mr. Knox seconded.

That the Thursday Concerts be abolished after the termination of the present series.

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

Mr. Edwards moved and Mr. Clowes seconded.

That the Meeting be adjourned for five minutes, and the meeting adjourned accordingly.

After the Meeting had resumed, the Minutes of the House Committee and Lecture Committee were confirmed.

A letter was received from the Society for the promotion of the Fine Arts, requesting the use of the Large Room for an Exhibition of Paintings and other works of Art.

It was moved by Mr. O'Farrell and seconded by Mr. Knox, Gibbons.

That the use of the Lecture Hall be given to the Society for the advancement of the Fine Arts, for three or four weeks to be hereafter named, at such times during that period

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Committee
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Mondays

as shall not interfere with existing arrangements for the occupation of the room. That the sum of Twelve pounds per week be charged. That the Exhibitors have the care of the safety of works exhibited to the exclusion of all responsibility on the part of the Committee of the Institution, and that the Members thereof who have paid up their subscription be admitted free during the first week.

The following amendment was moved by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Mr. Barwick, viz.

That the Society for the advancement of the Fine Arts be informed that they may hold their proposed Exhibition free of charge provided that the paid up members of this Institution be admitted free.

The amendment was lost and the original motion carried.

An application was received from the Atlas Building Society, wishing to rent the Lecture Room for Tuesday 7th June and a continuous monthly evening.

It was moved by Mr. Gibbons seconded by Mr. Brodie, and carried.

That the Atlas Building Society be informed that the Hall of the Institution cannot be spared as required.

It was moved by Mr. Brodie, seconded by Mr. Stephen and carried.

That the sub-committees shall in future meet on Monday evenings, at the following hours for each Committee, viz.

Library Committee from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.
House Committee 6 " 7

Lecture Committee from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Building Committee 8 " 9

Letters
from
Mr. H. J. Hart
London.

Two letters were read from Mr. H. J. Hart, London, of date 19th and 22nd Dec. 1852, intimating that he had established an agency for the regular transmission by every Post of a list of the principal British Newspapers, and that he had put the Lecture Committee's order for Philosophical Apparatus into the hands of a House in London, who would ship the required articles in the course of the month, also acknowledging the receipt of a Bank Draft for £50, sent for the purchase of the above.

Mr. Knox's motion in reference to the Quorum of sub-Committees was not pressed.

The following gentlemen were admitted members of the Institution, viz. Messrs. J. Lamb.
New Members
G. Milne. G. F. Ashford W. H. Hatch M. M. Mullen
G. C. White Headrick Jas. Buttrick D. J. Jeffs.
Rev. Sach W. H. Hobson B. Windsor Batterson
- Croggon St. Martin Lieut. Crawford J. T. Lewis
W. G. Morris J. H. Sincok W. H. Crawford J. Alexander
A. Walsh Jas. Hancock, Rev. J. B. Hays, & Rev. W. Cunningham
= 25 in all

The Meeting then separated,

M. J. H. M. M.

Vice Chair.

Tuesday, 14th June, 1853.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present, Messrs Brodie, Hunter, Knox, Mr. Douglas,
O'Farrell and Urquhart

Dr. Hunter, Chairman.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed, on the motion of Mr. McDougall seconded by Mr. Knox, with the exception of ~~the Minutes~~ the resolution abolishing the Weekly Concerts, which was held to be contrary to Rule 25th.

The Minutes of the Library, House, Lecture, and Concert Committees were read & confirmed, on the motion of Mr. Brodie seconded by Mr. Knox.

It was moved by Mr. Brodie seconded by Mr. Urquhart and carried

That the meeting adjourn for five minutes

When the meeting had resumed, Mr. O'Farrell, on behalf of the Legal Committee, appointed to inquire into the power of the General Committee to mortgage and to investigate the circumstances of the former alienation of the Institution fund, reported that the result of their ^{inquiry} was satisfactory as to the former transactions of the Committee and that the power of mortgaging was vested in the hands of the Committee. Mr. O'Farrell referred the meeting for further details to the written Report of the sub-committee, in the possession of Mr. Stephen.

Report
of
Legal
Committee

Messrs Soule &

apply

for

Thursday

Concerts.

Granted.

Mr P Robertson

Donation.

vote of

Thanks.

programme

of

Meetings.

A letter was received from Messrs Soule, Henry, Budder and Maffei, desiring to undertake the management of the Thursday Concerts.

After some discussion it was moved by Mr. Urquhart seconded by Mr. O'Farrell and carried

That the application be agreed to, on the understanding that the Concerts be under the supervision of the Concert Committee and that, if possible, all the musicians engaged by Mr. Maffei be retained until the expiration of their terms, and that the details of terms be settled by the Concert Committee.

A Donation was received from Mr. P. Robertson, consisting of a Map of Melbourne and a set of lenses for a 4 feet telescope

It was moved by Mr. McDougall seconded by Mr. Urquhart and carried

That the Thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Robertson for his present.

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

That the Secretary be instructed to prepare a written Programme of the business proposed to be submitted to every General Meeting of Committee, that such Programme be handed to the presiding Chairman, who shall introduce the business as arranged on the programme, and that until it be gone through, no new subject or motion shall be entertained unless by the special leave of a majority of the members present at the Meeting.

Accounts

The following accounts were passed, viz.

Mr. W. St. for Wood and Work	29	4	"
Annual payment towards liquidation of Debt	100	"	"
Mr. J. Robertson for Books	10	6	"
" Hartigan for Cartage	4	"	"
" Anderson for Candles	17	10	"
" H. Hart, for Philosophical Apparatus	15	2	"
" B. Lucas for Printing	16	13	6
" J. Williams for Books	1	10	3
" Morrison do. do.	30	10	7
Hoppy Hill and Co. for Coals	14	4	6
Pullar and Co. for supply of Papers and Periodicals	42	3	3
Secretary Salary for May	20	16	0
Assistants do.	15	"	"
Porter's do.	6	12	"
Expenses	5	13	"

Passed.

The undermentioned Gentlemen were admitted Members of the Institution, viz. Messrs

Alex. Anderson	M. Dickson	- Frickov	- Vogel
W. Stephen	Geo. Carr	Geo. Wagon	Ad. Leslie
Wm. M. Hill	J. G. Lange	W. Galbraith	W. Williams
Gaethe	W. P. Van Amstel	W. Anderson	J. P. Williams
J. below	D. Moosken Amstel	Geo. Davis	E. Wallaston
- Bier	G. Tolhurst	W. Morton	Alf. Bliss
J. Guain	A. Sedden	W. Ritchie	W. P. Bates
G. Winter M.L.C.	Geo. Lamont	Geo. Davis	Carl. Umack
J. D. Stewart	Geo. Walton	J. M. Force	D. Barry
Geo. Way	W. Ford	Geo. Wray	Geo. Sumpson
Rev. Laurina Mills	D. Drummond	= 42 in all.	

New

Members.

Mr. McDougall tendered his resignation of office in the Concert Committee, and the meeting terminated

R. Brown
Chairman

Tuesday, 21st June, 1853.

Half Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present, Messrs Brodie, Blower, Dow, Leades, and Knox.

Mr. Blower, Chairman

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the Library, House, Lecture Concert and Building Sub-Committees, were read and passed.

Report

A Report was received from the Building Committee,

The Building Committee to the General Committee of the Institution.

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Gentlemen,

Building

Committee.

After mature consideration on the part of the Building Committee in reference to the various plans projected for providing the necessary increased accommodation for the Institution, this Committee are strongly of opinion that the building-space in the rear, and in possession, of the Institution, is quite inadequate to permit of an erection equal to the future requirements and past prospects of the Society, and therefore beg to recommend, as a first step, to secure, at all events, the small parcel of land at the back of the premises even whether the Committee resolve at present to proceed with the proposed Building, or otherwise.

Report

The Building Committee firmly believe that any erection bounded by their present limits, or adequate only to the present demands, is wholly unworthy of the consideration of the Committee and would better be left undone, inasmuch as it would, they think, certainly and shortly prove an obstacle in the way of a grander structure, more commensurate with the enlarged ideas and necessities of a future day.

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The Building Committee further beg to recommend that the Stone Foundation be at once laid and the Government Grant of £500 appropriated by calling for tenders for work up to that amount; that a representation be made to the Government for more liberal assistance.

Building

That as soon as the Building has been commenced subscription lists be opened among the Members and the Public in order to keep the work going on to completion.

Committee.

In reference to a temporary Building this Committee are of opinion that the consideration of the same be deferred until the foundation and dwarf walls of the Stone Building have been laid, and the Government Grant obtained as the increased debt necessary for the temporary erection would be likely to form an additional hindrance to any assistance from Government.

It was moved by D. Eades, seconded by Mr Brodie, and carried.

Report adopted.

That the Report of the Building Committee be and the recommendations therein contained be adopted and the Building Committee be empowered to carry out the same.

M. Soualle's

An application was received from M^r. Soualle desiring engage the Concert Room for a Series of four Concerts.

Concerts.

It was moved by Mr Brodie, seconded by D^r. Eades and Carried.

That M^r. Soualle's application be agreed to, on the condition that he prepay half the amount of Rent, as a guarantee for his carrying out his intended Concerts.

Mr. Peck's

Mr. Peck of New York, made application to the Committee, requesting them to become subscribers to a small volume descriptive of Australia, about to be published by him.

Work.

On the motion of D^r. Eades, seconded by Mr. Dow, it was agreed to take three copies.

Mr Bancroft

Mr. Bancroft made application for payment of the amount he claimed from the Concert Committee.

Crook's

It was moved by Mr. Wmox, seconded by Mr. Dow and Carried unanimously.

Ground.

That Mr. Foxton, as Trustee be empowered to purchase the land from Mr. Crook.

The following New members were admitted to the Institution, viz.

Walter Coates	J.B. Cole	D. Charlwood	W.P. Duthie
Rt. Brain, jun	R. J. Williams	J. Charlwood	M. Beutaux
Ed. M. Shaw	J.B. Carey	Geo. Brown	D. Campbell
Geo. Harr	Ed. Little	Thos. Eldridge	Mr. J. Hume
- Wigney	Geo. Burns	Ab. Baxter	D.P. Meagh
Chas. Gibb	Alex. Fisher	G. Pierce	R. Millish
Mr. Clutterbuck	W. Robinson	R. Savage	W. Showers
Thos. Austin			

Conversations

It was moved by Mr. Knox,
seconded by Mr. Brodie and carried
unanimously.

Meeting.

That a social meeting be held on
Thursday evening, the 30th inst and that Messrs
Brodie, Knox, Wryghast, Dow and Morrison
be a sub-committee to make arrangements
for the same.

Apparatus.

The Committee examined the
Philosophical Apparatus lately received
from London, and the meeting terminated

Richard Eades
Chairman

Tuesday, 5th July, 1853.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management
Present Messrs Barwick, Clowes and Gibbons.

At eight o'clock no quorum being
present, the members withdrew.

At a later hour Messrs Brodie and
Dow were in attendance

Monday, 11th July, 1853.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management

Present Messrs Barwick, Brodie, Clowes, Eades,
Greaves, Hart and Wryghast.

Jr. Eades, Chairman.

Sub-
Committee
Minutes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were
confirmed, also the minutes of the Library,
House, Lecture, Concert, Building and Con-
versations Sub-Committees

Crook's

It was then moved by Mr. Barwick,
seconded by Mr. Wryghast, and carried

Ground

That Mr. Fortou, as Trustee, be em-
powered and requested to purchase
Mr. Crook's Land at the rear of the Institution
(i.e. a 20ft frontage to the Right of way, by a
depth of 56 ft.) at a sum not exceeding
Five Hundred pounds.

Tenders

It was next moved by Mr. Barwick
seconded by Mr. Clowes and carried

for
Building

front

ground.

That parties in quest of a
Building Site be informed that the ground
in front of the Mechanics Institution is
open to be let by tender on a building
lease, subject to such buildings being
erected thereon, as the Committee may ap-
prove. Particulars to be obtained on
application to the Secretary.

A letter was received from Mr.