

Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 1854.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Barwick, Blowes, Coke,  
Edwards, Knox, Moubrey, & Smith.

of Mr. Moubrey, Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and duly confirmed.

Also the Minutes of the House, Library, and Building Sub-Committees.

Mr Knox according to notice moved

That Grote's History of Greece be purchased for the Library @ 10/ per vol.

The motion was seconded by Mr Blowes and carried.

Mr. Coke, according to notice moved that the following bye law be passed for the regulation of sub-committees, viz.

Any member of a sub-committee who shall fail to attend four successive meetings of such committee without shewing satisfactory cause of absence, shall be held to have vacated his seat

The resolution was seconded by Mr Barwick and carried.

It is Excl<sup>ty</sup>  
accept<sup>ion</sup>  
of  
Patronis  
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Inst.

A letter was received from His Excellency's Private Secretary, communicating the Lieut. Governor's glad acquiescence in the desire of the Committee that his name should take the place of his Predecessor as Patron of the Institution and expressing his confident hope that the result of the Institution's efforts would tend to develop the march of Science in the Colony.

H. J. Hart.

At this part of the business Mr. H. J. Hart, a late member of the Committee entered the room and presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Vol of the Journal of the Society of Arts and 10<sup>th</sup> following was a gift from the Secretary of the above Society, also a letter from (himself) complaining of shewing never received any remittance on acc<sup>t</sup> of the Newspapers forwarded by his agent in London. The secretary explained that no account had ever been rendered, or obtainable for presentation to the Committee.

Thanks

On the motion of Mr Knox seconded by Mr. Edwards it was Resolved that the thanks of the Committee be given to Mr. Hart for his exertions for the Institution when at home in England

Society of Arts.

On the motion of the same gentlemen it was resolved, That the thanks of the Committee be given to the Secretary of the Society of Arts, for the above donation, and that the same be conveyed by Mr. Hart.

Grote's

Histry.

of

Greece.

attendance

of

Sub.

Committees.

Guillaume July 3<sup>rd</sup> - respectively were received from Mr. Guillaume repeating the tender for the supply of Books for the Institution Library made in his letter of Dec. last.

The proposal was favorably entertained and referred to the Library Committee on the motion of Mr. Colvins

The Secretary introduced the subject of a proposed Affiliation of the Institution with the various minor Institutes of similar Character springing up in the Colony, whereupon it was moved by Mr. Knox seconded by Mr. Barwick and carried.

That the Secretary be instructed to write to the Secretaries of all the Mechanics Institutes in the Colony requesting them to communicate with him with a view to mutual assistance, and to the affiliation of all the Institutes

The following Tenders for the erection of the Buildings in front were opened, viz.

R. Richard & P. Hally & Co.	Melbourne.	2460.12.0
Dove & Taylor		3450.0.0
Nicholls & Edwards	206 Russell St	2390.0.0
Anderson Lamb & Bonham	132 Russell St	4900.0.0
Colin Campbell	Hawke St. R. Mel.	4714.0.0
W. Pearce	Northcote	2314.0.0
J. M. Craven,	Electric Telegraph St.	2067.0.0

It was moved by Mr. Colvins seconded by Mr. Barwick & carried

That Tender of Nicholls & Edwards be accepted provided they furnish two approved securities of £250 each, for the due completion of the work.

Re-conveyance of the <sup>Deeds</sup> Property from the Savings Bank to the Trustees of the Institution were laid on the table.

The members added were Messrs  
 W. Middle, J. W. Lamb, Dr. M. Penman, J. McBlane  
 W. Barry, J. Whitaker, W. Woodham & Grazer  
 A. Barlow, W. Coyle, C. Hannah, H. Gillie  
 J. Bryon, J. Patterspon, W. Broghen, J. Reynolds  
 J. H. Smith, A. Hatch, J. Russell, A. Woodhill  
 W. Juniper, J. Francis, B. Woodson  
 J. Smith, J. M. Farlam, Rastate

William Gillbee

Monday, 17th July, 1854.

Half Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present, Messrs Balmain, Coke, Gillbee, Knox and Smith.

Chairman, Mr. Gillbee.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting of the General Committee were read and confirmed.

Also the minutes of the Building Committee were read, on which it was moved by Mr. Balmain seconded by Mr. Knox & carried

That the Architects be desired to furnish an estimate of the expense that would be involved by increasing the thickness of the side walls, from 14 in. to 18 in.

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

That the Minutes of the Building Committee  
be confirmed with the exception that  
the thickness of the front walls be 14 ins,  
instead of 10 ins, as proposed.

The following gentlemen were  
admitted as members, viz. Messrs  
J. Legh, D. Johnson, P. Bennett, E. L. Robertson  
W. B. Pritchard, D. Andrew, H. Burkett, J. Boyd,  
E. Lee, J. H. Kelly = 10.

J. H. Moubray

Monday, 7th August, 1854.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present - Messrs Barwick, Coke, Edwards,  
Gillbe, Low, Moubray, and M. Smith.

Mr. Moubray, Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting of the General  
Committee were read and confirmed.

Also the minutes of the House, Lecture.

A message was received from the  
Commissioners for the Great Melbourne  
Exhibition, requesting the Committee  
to contribute articles towards the in-  
tended exhibition.

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded  
by Mr. Low and carried.

That the matter be referred to the  
Curators, to be hereby constituted a sub-  
Committee for its consideration.

The Architect's Specification for the  
work to be done in underpinning the  
walls of the Centre Corridor for the purpose  
of forming the central passage to the  
Great Room was laid on the table.

It was moved by Mr. Coke, seconded  
by Mr. Low and carried.

That the Joiner and Plasterer's  
work be omitted for the present and  
that the Building Committee be  
authorised to proceed with the  
work, provided that it can be done  
at an expense not exceeding £200.

A parcel of pamphlets sent  
by Dr. Palmer, was presented and received.

A copy of Sweets' Australian Flora  
was referred to the Committee by the Library  
Committee for decision as to its purchase,  
and was declined.

Nonattendance

on

Committee

It was agreed that the Secretary  
prepare for next meeting a table of the  
attendance of the members of Committee for  
the past months of the year.

It was moved by Mr. Coke,  
seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

That the Secretary communicate

with the Architect desiring him to give instructions for the proper supporting of the front wall during the execution of the present building, and for hastening the progress of the work.

The following new members were admitted viz. Mess<sup>rs</sup> R. A. Durham, E. Knight, P. Bennett, W. M. Thompson, C. C. Low, J. Whitney, J. B. Post, J. Heath, W. Black, H. E. Campshill, C. Bennett, D. Green, H. Burnett, J. Boyd.

R. Colver

Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> Aug. 1854.

Half-Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Black, Colver, Loader, Gillbee, Langlands, Low, Moulbray, & Milkie

Mr. Colver, Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the General Committee were read & confirmed.

Also the Minutes of the House, Library, Finance & Buildings Committees.

A letter was received from Mr. John Campshill as Secretary of the Board of Denominational Schools, thanking the Committee for the use of the Large Room for the examination of the Singing Schools under Mr. Allan.

The letter of date from the Librarian of the Legislative Council was again read, being referred by the Library Committee of the decision of the General Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Langlands, seconded by Mr. Moulbray and carried.

That the proposal referred to in the above letter be declined, the Committee not having sufficient funds at their disposal.

It was moved by Mr. Langlands seconded by Dr. Gillbee and carried.

That the Curators be authorised to send to the Melbourne Exhibition, any articles or objects belonging to the Institution that they may deem proper.

It was moved by Mr. Moulbray, seconded by Dr. Gillbee and carried.

That Digby Wyatt's Illustrated Arts of the 19th Century 2 vols. and Metal Work 1 vol. be purchased at £10.12.6.

It was moved by Mr. Langlands, seconded by Mr. Low and carried.

That the Library Committee be authorised to make periodical remittances to Mr. Gillman, in execution of the plan proposed by them for the supply of books to the Library.

Non attendance  
or  
Committee

A Table of Attendance of the Members of the Committee for the Current year was laid on the table. It was therefrom ascertained that Mr Johnston had vacated his seat by non-attendance.

Mr Low gave notice that at next meeting of the Committee he should move the appointment of Mr Jas. Blackburn in room of Mr Johnston.

Mr Wharton's account referred by the Finance Committee to this meeting was re-committed to the sub-committee.

An application from Capt. Browne, desiring to Lecture on the European War, was declined.

The following Donations were received, viz.  
from Mr. Guillaume, 2 Nos. Englishwoman's May.  
from Mr. H. Ballingale, one copy of his Pamphlet on Ship building

On the reception of Mrs. Moulton Langlands' then were received with thanks of the Committee.

The new members added were Messrs.  
Harris E Hill A Park R Taylor  
G Harrison J Pusey Geo Fox J Bishop  
J Nichol H Pace H Hooper D J Lead  
A C Oliver J Wilson W H Pettit

R. Clowes.

Monday, 4th September, 1854.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present. - Messrs. Balmain, Barwick, Clowes, Coke, Cades, Gilber, Knox, Langlands, Moulton, and J. Smith

Mr. Clowes, Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the General Committee were read and confirmed.

Also the Minutes of the House, Library, Finance, and Building <sup>Lecture</sup> Sub-Committees, and of the Curators' Meeting.

The Committee then proceeded to fill up the vacancy created by the retirement of Mr Johnston.

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Balmain and

That Mr. Davidson be appointed to fill the vacant seat in Committee

It was also moved by Mr. Langlands seconded by Mr. Moulton

That Mr. J. Blackburn be elected in room of Mr. Johnston

The original motion was carried.

Non attendance

or  
Committee

It was resolved that the Secretary give notice to Mr. A. H. Hart that having been absent from Committee for three months consecutively, his seat must be declared vacant, unless he tender satisfactory cause of absence.

It was moved by Mr. Langlands,  
seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

That the House Committee be  
authorised to call for tenders from persons  
willing to rent the new rooms in front  
paying six months' rent in advance; the  
tenderers to state the purposes to which  
they wish to apply the rooms.

An application was received from  
Mr. Coarwood, wishing the use of the  
Lecture Room to hold a public meeting  
for the purpose of explaining to the  
public his abilities as an oculist.

The Committee declined to grant  
the gratuitous use of the room but agreed to  
let it in the usual terms.

A Donation was received from Mr.  
H. J. Hart, consisting of two Ostrich Eggs

A vote of thanks was passed to  
Mr Hart for his present, on the motion of  
Mr. Mowbray seconded by Mr. Coke.

Non attendance  
of  
Sub-committee.

On the motion of Mr. Coke, seconded  
by Mr. Barwick the names of the defaulters  
in attendance on the sub-committee were read  
over and the Secretary directed to give  
them notice of their loss of their seats  
in the respective committees failing their  
tendering satisfactory cause of absence.

On the proposition of Mr. Coke it  
was resolved.

That steps be taken to secure to  
the Committee, the use of the Committee  
Room for all their meetings

It was moved by Mr. Langlands  
seconded by Mr. Smith & carried

That the Rev. Mr. Davidson  
be appointed to the Library Committee  
in room of Mr. Dr. Johnston

The following new members  
were added, viz. Messrs. Tho. Luke,  
J. Hepburn, H. Atkins R. Davies, J. Badger,  
J. Hoey, R. Crath R. H. West, D. Healy,  
J. Bryen B. Withers R. Schlesinger J. Manson  
Parham, J. Lavelle, W. N. Enigg, H. B. Burn  
J. Phillips J. G. Cross. Hicks.

Phil Balmain,  
Chairman  
1872/50

Monday, 10th Sept. 1854.

Half-monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present, Messrs. Balmain, Blair, Clowes, Coke,  
Davidson, Gillhee, Langlands, Low, Mowbray and  
J. Smith.

Mr. Balmain, Chairman.

The Minutes of the last meeting of  
General Committee were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the Lecture Committee  
were, after some discussion, also confirmed.

In connection with these it was proposed by Mr. Langlands, seconded by Mr. Low and carried

That the Lecture Committee be instructed to arrange the delivery of lectures so as to secure the course of Lectures offered by Dr. Dade.

A letter was received from Mr. G. Guillaume (date 7/24/41) suggesting that the Committee should appoint some Gentlemen resident in London, as referees for the Institution to whom Mr. G. might submit the Lists Books selected by him for the Institution.

Motion moved by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Langlands and carried

That Mr. Es. Couze be chosen to act on behalf the Institution in behalf of the above matter.

A letter was received from Mr. Gibbons, requesting for the convenience of the Victorian Institute on the 22<sup>nd</sup> the use of the Institution Apparatus.

The proposal was acceded to, on condition that Mr. G. should obtain special permission from the Commissioners of the Melbourne Exhibition for their admission after the above date.

A letter was received from Mr. J. Farmer, proprietor of the house adjoining the Institution on the east side, complaining that the front corner of the new buildings

in front encroached upon his house. The matter was referred to the Architect.

A letter was received from Dr. Dalles, proposing to deliver (for the usual fee) three Lectures on Frictional Electricity.

The matter was referred to the Lecture Committee.

A letter was received from Mr. A. H. Hall, resigning his seat in Committee. His resignation was accepted, and the following gentlemen were proposed instead, viz. Mr. T. Blackburn, proposed by Mr. Langlands and seconded by Mr. Low, and Mr. H. A. Hart, proposed by Mr. Clowes and seconded by Mr. Blair.

A letter was received from Mr. Hunt Secretary of the Cape of Good Hope Mechanics Institution, Port Natal, proposing to establish a correspondence between that Institution and this.

On the motion of Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Moubrey, the above suggestion was agreed to.

A Donation of two vols. *Wid's Circle of the Sciences and Useful Inventions*, was received from a member, and accepted with thanks, moved by Mr. Moubrey and seconded by Mr. Smith.

The new members admitted were, Messrs Geo Taylor St. Bridge, Thos. Wall, Geo Kennedy Lewis Wall Sherrinboth J. L. Bright.

J. S. H. W. W.  
The Secretary

Monday, 2nd October, 1854.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee  
of Management.

Present. Messrs Barwick, Blowes, Cooke,  
Davidson, Balmain, Gades, Edwards, Fenton,  
Moubray, Langlands and J. M. Smith.

Mr. Fenton, Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting of the  
General Committee were read and confirmed.

Also the minutes of the Library,  
Lecture, House and Building Sub-  
Committees.

In connection with the Building  
Committee's proceedings it was  
moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by  
Mr. Moubray and carried.

That the Treasurer be  
requested to make application to  
Govt. for the appropriation of the  
sum of £5000 voted by the Legislative  
Council for the Institution.

The following gentlemen were  
proposed to fill the vacancy in the  
Committee created by the resignation of  
Mr. A. H. Hart viz Mr. H. J. Hart and  
Mr. J. Blackburn.

A ballot was taken when  
Mr. H. J. Hart was duly elected.

A Notice was received from the Victoria  
Insurance Co. intimating that the sum  
of £9 was due for the renewal of the policy  
of the Institution in that office.

It was moved by Mr. Barwick & seconded  
by Mr. Balmain.

That the amount insured in the  
Victoria office be increased from £2000 to £4000.

An amendment was moved by Mr.  
Blowes seconded by Mr. Langlands and  
Carried.

That the amount insured in  
the Victoria Co. be same as during the  
past year i.e. £2000.

It was then moved by Mr. Smith,  
seconded by Mr. Blowes and carried.

That the Institution Building be  
further insured in the Colonial Insurance  
Co. to the amount of £2000.

It was suggested by Mr. Langlands  
and agreed to, that the Contractor for  
the new Buildings be required by the  
specifications to insure the building while  
in progress.

The Secretary stated that it  
was usual to make an annual ap-  
plication for a sum to be placed on  
the Govt. Estimates for the Building and  
maintenance of the Institution.



It was accordingly moved by Mr Smith  
and seconded by Dr Geades.

That His Excellency be requested  
to place on the Estimates for 1855 the sum  
of £5000 towards the Building Fund and  
£2500 towards the maintenance of the Insti-  
tution.

It was moved as an amendment  
by Mr. Colvoco, seconded by Mr Langlands  
and carried.

That the latter amount be  
reduced to £1000.

A second amendment was  
proposed by Mr. Barwick and seconded  
by Mr. Smith.

That the amount asked be  
£2000.

This amendment was put and lost.

A third amendment was moved  
by Mr. Barwick and seconded by Mr.  
Balmain.

That the above amount  
be reduced to £500.

The amendment was put  
and lost.

The members added were  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> C. Frost. Mr B Jackson, R Kennedy  
E. M. Gibbs M. Pannipen E. Dickens J. Forsythe  
J. Thompson A. Patton H. W. Patton R. Gueston

On the motion of Mr. Langlands seconded  
by Mr. Moubray, it was resolved,

That the Building Committee  
be requested to urge Mr. Reed, Architect  
to furnish the necessary specifications  
for the new Building.

On the proposition of Mr. Smith  
seconded by Mr. Colvoco, Mr. J. Langlands  
was appointed a member of the Building  
in room of Mr. Black.

J. Moubray

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1852.

Half-monthly meeting of the Committee  
of Management.

Present. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Balmain R. Colvoco J. Colpe,  
M. Davidson, J. Low, J. Moubray & Mr. Smith & J. P. Hill.

Mr. Moubray, Chairman.

The minutes of last meeting of the General  
Committee were confirmed.

Also the minutes of the House, Finance  
and Building Sub-Committees.

A letter was received from Mr. Mathew  
Manager of the Bank of Australasia  
declining to allow the Treasurer of  
the Institution further credit.

It was moved by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Low and carried

That the Trustees be requested to meet the immediate want of the Committee by <sup>drawing</sup> a Bill for £1000

On the motion of Mr. Low, seconded by Mr. Hart, it was agreed to accede to an application from Mrs Hancock for the reduction of the rent of the Concert Room from £6-0 to £4-4.

On the motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Low, it was agreed

That the Secretary be empowered to let the front Offices, when ready, to the best advantage.

A letter was received from the Colonial Secretary stating that £5000 voted for the Institution could not be paid until January.

A lawyer's letter was received from Mr. Jno. Hove demanding payment of his Bill for £100 with interest due for the Grand Pians.

On the motion of Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Davidson it was agreed the Secretary obtain some of the money due by Life Subscribers and pay the above Bill.

It was moved by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Hart and carried.

That the Building Committee be instructed to take no further steps towards building until re-authorized by this Committee.

The following new members were added  
viz, Messrs D. Matthews & Stewart. S. Brace  
A. Wilson & Main. P. Powell. J. Leonard  
W. H. Jarrett & Toddler. W. Toddler. E. Stoke  
J. Robertson & Goode. J. Bermond. P. Mwynn  
G. Wallis. Aug. Philipp. E. Woodward. G. Martin.  
R. Blome S.

Monday, 30th Oct. 1854.

Special Meeting of the Committee of Management, called for the purpose of empowering the Trustees to raise upon the Front Buildings the amount of funds required by the Committee

Present Messrs Balmain, Barwick, Blome, Coke, Davidson, Langlands, Low & Moubrey

Mr. Blome, Chairman.

The minutes of the last meeting of the General Committee were read and confirmed. Also the minutes of the Building Committee recommending the scheme of borrowing £4000 in the Institution Building, paying £2000 for front building and adding £3000 to the little sum from Government towards building the Lecture Rooms

It was moved by Mr. Low seconded by Mr. Balmain & carried

That the following proposition be considered by next meeting of Committee and that special notice be given,

viz. "That considering the desirableness of raising a sufficient amount of money to meet the debt already incurred in the Buildings in part of the Institution and also recognising the propriety of raising an additional amount at the same time to build the Theatre, Museum and other rooms required and thereby putting the Institution in a position to receive the £5000. promised by the Government.

This Committee are of opinion that it is expedient and desirable to raise the amount of £4000. by way of Mortgage and that the rents arising from the New Buildings in part of the Institution be exclusively appropriated to the interest upon the loan and its gradual annual liquidation.

It was moved by Mr. Botke & seconded by Mr. Davidson

That the consideration of the mortgage on the Building be postponed till Monday next and that in the meantime the Finance Committee be instructed to inquire into the state of the affairs and report thereon.

On the motion of Mr. Dalmain seconded by Mr. Barwick, an amendment was agreed to,

That the Secretary furnish the above statement

Mr. Moubray gave notice that at next meeting he would move

That a Special General Meeting of the Members of the Institution be convened to obtain their consent to the proposition of a loan on the Buildings  
Richardson chairman

Monday, 6th Nov. 1854.

Monthly Meeting of the General Committee  
Special Business: - To decide on the two notices of motion as per Minutes of last meeting

Present. Messrs. Barwick, Blair, Bloues, Coker, Davidson, Gades, Edwards, Gilbey, Kison, Longlands Low, Moubray, Smith and Willis.

Dr. Gades, Chairman.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary read and laid on the table a Financial Statement of affairs.

According to notice Mr. Low moved and Mr. Bloues seconded, the following resolution, viz.

That considering the desirableness

of raising a sufficient amount of money to meet the debt already incurred in the Buildings in front of the Institution.

And also recognising the propriety of raising an additional amount at the same time to build the Theatre Museum and other rooms required, and thereby putting the Institution in a position to receive the £5000 promised by the Government.

This Committee are of opinion that it is expedient and desirable to raise the amount of £4000 by way of mortgage, and that the rents arising from the new Buildings in front of the Institution be exclusively appropriated to the interest upon the loan and its gradual annual liquidation.

Mr. Barwick proposed as an amendment that £5000 be borrowed. The amendment was not seconded.

A further amendment was moved by Mr. Cooke and seconded by Mr. Smith, viz.

That this Committee are of opinion that in the present circumstances of the Colony it would be unadvisable to borrow any more money than £3000 as that appears to be about the sum absolutely necessary for the discharge of the present liabilities of the Institution. — with instructions to borrow to stipulate for further advances not exceeding £4000, in the whole.

The amendment was put to the meeting and lost.

A letter was then received from Mr. J. B. Balmain, stating that illness prevented him from attending the meeting, and at length his arguments in favor of the original motion.

The motion was then put to the meeting and carried.

On the motion of Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Cooke it was resolved

That a special general meeting of the Members of the Institution be called for Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, with for the purpose of obtaining the concurrence of the Members to the above resolution.

Mr. Leades made some remarks in reference to the Lectures of the Institution and suggested a course of Day Lectures. The matter was referred to the Lecture Committee.

The following new members were admitted, viz. Messrs R. Brown, G. Hill, J. Corner, J. E. Scrimmer, M. Duncan, W. Verney, G. G. Lane, H. Hooper, C. Willmott, J. Corn, & Bryant. C. Hapstone & J. H. Henry.

M. L. Coates.

Monday, 19th November 1854.

Half-monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management

Present, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Balmain, Barwick,  
Blowes, Cooke, Gillies, Low, Moubrey  
and Smith.

The minutes of the last meeting  
were read and confirmed.

Arrangements were made  
for the Special General Meeting of  
the members called for Wednesday,  
the 22<sup>nd</sup> Inst.

On the motion of Mr Low  
seconded by Mr Balmain, the previous  
resolution of the Committee with reference  
to the mortgage was modified as follows  
viz

That the Committee deem it  
expedient at present to borrow the  
sum of £3000 with the understanding  
that the amount shall be increased  
if necessary to any sum not exceeding  
£4000.

As the Contractors for the  
front buildings had not yet com-  
pleted the work, Mr Rice, archi-  
tect was instructed to give them  
the necessary notice and if without  
effect to get the work finished as  
provided for in the specifications.

Donations were received  
from Mr. Geo. Bacon, the hazard of a Western  
Port Black <sup>Map</sup> and from Mr Birmingham  
a Map of Portland.

On the motion of Mr. Balmain, sec-  
onded by Mr. Low, the thanks of the  
Meeting were voted for the above present

The new members proposed  
were as follow, viz, Mess<sup>rs</sup>

Maxwell Davidson  
Chairman

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 1854.

Special General Meeting of the Members,  
called by the Committee of Management,  
for the purpose of explaining the views of  
the Committee with reference to carrying out  
the intended improvements and additions  
to the Institution, and to obtain the  
concurrence of the members to the plan  
proposed

Mr. Blowes, Chairman.

The Chairman opened the meeting  
by briefly stating the object of assembling,  
and called upon Mr. Low, who  
explained at length to the meeting  
the scheme proposed by the Committee  
for accomplishing the objects intended

Mr. Eades addressed the meeting  
on the same side, showing the  
necessity of the projected building.

Mr. J. L. Bright then spoke to  
the same effect and concluded by  
moving.

That this meeting, recognising  
the necessity of proceeding at once with  
the proposed additions to this Institution  
and fully concurring with the plan  
devised by the Committee for ac-  
complishing the above object, resolve

That the Committee be requested  
to carry out immediately the proposed  
improvements and to provide the  
increased accommodation so urgently  
required by the Society.

The motion was seconded  
by Mr. Allan.

The meeting was addressed by  
Messrs. Smith, Lusk, Lake & Durk,  
and after several questions by the  
Members had been answered by  
the Chairman, the motion was put  
to the meeting and carried unan-  
imously.

A vote of thanks to the  
Chairman was proposed by Dr.  
Gillbe and carried by acclamation.

A. W. Buxton  
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Monday, 4th December, 1832.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present. Messrs. Balmain, Blowers, C. Lake,  
Mr. Davidson, <sup>W. Gillbe</sup> H. J. Hart & J. M. Smith.

A. Davidson, Chairman.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were  
read and confirmed.

The Secretary stated that application  
had been made to the Savings Bank  
for the loan agreed upon, but that the  
Bank had no funds at present to  
dispose of; that a further application  
had been made to the same Bank for  
an engagement to furnish the funds as  
they received them, but that no answer  
could be obtained for a week or ten days  
that he (the Secy) had called upon  
several Brokers without success but  
had that day got prospect of obtaining  
the amount required from Messrs. Bear  
& Wyld.

It was moved by Mr. Hart.  
Seconded by Mr. Smith and carried.

That, if the Treasurer can obtain  
any definite plan of raising the loan, a  
Special Meeting of Committee be called  
for its consideration.

A letter was received from Mr.  
Juniper on behalf of the Church  
worshipping in the large room on  
Sundays, requesting a reduction

Rent of  
Baptist.

of the rent, now £2.5 per week.

On the motion of Mr. Balmain  
seconded by Mr. Colles it was agreed,

reduced.

That the Rent be reduced to  
£2.0.0 per week.

Mr. Westley

offer

Books,

declined.

A letter was received from Mr.  
Westley of the Town Hall, intimating that he  
had received from some a large lot  
of Library Books which he offered for  
purchase by the Institution.

The offer was declined because there  
were no funds at the disposal of the  
Committee for the purpose.

Weekly

Concerts.

A letter was received from Mr. Collins  
suggesting the re-establishment of Cheap Musical  
Concerts. The letter was referred to the  
Committee of the Philharmonic Society.

Exhibition

Building.

Mr. Smith stated that the Mayor had  
convened a Meeting of Citizens for Wednesday  
Evening to Memorialize the Govt. to appropriate  
the Exhibition Building to Scientific Purposes, and  
requested the gratuitous use of the Room for  
the occasion. Granted on the motion of  
Mr. Balmain, seconded by Mr. Colles.

Dr. Colles.

A letter from Dr. Colles, proposing  
to lecture for the Institution was referred  
to the Lecture Committee.

Mr. Hart, stated that he was  
about to proceed to England, and

would be glad to keep up a correspond-  
ence with the Institution, in the hope of  
benefiting it, by opening a communication  
with the most important Institutions of  
Britain and America.

It was moved by Mr. Smith,  
seconded by Mr. Colles, Mr. Balmain & Carver

That Mr. Hart's proposal be  
accepted with the thanks of the Committee  
and that Mr. H. be appointed an  
Honorary Corresponding Member of the  
Institution.

The following gentlemen were admitted  
members of the Institution, viz. Messrs  
R. Maunde J. W. Clapham C. Mucke,  
J. Farmer.

Resolved.

Monday, 10th December 1836.

Half-monthly meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present. Messrs J. C. Balmain, J. Colles, H. Hart,  
and Dr. Willie.

Mr. Colles, Chairman

The Minutes of the preceding meeting  
were read and confirmed.

Also the Minutes of the Lecture and  
Building Sub-Committees.

A Letter was received from the Colonial  
Secretary intimating that His Excellency the  
Lieut. Governor did not think it would

be proper for the Govt. to contribute the sum of £5000 asked for the Institution, and that the state of the Revenue did not admit of it.

The Secretary stated that the Treasurer had not yet been able to obtain any favorable offer for the loan of the money required by Committee.

In connection with the matter a letter was read from the Commissioners of the Savings Bank desiring to know within what time the amount of £5000 would be required and in what installments.

It was moved by Mr. Hart,  
Seconded by Mr. Palmair & Carried.

That Mr. Stanman be informed that the probable amount required would be about £1000 per month.

A recommendation from the Building Society that the cottage in the rear of the Institution be sold by auction was agreed to.

An application from the Union Building Society Desiring the Committee of the Institution to remove the middle partition of the front offices, nos. 7 and 81 on condition that the Society rent the same for 6 or 12 months, was declined, and it was agreed that should the Society rent the offices for 2 years @ £4-10 per week, the wall should be removed.

A tender was received from Mrs. Nicholas Edwards for shutters to be fixed to the front windows, offering to make the four for £30.

The Secretary was authorized to ask for other tenders and to accept the lowest.

It was agreed that proposals to rent the front offices from a Hairdresser be declined.

The Secretary stated that he had let three of the front offices to the Australian Land Society and the Victoria Vineyard Co. for £2 and £6.10 per week respectively.

The assent of the Committee was given to Mr. Allan's use of the large rooms for the rehearsal of the public school children.

The Secretary stated that considerable damage had been done to several of the articles contributed by the Institution to the Exhibition.

It was moved by Mr. Hart  
Seconded by Mr. Palmair and Carried.

That the Secretary ascertain whether the Commissioners were responsible for the safety of the articles exhibited and to communicate with them on the subject.

A letter was received from Mr. Guillaume stating the order of the Committee for the supply of Books for the Library by his father in London had been duly received & acknowledged per the 'Argo' and requesting payment of the next monthly installment with arrears.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Winterbottom had not yet paid the balance of £1000 due by him to the Institution and intended to leave the Colony shortly.



It was agreed that payment be enforced

The following new members were added  
viz. Miss<sup>rs</sup> W. H. Cropper, M. C. Carey, J. S. Moore,  
M. Hayes, R. Wilson, J. Menthmore, McDougall.

R. Colvins

Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> Jan'y. 1855.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of  
Management.

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Colvins, Davidson, Edwards,  
Gillbee and Smith.

M. Colvins, Chairman.

The Minutes of the preceding  
meeting were read and confirmed.

In reference to the loan to  
be raised by the Treasurer, the Secretary  
reported that the Treasurer had not  
as yet been successful, but that he  
was engaged in various quarters, with  
a view to raise the amount required.

It was stated that a Hardison  
was desirous of renting one of the shops  
in front, the question was put to the  
meeting whether such a business  
was admissible to the premises  
on the motion of M. Smith seconded by  
M. Edwards, it was agreed the Hardison  
be admitted.

It was moved by M. Smith, seconded  
by M. Davidson and carried

That Miss<sup>rs</sup> Cook and Knorr  
be appointed a sub-committee to  
draw up the Committee's Report  
for the past year: the draft to  
be submitted to next meeting of the  
Committee.

A Donation of a Map of Melbourne  
and suburbs was received from M. C.  
Masou, and the thanks of the Committee  
were voted on the motion of M. Knorr,  
seconded by M. Edwards.

Three new members were  
added, viz. Miss<sup>rs</sup> Julia Moore, Alf. Wyatt  
& J. L. Shivers

R. Colvins

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> Jan'y. 1855.

Half-monthly meeting of the Committee  
of Management.

Present Mess<sup>rs</sup> H. E. Balmain  
R. Colvins  
Cook  
M. Davidson  
R. Gades  
W. Gillbee  
J. Barwick  
J. Langlands  
J. Moubrey  
M. Smith

M. Colvins, Chairman.