

Walter Coates J.B. Cole E. Charlwood W.P. Rutherford  
 R. Brain, jun R. J. Williams J. Charlwood M. Beutaux  
 E. M. Shaw J.B. Carey Jas. Brown D. Campbell  
 Jas. Marr Ed. Little Thos. Eldridge Mr. J. Wain  
 - Wigney Tho. Burns Ab. Baxter D.P. Meagh  
 Chas. Gibb Alex. Fisher G. Pierce R. Millish  
 W. 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 1853.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management

Present Messrs Barwick, Brodie, Clowes, Eades,  
 Groves, Mart and Wryghast.

J. 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-  
 versation sub-committees.

Crook's

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

Ground

That Mr. Forton, as Trustee, be em-  
 powered and requested to purchase  
 Mr. Crook's Land at the rear of the Institution  
 (i.e. a 20 ft 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.

Bird, offering for sale a "Grammeter" for testing gold. The Committee declined purchasing it.

A letter was received from Sig. Maffei, requesting the Committee to let him have certain evenings per week for his intended Opera.

Another letter was received from Herr Strebinger, intimating that he found the risk of the Thursday Concerts too great for him, and requesting to be relieved from the responsibility.

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

That Mr. Maffei be requested to conduct the Thursday Concerts, on the same terms as those granted to Mr. Strebinger?

A letter from Mr. Nash, Sydney, was read, requesting the use of the Concert Room for an Amateur Ethiopian Serenade Coy. The application was disapproved of and referred to the House Committee, on the motion of Mr. Urquhart, seconded by Mr. Barwick.

A note was received from Mr. Gotstein, Cape Town, complaining of the non-payment of subscription to the "South African Advertiser" for more than four years, and was referred for inquiry.

A proposal was made to employ a carpenter to prepare the fittings for the New Library Room, and on the motion of D. Groves, seconded by Mr. Brodie, the matter was postponed.

Mr. Maffei's  
Opera.

Mr. Strebinger  
declines  
weekly  
concerts.

Mr. Maffei  
obtains  
the Concerts.

Applications  
for  
Room

New  
Library  
Fittings

The Chairman here suggested that, in future Wednesday Lecture Meetings, the usual vote of thanks to the Lecturer should be carried by acclamation instead of by formal motion.

The following gentlemen were admitted to the membership of the Institution, viz. Messrs. So. Evans, A. Mathison, W. Henry, J. H. Dease, W. Peck, Ad. Haller, W. P. Brooks, Auth. Mathison, Thos. Faram, W. Schultz, W. Woolnough, J. Braamwell, J. W. Davidson, W. Agg, R. Barry, A. S. Ormsby, W. Davidson, W. Brown, J. Oateney, B. Cass, Rev. Davidson, W. Morry, A. Robinson, J. D. White, W. Cochran, D. M. Mund, W. Brown, Oct. Gibney, R. D. Nash, R. Shannon, A. Leedes, W. T. Brown, W. M. Cortney, Benj. Hood, J. Stewart, W. Greenfield, W. Andrew, J. Reed, - Cahill, J. H. Scholfield, Sig. Maffei, F. Goodwin, Ch. Murphy, Jas. Anderson, - Estell, Thos. Paily, J. Seaman, W. Peay, - Henderson, J. Griffith, Rev. Symons, J. Marks

The accounts of the Month passed were as follow.

Adam Bird	9	"	"
R. Pearson for Binding	1	"	"
W. Nicholson for 10 Chairs	4	4	"
E. West for Wood and Work	14	3	6
H. M. Coll Printing Circulars	1	17	6
Books	20	4	2
W. L. Gibbons, Expenses of Lecture	4	4	"
Secretary	20	16	8
Assistant Salary for 4 weeks	12	"	"

The meeting then terminated.

A. Hart

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> July, 1853.

Special Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present, Messrs. Barwick, Brodie, Blowes,  
Dow, Edwards, Gibbons, Greaves and Mart

Mr. Mart, Chairman,

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

Dr. Greaves stated that the meeting had been called at his suggestion, seconded by the wish of the President, and proposed.

That a Deputation from the Committee be appointed to wait upon His Excellency, the Lieut. Governor, to request him to place on the Estimates for next year the sum of £10,000 in aid of the Mechanics Institution.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried.

Mr. Edwards then moved and Mr. Dow seconded.

That Dr. Palmer, Dr. Greaves, Dr. Eades and Mr. Blowes form the Deputation.

The motion was put and carried.

In compliance with an application from Dr. Daniel and Slighton, the Committee agreed that the Lecture Hall might be rented on Saturday next, if required, for a Social Meeting of St. Paul's Church.

The following gentlemen were admitted as members, viz. Messrs. Jas Smith, W. B. Bucci, A. Canneaux, P. Phillips, And. Hyslop, Thos. Pink, A. Hoque, Jas. Low, Geo. Miller, Jas. Dawtry, H. L. Taylor, Brees, junr. W. L. Shante 14

The Meeting then terminated

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 1853.

Special Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present, Messrs. Balmain, Blair, Brodie, Blowes, Eades, Greaves, Knox, Morrison, Palmer and Stephen

Dr. Palmer, Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

The President on behalf of the Deputation appointed to wait on His Excellency, reported

That the Deputation had been favorably received.

That they represented to His Excellency that in order to make such improvements as would be required

President's

Report

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Report

to put the Institution on a proper footing would require the sum of £10,000, which amount they accordingly requested might be placed on the Estimates for 1854.

That His Excellency in reply acknowledged the advantages of the Institution, and that he did not sympathise with the feelings of Sir Geo. Gipps towards it, but, on the contrary, without pledging himself to anything definite, would exert himself in favor of the Institution.

That His Excellency further suggested that instead of mending the present Building it might be sold and the proceeds applied to the erection of a more appropriate Building on a new site, which he proposed to grant for the purpose.

The President, in addition to the above Report, stated that at a subsequent interview with His Excellency on the subject, he had expressed a wish to have a detailed statement of the requirements of the Institution, and repeated his offer of making a Grant of Land in the Eastern part of Melbourne, in Fitzroy Square or at the East end of Bourke Street, or, if the Committee should prefer the idea of improving the present site he proposed placing on the Estimates £5,000 towards that object.

In answer to a question from the President His Excellency said that in case of the Committee declining to accept the grant of £5,000, as insufficient

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to carry out their views, he would leave for His successor a memorandum of his intended Grant of Land.

Mr. Blowes then moved & Mr. Snow seconded

That it is the opinion of this meeting that His Excellency's offer to place the sum of £5,000 on the Estimates for the improvement of the present Building, <sup>should</sup> be accepted.

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

That the offer of His Excellency to give a grant of Land in Fitzroy Square be thankfully accepted.

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

It was then moved by Mr. Blair seconded by Mr. Balmain: carried

That the motion to accept His Excellency's offer of £5,000, and the amendment to accept a Grant of Land in Fitzroy Square be laid before a General Meeting of the members to be convened for their consideration on 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug.

The Meeting then separated.

Confirmed *A. H. Hart*

Deputation

appointed

to

wait

on

His Excellency

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 1853.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present: Mess<sup>rs</sup> Balmain, Barwick, Brodie, Clowes, Dow, Eades, Edwards, Greaves, Hart, Knox, Mc Donogh and O'Farrell.

Mr Hart, Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

objection  
to  
Friday  
meetings.

The Chairman then drew attention to the circumstance of the last Special Committee Meeting and the approaching Special General Meeting of Members having been called for Friday evenings when it was impossible for members of his Creed to attend.

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

Special  
General  
fixed  
for

That a special General Meeting of the Members of the Institution be held on Tuesday, the 16<sup>th</sup> August, instant at seven o'clock, p.m. for the purpose of considering His Excellency's proposition to give a grant of land or £5000 to the Society.

Tuesday  
the  
16<sup>th</sup> Aug.

A doubt here arising as to whether the above motion was in order, or in contravention of Rule 2, the Chairman declined to put it to the meeting, and accordingly left the Chair which was filled by Mr Edwards.

The motion was now put to the meeting and carried.

Sub.  
Committee

Mr Hart resumed the Chair, and the Minutes of the Library, House, Lecture and Conversazione Committee were read.

Mr Mc Donogh then moved and Dr Greaves seconded.

Library  
Circulation

That certain irregularities appearing to have occurred in the circulation of the Books, that the Library Committee be instructed to take such steps as may secure the due distribution of the books of the Institution. The motion was carried.

Mr Maffei  
declines

A letter was received from Mr Maffei declining to carry on the Weekly Concerts under existing arrangements but proposing to cut off the members privileges: another letter was received from Mr Farley offering to continue the Concerts and to share with the Committee the expense of decorating the Room and approaches.

W.  
Concerts.

On the motion of Dr Greaves, seconded by Mr Knox, it was resolved.

Mr Farley's

proposal  
accepted.

That Mr Farley's offer be accepted if the following modifications be agreed to:  
1<sup>st</sup> Mr Farley to have the use of the Room each Thursday evening for a Concert, free of rent, for three months.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mr F. to decorate the Room subject to the approval of the House Committee.

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3<sup>rd</sup> Existing arrangements as to the privilege of members and Committee to be maintained.

A copy of Rees Cyclopaedia was offered to the Committee for 5/- per volume and declined.

New

The following gentlemen were added to the list of Members, viz. Messrs Es. Warham, Mr. Dixon, W. Beckerton and F. Day. And Johnston Lissetter, G. Ashley R. Dawson Morgan G. Slater Charles Maitland W. Newman Thos. Price Mr. Irvine Wm. Coulson R. M. Bland W. Sutcliffe G. Riley W. Austin Baird Dr. H. Jones D. Fullerton Sol. Samuel St. W. Coverd Jas. Boobier Frank Place R. Woolley Brazill A. Middleton - Gallott R. Coleman H. Wilson

Members.

The accounts passed were:

B. Lucas, Printers	£4-4-
W. S. Gibbons, Lecture Fee & Expenses	7 7
do do	9 9
A. Morrison	19 11 3
D. Blair	5 5
Walker Wright	2-15-
W. Blake	27-10-10
Sundries	9 7 10
Secretary Salary	20 16 8
Sydney Morning Herald	5 15
Mr. Neville	3 3
Mr. Bedford for Printing	£3-10-0
Mr. Jackson Mast. £2-1-6	Mr. M. Call printing
£3-10-0	Costs £13-14-9

The meeting then separated.

Don Wigham Chairman

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1853.

Special General Meeting of the Members, convened for the consideration of a proposal made by His Excellency to grant a new site for the Mechanics Institution or to place on the estimates the sum of £5000 for the improvement of the present building.

Dr. Palmer, Chairman.

The Chairman opened the meeting by reading the advertisement concerning it.

He stated that a Deputation appointed by the Committee had waited upon His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, to request assistance from Government, to the amount of £10,000, which sum was considered necessary to carry out the views of the Committee in order to meet the requirements of the Institution.

The Chairman detailed the result of that and subsequent interviews with His Excellency on the subject, and read the following letter from the Colonial Secretary.

(Copy.)

Colonial Secretary's Office  
Melbourne, 13<sup>th</sup> August 1853.

Letter

from

Col. Sectr.

offering

New Site.

Sir

I have the honor to inform you that, with the advice of His Excellency Council, His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor is prepared to grant allotment No. 11 of Section 27, between Lonsdale and La Trobe Streets as a site for the Mechanics Institute.

I am also directed to state that His

The Honorable  
A. T. Palmer,  
Speaker of the Legislative Council  
of Victoria, Melbourne

Grant  
of  
Land  
near  
Court  
House.

His Excellency sanctions the reservation of the adjoining allotment (No. 10) for the proposed Economic Museum, and that of an allotment in the vicinity for the Public Library.

In conveying these intimations I am instructed to remark that it is desirable that these Buildings should be adjacent, for public convenience, and that it would be obviously desirable that the style of Building should be similar.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(signed) J. M. Foster

The Chairman concluded by reading the Resolution and amendment of Committee, on which the sense of the meeting was desired.

The meeting was addressed by Messrs. McArthur, Greaves, Morison, Small, Gilber, Bull, Quirk, Mc Donogh, Blair, Langlands, Blows and Gibbons.

Mr. Morison then moved and Mr. McArthur seconded

That the decision of the Committee of Management be confirmed.

The following Amendment was moved by Mr. Mc Donogh, viz.

Decision  
of  
Com.

confirmed

Mr. McArthur's

Motion

against

Contracting

Debt

That this meeting, without desiring to pass any opinion on the expediency of accepting the alternative of a grant of land, or the putting on the estimates the sum of £5,000 in aid of the funds of the institution, would, whilst thanking the Governor for the courteous manner in which the request of their Committee has been met, desire to press upon His Excellency, the necessity of granting (as) a site, or space of ground (say, one and a half acres) in the proposed spot, more conformable to the growing wants of this Society.

There being no second to the amendment, Mr. Morison's motion was put to the meeting and carried.

Mr. MacArthur then moved.

That, inasmuch as the incurring of Debt on the part of this Institution is a matter of such vital importance to its interests, and was, in its infancy, and until very lately, fraught with such injurious consequences as regards its progress and advancement, the Committee be instructed to incur no debt in account of this Institution without first having the consent and approval of the Members at a General Meeting specially convened for the consideration of the subject.

Objections were made to the entertainment of such a motion at a meeting called for special business. The Chairman ruled that

the motion was in order, whereupon Mr. Knox moved and Mr. Mc Donogh seconded, as an Amendment.

That, the Business for which this meeting was called being completed, the meeting do dissolve.

The Amendment was put and lost. Mr. Mc Arthur pressed his motion which was seconded by Mr. Knox and carried.

Dr. Greaves and Mr. Blair, made some remarks as to the effects of the above resolution, and with the permission of the meeting it was withdrawn and modified by the omission of the word "debt" and the substitution of the clause "liability beyond the ordinary incurrence."

The alteration was agreed to.

Mr. Bull then moved and Mr. Brodie seconded a Vote of thanks to the President, which was carried unanimously and the meeting terminated.

Don<sup>d</sup>. Wryghart - Chairman

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> August, 1853.

Special Meeting of the Mechanics Institution  
Committee of Management.

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Barwick, Blair, Clowes, Craig,  
Gibbons, Greaves, Knox and Wryghart.

Mr. Wryghart, Chairman.

The Minutes of the last Committee and General Meetings were read and confirmed. also the minutes of the Library and Lecture sub-Committees.

The Secretary then stated that the Committee of the Fine Arts Exhibition had, contrary to agreement, refused free admission to the Members of the Mechanics Institution, on the plea that they had never understood, and would never have agreed to such an arrangement.

The Committee after considering the matter agreed, on the motion of Mr. Gibbons, seconded by Mr. Blair.

That the Committee of Fine Arts be called upon to admit the Members of the Institution to the Exhibition at all times @ half-price.

The Committee desired also that the Fine Arts Committee be requested not to remove the large seats from the room or as little as possible.



1853.

24 Aug.

A letter was received from the Con-  
ductor of the "Banner" newspaper, soliciting  
a share of the Institution advertising

A letter was read from Mr. B. Linnon  
Macromancer, wishing to rent the Wall - repair

A letter was received from Mr. Brooke  
of date Aug. 10. intimating his wish to be  
understood as selling the property in the  
rear, subject to the occupation of the present  
tenant until the end of Nov. next.

It was agreed that the Secretary  
obtain from the tenant a document establishing  
a weekly tenancy between him and the Institu-  
tion, and to assure him that the Committee have  
no intention of removing him from the house  
before the end of Nov. next

The accounts passed were

Herald Office Advertising	£10 19 6
Argus Office do Printing Rules	10 4 .
Portland Guardian	2 . .
S. African Advertiser	14 5 .
to Anderson & Co.	24 13 4
W. Stuart for Lecture Diagrams	9 9 .
Assistant's Salary (5 weeks)	10 . .
A. Hunt, Repairing Books	2 15 6
D. Wheeler Lecture Fee	3 3 .
D. Blair, do do	3 3 .

The Meeting then separated

Confirmed  
A. Hart  
Chairman

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1853.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Man-  
agement,  
Present Messrs Barwick, Blowes, Dow,  
Gibbons, Hart and Storr.

M. Hart, Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting were  
read and confirmed, also the minutes  
of the Library, House, Lecture and Glass  
sub-committees.

Geological

A communication was received from  
the Geological Society applying for the use  
of a room for the exhibition of their col-  
lection of specimens.

Society

It was moved by Mr. Blowes,  
seconded by Mr. Storr and carried

gets

leave to

deposit

Museum.

Mr. Maffei's

proposal.

That the Geological Society be allowed  
to deposit their Museum in the Glass Room  
until such room be required for other pur-  
poses, but that no responsibility or expense  
shall be thereby incurred by the Institution,  
the Committee not being in a position to  
grant sufficient room for the display of  
their collection.

A letter from Mr. Maffei was  
read proposing to erect a Wooden or  
Iron Building in the rear of the Institution  
within the space allotted for the Large  
Hall, on conditions therein stated.

On the motion of Mr. Blowes,  
seconded by Mr. Gibbons it was resolved

1853

6<sup>th</sup> Sept.  
Maffei's letter  
ref. to  
Building Com.

That Mr. Maffei's letter be referred to the Building Committee to report to this Committee.

Mr Blair's

Mr Blair's notice of motion for the immediate commencement of the proposed improvements in front of the building was brought forward by Mr. Gibbons, who moved.

Motion

That the Building Committee be instructed to at once proceed with the arrangements for the improvement of the front of the Building, viz, to receive tenders for

postponed

The motion was seconded by Mr. Knox.

Mr. Clowes moved as an amendment, and Mr. Wryubant seconded

That the consideration of Mr. Blair's motion be postponed until the Committee are in receipt of tenders for the proposed alteration

The amendment was put and carried.

Mr. Gibbons

A letter was received from Mr. Gibbons claiming compensation for damage sustained by his Gas Apparatus, during his late lecture on Combustion.

claim

for

Mr. Gibbons having retired, it was moved by Mr. Clowes, seconded by Mr. Barwick and carried.

Damages.

That Mr. Gibbons be allowed three Guineas for the damage done to his Instrument, or five Guineas, if the instrument be handed over to the Institution.

Donation

from

President

Two vols. Lord Mansfield's Works were presented to the Institution by the President, were placed on the table, and a vote of thanks was passed, on the motion of Mr. Clowes, seconded by Mr. Barwick

C.R. Temperance

ass.

An application was made by the Church of England Temperance Association for the use of the Hall on the first Friday of each month.

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

That the Committee of the Temperance Association be informed that the arrangements of the Institution do not admit of the room being let to them.

Land

Society.

An application was received from Mr. Knox, on behalf of the Land Society for the use of the Hall on Monday evening, but the room was found to be pre-engaged.

Coins

A collection of coins was submitted for purchase but declined

The accounts passed were

6 Sept. 1853.

A. Robertson for Wood and Work	15	10	6
Goodhugh & Co. Printing	1	5	
Mr. Ford, Lecture Fee	3	3	
A. Phillips Candles	16	13	4
E. Arnold	10	19	6
W. J. Gibbons	5	5	
Sundries	4	1	8
Secretary for Salary	20	16	8
Porter Wages for 10 <sup>7</sup> / <sub>2</sub> weeks	21	7	

The following members were added to the list viz Messrs. Alchmist W. Duthie Dr. Aldcorn. Coles J. Whittton Mac. Millar J. B. Mudie St. James. A. Buchanan J. M. Wilson G. Frazer W. Cunn Clendinnen A. Cunningham H. C. Stratford E. Sygna G. Wintle St. Legerdon Greenfell Dr. Lawson

The Meeting then closed.

Richard Eades

Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1853

Special meeting of the Committee to confer with a Deputation from the Fine Arts Society.

Present. Messrs. Arguehart and Edwards

No Quorum assembled

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1853.

Half-Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management

Present Messrs. Balmain, Gibbons, Knox, and Arguehart.

There being no quorum present, the meeting was not formed.

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 1853.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present. Messrs. Balmain, Barwick, Blowes, Dow, Eades, Gibbons and Knox.

Dr. Eades, Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed: also those of the Library, House, Lecture and Building sub-committees.

Letters from Colonial Secretary.

A letter was received from the Colonial Secretary, intimating that the sum of £5,000 had been placed on the estimates for 1854 towards the erection of a Theatre at this Institution.

Letter from Mr. Strutt

A letter was received from Mr. Strutt resigning his office as Curator of Fine Arts to the Mechanics Institution.

Resigning

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

Curatorship

That Mr. Balmain be appointed Curator in room of Mr. Strutt.

Fine Arts

Three letters were received from the Fine Arts Committee, desiring the permission of the rent due by them to the Institution.

Society

Mr. Gibbons moved and

apply

Mr. Clowes seconded the following motion which was passed. viz.

for

That the Committee of the Mechanics Institution should consider themselves justified in admitting the claim of the Institution for rent, unless upon a statement of accounts an unavoidable loss be shown.

remission of Rent refused.

Insurance Co.

Letters were received from the Assurance Co. and Savings Bank requiring payment of £9 for premiums on £2000 insured on the Building till 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1854 and £14 interest on mortgage for 6 months.

Savings Bank

Mr. Winterbottom

A letter was received from Mr. Winterbottom, intimating the fulfilment of his agreement, and desiring to give in the Lecture Room, a Ball amongst the members of the Institution on the 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct.

It was agreed on the motion of Mr. Clowes, seconded by Mr. Gibbons, that, in accordance with a previous resolution of Committee, no dancing should take place in the Room.

It was then moved by Mr. Clowes, seconded by Mr. Mason, and carried.

additional month

That Mr. Winterbottom be allowed the use of the Hall for one month longer than his original tenure.

B. Sennox

An application from Mr. Sennox, Engineer, for the use of the Hall was declined, on the motion of Mr. Clowes, seconded by Gibbons.

Tenders

Two Tenders were received from Messrs. Vissoux & Taylor, and Mr. Newson, offering to erect the intended buildings in front on the following terms.

from

Vissoux

Vissoux and Taylor to build according to plan, paying the Institution £400 per annum, holding possession for seven years, claiming also the cellars beneath the west half of the present building, with a right of way to Little Collins Street.

& Taylor

and

Mr. Newson.

Mr. Newson to erect the front building on a lease of 6 years, paying a yearly rent of £400 to Institution

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

Deferred.

That the Building Committee be instructed to take steps immediately for proceeding with the improvements of the front premises of the Institution according to plan, but that final steps be deferred until the result of the expected Govt. grant of £5000 be known.

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

Mr. G. Cooke

That Mr. G. Cooke be appointed a member of this Committee in room of Mr. Balmain G. M. Stephen, resigned.

electd

Notices

of

Motion.

Dr. Leedes gave notice of his intention to move the election of D. Gilber in room of Mr. Balmain.

Mr. Gibbons proposed Mr. J. Sprague for the same vacancy.

Donation  
from Dr. Lothern.

A Donation of three engravings from  
Mr. Dr. Lothern was received, and a vote of thanks  
passed.

Lectures

The Chairman suggested that instead of  
Weekly Lectures, Weekly Classes should be established  
and the number of Lectures reduced to 6 or 8  
a-year.

The following gentlemen were admitted mem-  
bers of the Institution, viz.

	Mepp <sup>r</sup>	Abel Smith
Capt. J. S. Scott	Mr Millar	W. C. Stratton
J. J. Hornblower	Lovell	Art. Hartley
Jos Yates	J. J. Laby	Keymann
W. Barber	Jos Powell	Mr. Powell
Mr. Mudie	W. E. Crook	J. D. Walsh
J. D. McDougall	Ed. Row	J. G. Johnston
W. Howarth	J. Mullen	J. Cunningham
Mr. Anthony	W. Sinclair	J. Sinclair
Jos Stearny	Jos. Saddle	Jos. Thomas

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The accounts passed were:-

Savings Bank Interest	£14	"	"
Insurance Co. Prem. on £2000	9	"	"
Books	39	"	"
Books	17	3	"
Person for Binding	1	17	6
A. Robertson Wood work	12	10	"
Secretary Salary for Sept.	20	16	8
Assistant for 7 weeks.	21		
Porter for 6 weeks	12	12	"

The Meeting then terminated.

David Blair

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 1853.

Half-monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present Messrs Barwick, Blair, Brodie, Colmes, Coke,  
Edwards, Gibbons and Knox.

Mr Blair, Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.  
also the minutes of the House, Library & Building sub-  
committees

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

"That Dr. Gilbee be appointed member of the  
Committee of Management in room of Mr. Balmain"

Mr. Colmes moved and  
Mr. Coke seconded

"That Dr. Johnson be appointed member  
of Committee in room of Mr. Balmain"

Dr. Johnson  
elected  
to  
Committee.

A Ballot having been taken, Dr. Johnson  
was elected.

Mr. Winterbottom's

The Secretary stated that Mr. Winterbottom  
demurred to complete the printing of the passage  
as per agreement, affirming that he had not under-  
stood the passage to be included in the bargain.

breach

Mr. Knox moved and  
Mr. Barwick seconded

of  
agreement.

That Mr. Winterbottom be excluded  
from continuing the Weekly Concerts unless he

carry out the painting of the passage according to his agreement

The motion was put and carried.

An application was received from the Philharmonic Class wishing to introduce an organ into the Hall for their practising.

It was moved by Mr Barwick seconded by Mr Gibbons and carried

That the Committee agree to the desire of the Philharmonic Society, as a Class of the Institution formed in accordance with Rule 56

The Secretary intimated that he had waited on Mr. Crooke and obtained his consent to the renewal of the first Bill due for the property purchased in the year.

A Donation of three works, Pictures from the Revolution in Paris Schlegel's History of the War in Hungary and Lights and Shades on a Traveller's Path - was received from Mr. J. Roberts, and on the motion of Mr Gibbons, seconded by Mr. Modie, a vote of thanks was passed.

The following gentlemen were admitted members viz. Messrs. H. Harrison, D. Jacob, Jan. Hallerman, Jacob. Hallerman, Jas. Adams, M. Kenbotham, G. L. Allan, Mrs. Linton, Louis Geo. Jones, Stephen Marshall, W. Taylor, W. W. Humphreys, H. W. Dodd, Thos. Creyke, Chas. Jones, W. Lawrence, W. Moulton, W. W. Rogers, Ed. Dany, G. A. Moulton, Alex. White, S. Roberts. = 22.

The Meeting then closed.

John Edwards  
Chairman

Organ.

Crook's

first Bill.

Donation from

Mr Roberts.

New

Members.

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November, 1853.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present. Messrs. Modie, Clowes, Lott, Edwards, Gibbons, W. Farrell, Knox and Virgibus.

Mr. Edwards, Chairman.

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, also those of the Library Committee.

The Minutes of the House Committee of 31<sup>st</sup> Oct. were read when it was moved by Mr. W. Farrell seconded by Mr. Clowes and carried

Dr. Daniels

application

refused.

Mr Gibbons put

on Library Committee

Mr Edwards on

Building Com.

Baptist

Church

Rent.

That the Minutes of the House Committee be confirmed with the exception of that Motion by which the use of a room of the Institution is allowed to Dr. Daniels on Sundays for religious purposes.

The Committee then supplied the vacancies in the Library and Building Committee, caused by the resignation of Mr G. M. Stephens, by electing Mr. Gibbons to the Library Committee and Mr. Edwards to the Building Committee.

A communication was made from the Baptist Church lately meeting in the Lecture Room shewing that though under a yearly agreement, they had had their rent twice doubled without due notice, and praying the Committee to examine the case.

It was ~~referred~~ moved by Mr. Clowes and seconded by Mr. Knox

That the Baptist's Rent be charged according to the last agreement.

Mr. O'Sullivan moved and Mr. Gibbons seconded  
an amendment, which was carried.

That the £50 paid by the Baptists be taken  
in full of all demands for rent and that a Char  
receipt be given to them.

Mr. Winterbottom

A Letter was received from Mr. Winterbottom  
(of date ) stating that he had been deceived  
by Mr. Parry as to the extent of the painting bargain  
to be done by him, the copy of the agreement handed  
to him containing no mention of the passage.

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

That Mr. Winterbottom have his extra month  
from the 12th Nov. as requested by him

This motion was agreed to on the under-  
standing that Mr. Winterbottom fulfil his agreement  
as to painting the passage.

Donations.

The following donations were received, viz:  
Map of Melbourne presented by Mr. Purchas.  
Two plates of Gt. Britain Steamer  
and Officers - - - Wright & Co.

A vote of thanks was passed on the  
motion of Mr. Gibbons seconded by Mr. Clowes.

The following gentlemen were admitted as  
members, viz. Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
Est. M'gibby J. M. Fairlane Jno. Dale  
Geo. M'ike G. C. Thompson Ed. Sanderson  
Marquis Sean Mier Jno. Tolstead Wm. Millar  
G. S. M'ickinson Mr. Tolstead jun. Wm. Crawford  
Herman Junstein Mrs. Cameron

The following accounts were passed, viz.  
Herald advertising £9 . 3 . 3  
H. Colman & Co. 10 . 4 . 6  
S. Goode Printing 10 . 5 . 6  
Alexander & Co. Chairs 5 . 8 . 0  
W. Ranting Binding 15 . 2 . 6  
Argus 22 . 1 . .  
Westby and Co. 12 . 11 . 11  
G. Robertson Books 19 . 19 . 7  
Blundell & Co. 42 . 14 . 1  
Secretariat 20 . 16 . 8  
Assistant 12 . . .

The Meeting then closed.  
Jno<sup>r</sup> M'gibhart - Chairman

Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 1853.

Half-monthly meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Brodie, Clowes, Cooke, Dow, Gades,  
Johnson, Snow and M'gibhart,

Mr. M'gibhart, Chairman.

The Minutes of the last general meeting were  
read and confirmed, also those of the Library,  
House and Lecture Committees

A letter was received from the Town  
Clerk in reply to a communication from the  
House Committee in which they urged the claims  
of the Institution to exemption from assessment.  
The Town Clerk intimates that the Council  
possessed no power to remit the rates  
unless in cases of poverty.

It was moved by Mr. Cooke,  
seconded by Dr. Johnson and carried.

That an additional 500 copies of the Rules  
be printed

The Secretary stated that some months ago  
he purchased for the Library a small work on Mechanics  
Metastations, which Mr. Gibbons took away before being  
sharded, and had since refused to return after the  
most urgent request.

It was thereupon moved by Dr. Eades,  
seconded by Mr. Graves and carried.

That Mr. Gibbons be desired to give up the  
Books that it may be added to the Library

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

That the Building Committee be instructed  
to consider and report on the proposed plan of the  
Theatre, and be empowered to take preliminary  
steps with a view to the appropriation of the  
£500 voted by the Legislature Council, for 1853.

The following gentlemen were admitted members.  
viz. Messrs Alderson, Mr. Shea, J. M. Grant,  
P. Raines, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Hunt, W. Moore  
W. M. Wade, Mr. G. Woodman, Mr. Atkinson, Lt. Bruce  
Jas. Reed, Geo. Watts, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Mackland  
A. Hoike, Mr. Dumbell, G. Rammell.

Superintendent J. P. Jones, CWB

Monday, 20th Nov. 1853.

Special Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present Messrs. Palmair, Parwick, Colours, Cooke,  
Gibbons, Greaves, Johnson and Knox.

Dr. Greaves, Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed, also  
those of the Building Committee.

A note was received from Dr. Palmer, regretting  
his inability to attend the meeting.

The following tenders for the Foundations of the New  
Hall were received, viz.

1st Honeycombe and Henderson offering to build the wall 4 ft. high for £500		
2nd Mr. Thomas	3 ft.	£500
3rd Crawford Brothers	5 ft.	£500
4th Benj. Jarvis	5 ft.	£500.

After some discussion on the proposed plan and the  
general sketch of the building before the Committee being  
agreed, they proceeded to decide on the tenders.

The two last being equal, Mr. Wharton was called  
upon to determine which was more likely to be satis-  
factory, and on his recommendation it was moved by  
Dr. Johnson, seconded by  
Mr. Cooke and carried.

That Mr. Jarvis' Tender be accepted, if he  
agree to modify it by putting in an outer course of  
stones at the bottom with leaders every 4 ft. and to  
reduce the height of the wall proportionally to the satis-  
faction of Mr. Wharton, who is hereby appointed archi-  
tect to carry out the same.



A quantity of Staturary was offered for sale to the Committee and declined.

The following new members were added, viz.  
Messrs. Wm. Thomson, M. McMahon, J. D. Wastley,  
Mr. Prendergast, S. J. Appleton, H. H. A. Hild, L. J. Layard,  
- Hunt, Mrs. Dennis, G. B. Parker, Adolph. Levin,  
Leo. Levin, H. S. Williams, C. Duval.

The meeting then closed.  
Don. Wrguhart Chair

Tuesday, 6th Dec. 1853

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management;

Present, Messrs. Balmain, Warwick, Blowes, Snow,  
Leads, Edwards, Johnson, Knox, Wrguhart,

Mr. Wrguhart, Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

2nd Tender. Jarvis. A second tender for the Foundations of the New Hall, modified by wish of last meeting, was received from Mr. Jarvis, and which had been agreed to by Mr. Wharton.

Rent of Cottage. An application was received from Mr. C. Morris, stating his willingness to pay £2 a week for the cottage behind.

Behind. Mr. Warwick stated that he had looked at the premises and that in his opinion £2 - was ample rent for the place in its present condition, and it was accordingly agreed by

That Mr. Morris be charged rent at the rate of £2 per week until further notice.

Rules of Philharmonic Society. The Rules of the Philharmonic Society were read over and, on the motion of Mr. Blowes, seconded by Mr. Edwards it was resolved,

Philharmonic Society. That the Rules of the Philharmonic Society as read be sanctioned and that in compliance with their wish Monday or other convenient evening be granted them instead of Saturday.

Observer. The Secretary stated that the Adelaide Observer had lately been received without having been ordered and that an account had been served this week.

On the motion of Mr. Blowes, seconded by Mr. Edwards, it was resolved

That the Observer be discontinued.

Donation. A Donation of Mrs. Shell's Napoleon in St. Helena was presented by Mr. Balmain, and the thanks of the meeting voted to him, on the motion of Mr. Balmain seconded by Mr. Blowes.

New Members. The following gentlemen were admitted members, viz. Messrs. J. W. Batten, R. Anderson, T. McLean, D. M. Donald, R. South, M. Whyllan, H. Brown, A. Hislop, H. Smith, G. Hinkins, H. Kemp, J. Grandy.

Accounts. The accounts passed were  
G. Nichols for Books £9. 5. 10  
Cooperation Rates for 1853 30 " "  
Langwell and Co. for Linings 15 5 "  
B. Butcher, Nightman 9 " "  
A. Phillips 10 13 2  
Vanries, Advertising &c 8 4 0  
over.

Secretary Salary for Nov. £20. 16. 8  
 Assistant 15 " "  
 Porter 10 10 "

The Meeting then terminated.  
 R. Colver  
 Chairman

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 1853.

Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present Messrs Barwick, Colver, Coke, Nixon,  
 and Urquhart  
 Mr. Colver, Chairman.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the last meetings of the  
 General Committee and Building Committee  
 were read and passed.

The following Report of the Building Committee  
 was read, and, on the motion of Mr. Coke, seconded  
 by Mr. Urquhart, adopted.

Report

Report of Building Committee.

15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1853.

of  
 Building  
 Committee.

The Building Committee beg to report that  
 on examining the Foundations of the New Building  
 now in progress, they found that they were not  
 in accordance with the desire of the General  
 Committee of 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. last, and on referring to  
 the Tender then agreed to it was discovered to  
 be at variance with the instructions given  
 to Mr. Wharton. Mr. W. explained that by  
 mistake he omitted to send another modifica-  
 tion of Mr. Jarvis' tender, drawn out in  
 accordance with the Committee's wish.

The Committee accordingly authorised  
 the Builder to proceed according to the latter.

The Building Committee beg now to be  
 fully empowered to obtain the necessary plans  
 and to carry out the Work in a business like  
 manner.

The Building Committee further beg to recom-  
 mend that the Foundation on the east side of the  
 building be sunk to the same level as the rest  
 of the work to provide for one level floor over  
 the Institution at the level of Collins Street.  
 (signed) R. Colver,  
 Chairman.

Letters

Suck & Beatson  
 Guillaume

Letters were received from Messrs Guillaume  
 and Suck and Beatson, offering to supply the Library  
 with books, and were referred to the Library Committee  
 on the motion of Mr. Coke, seconded by Mr. Barwick.

Mr. Dalton

A letter was read from Mr. Dalton,  
 London, acknowledging the receipt of a Bank Draft  
 for the Balance of his account.

J. B. Ware's

Donation

Statutory.

U. B. Soc

A letter was received from Mr. H. Ware,  
 accompanying a collection of 62 pieces of Statuary

It was proposed by Mr. Coke,  
 seconded by Mr. Nixon and carried

That the Minutes of the Committee  
 be conveyed to Mr. Ware for his perusal  
 present.

A proposal from the Union Building  
 Society to change their meetings from the  
 Large Room to the side room down stairs

so as to give the Hall on Tuesdays for other engagements, was agreed to on the motion of Mr Barwick, seconded by Mr Knox.

A. D. O'Farrell  
Chairman.

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug. 1854.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management  
Present. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Barwick, Blair, Brodie, Coke,  
Eades, Edwards, Gibbons, Johnson, Knox  
and O'Farrell.

M. O'Farrell, Chairman

The Minutes of the General Committee meeting were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Building and Library Committee were also passed.

A letter was received from Mr Clark, Paperhanger Collingwood, containing an account of £20 for papering painting and varnishing the Entrance Hall of the Institution, Mr Winterton having refused to pay him.

On the motion of Mr Edwards, seconded by Mr Brodie, it was resolved

"That Mr Clark's account be discharged."

Mr Johnson then moved and Mr Edwards seconded.

That the Secretary give Mr Winterton notice that the Committee hold him responsible for £20 paid by this Institution to Mr Clarke, being part of the contract for painting and decorating the Institution.

The motion was put and carried.

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

Report  
Committee.

That Mess<sup>rs</sup> Blomes, Eades, Greenes, Knox and O'Farrell, be appointed a sub-committee to draw up a Report for the past year.

A letter was received from Mr Charleswood, stating that he hurriedly undertaken to print the Catalogue of the Library at too low a sum and would thereby be a loser to the amount of £20 and begging the Committee to allow him some compensation.

On the motion of Mr Blomes, seconded by Mr Johnson, it was resolved.

That Mr Charleswood be allowed £10 in addition to the amount of his original contract

The following accounts were passed, viz.

G. Robertson for Books	£d- 10- 9
W. Baker	4 16 .
Secretary Salary	20 16 0
Assistant	13 10 .
Porter	10 10 .