

It was agreed that payment be enforced

The following new members were added
viz. Miss^{rs} W. H. Cropper, M. C. Carey, J. S. Moore,
M. Hayes, R. Wilson, J. Menthmore, McDougall.

R. Colman

Monday, 1st Jan'y. 1855.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of
Management.

Present Mess^{rs} Colman, Davidson, Edwards,
Gillbee and Smith.

M. Colman, 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^{rs} 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^{rs} Julia Moore, Alf. Wyatt
& J. L. Shivers

R. Colman

Monday, 15th Jan'y. 1855.

Half-monthly meeting of the Committee
of Management.

Present Mess^{rs} H. E. Balmain
R. Colman
Cook
M. Davidson
R. Gades
W. Gillbee
J. Barwick
J. Langlands
J. Moubrey
M. Smith

M. Colman, Chairman.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

The Report of the Philharmonic Society was laid on the table, and received.

Report

The Draft of the Annual Report of the Committee was then read and after several amendments was adopted for presentation to the General Meeting.

Donations

A Donation of 5 cases and 4 plates illustrative of Cryptography was received from Mr. Quick and the thanks of the Committee were voted on the motion of Mr. [unclear] seconded by Mr. [unclear].

An application from Miss Lewis for the use of the Large Room for a Calisthenics & Dancing Class was declined.

Dr. Lang.

Mr. Smith inquired at whose request Dr. Lang had lectured on Saturday evening.

The Secretary stated that several members proposed that Dr. Lang should be asked to deliver a lecture at the Institution. That three members of Committee had signed an invitation for him to lecture, & that he had been specially cautioned against violating the Rule of the Institution, forbidding controversial politics.

It was then moved by Mr. Smith seconded by Mr. Langland & carried.

That the Committee feel indignant at the conduct of the Rev. Dr. Lang, who after an express promise to the contrary, violated the rules of the Institution by introducing matters of a political nature into his lecture on Saturday evening last.

It was agreed that the Committee should assemble one hour before the time of meeting for Tuesday the 30th inst. to arrange the business for the General Meeting.

Tuesday, 30th Jan. 1855.

Annual General Meeting
of the Members of the Institution.

Mr. Rusden, Chairman.

The Chairman opened the Meeting and called upon the Secretary, to read the Report of the Committee of Management for the year 1854.

The Minutes of the preceding general meeting having been confirmed, the Committee's Report was read.

It was then moved by Mr. Hoogh, seconded by Mr. Punting and carried.

That the Report of the Committee of Management now read be adopted.

Mr. G. Cooke on behalf of the Committee proposed the adoption of the following new regulation for the Library, viz.

New Rule

for

Library.

Any member taking books from the Library shall be required to leave with the Secretary a Deposit, to be fixed in amount by the Committee, for which a receipt will be given.

The Deposit at any time to be refunded to the Member on demand and on the production of his Receipt, the Secretary deducting from the amount any arrears of subscription or fines that may be then due by the member.

The motion was ~~carried~~ ^{seconded} by Mr. Hoogh, and after a long discussion was carried by division.

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Mr. Hoogh moved as an Amendment, and Mr. Blowes, seconded.

That the names of members retaining books one month beyond the time allowed, be posted in the Reading Room.

After a long discussion, the amendment was put to the Meeting and lost.

The original motion was then put and carried by division.

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

President

That the Honorable, J. F. Pelham, Speaker of the Legislative Council be elected President of the Institution for the current year.

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

V. President

That A. G. A. Green, M.D. M.L.C. be elected Vice President for the ensuing year.

On the motion of Mr. MacSmith seconded by Mr. J. S. Watson, it was resolved.

Trustees

That H. J. Langlands and J. G. Fortson be Trustees for the current year.

On the motion of Mr. Hoogh, seconded by Mr. Smith, Mr. Thos. Black's name was added.

It was then proposed by Mr. MacSmith seconded by Mr. Hoogh and carried.

Treasurer.

That Mrs. Vaughan M.P. be elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

30 Jan. 1855.

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

Auditors

That Messrs J. W. Bull and J. J. Walsh
be appointed Auditors for the current year.

On the proposition of Mr. Coke,
seconded by Mr. Mowbray it was carried

That the following gentlemen be
re-elected Curators, viz.

Curators.

- D. Willkie, M.D. — Zoology and Mineralogy.
- Edw. Hewitt, M.D., F.R.S., F.L.S. — Entomology, Botany & Lichenes.
- A. Morrison. — Chemical and Philosophical Dept.
- R. Eades, M.D. — Antiquarian and Miscellaneous Dept.
- J. W. Bulmain. — Fine Arts.

Committee.

The meeting then proceeded to the
election of eight members of Committee, in room
of Messrs

- W. Blair
- R. Clowes.
- C. Coke.
- Ho. J. Hart.
- Mr. Davidson,
- J. Mowbray,
- J. M. Smith, retiring by rotation
- D. J. Black, disqualified by

and
non-attendance.

Messrs Annett and Keogh having been
chosen to act as Scrutineers, the following
gentlemen were elected by ballot, viz.

elected.

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|--------------|----------------|
| R. Clowes | J. Mowbray |
| J. M. Smith. | D. M. Hartley. |
| Ed. Blair. | F. Langwell |
| G. W. Rusden | C. Coke. |

30th Jan. 1855.

Thanks to

Chairman.

A unanimous vote of thanks was then
passed to the Chairman, on the motion of Mr
Clowes, and after an acknowledgement from
Mr. Rusden, the meeting terminated.

Jan 29. 1856.

Friday, 2nd Feb. 1855.

Special Meeting, called by the Treasurers for
the purpose of submitting to the Committee
of Management a plan for raising the
amounts required by the Institution.

Present Messrs J. W. Bulmain.

- D. Blair.
- R. Clowes.
- W. Coke.
- R. Eades M.D.
- W. G. H. M.D.
- R. H. H.
- J. Low.
- J. M. Smith &
- W. Vaughan M.

Mr. Vaughan, Chairman.

Treasurer's

statement

The Chairman stated that in pursuance
of a resolution of Committee (of date 4th Dec)
he had called the present meeting.
He stated that the most pressing liabilities
of the Institution were, the sum of £440.
due to Nicholls and Edwards, being the balance
on their original tender, exclusive of extras
also the acceptance for £500 due this month

2nd Feb. 1855

Mr. Blay's

offer

of

£7000

accepted

That an Offer had been made through Mr. H. L. Blay to supply the £7000 required at 10 per cent. interest.

2 1/2 per cent. Commission

The loan to be for a term of 3, 4 or 5 years with power, if the last, to pay off at the end of 3 or 4 years. or to pay off by instalments at the end of 3, 4 and 5 years.

The money to be furnished immediately.

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

That Mr. Blay's offer of a loan of £7000 upon the terms above specified be accepted.

On the Motion of Mr. Low, seconded by Mr. Smith, it was resolved.

That the Treasurer and Trustees be empowered and requested to settle the terms of the above Loan and to carry out the foregoing resolution forthwith.

The Secretary stated that Mr. P. Langwill who had been nominated and elected as a member of Committee by the late General Meeting, was not qualified as a non-member to hold office.

The Meeting therefore decided that the next candidate on the voting paper viz. Mr. Terry, must be held to be elected.

Donations

A Donation of an Almanac was received from J. B. Blundell and a pamphlet, on Bounty Immigration from the Vicar

J. P. L. Low.

Monday, 5th Feb. 1855.

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present Messrs J. Barwick

C. Coke,

R. Nixon,

J. Low,

Mr. Smith,

J. Mowbray,

G. Terry,

Mr. Low, Chairman.

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting were read and those of the last meeting of Committee were confirmed.

A letter was received from Miss Lewis, asking leave to establish a Juvenile Ladies' Class for Department, Calisthenics & Dancing to meet twice a week in the large room.

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

That Miss Lewis' application be acceded to.

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

	600 copies £12	700 £13 10	800 £15
Good.			
Goodhugh.	£4.15	£11 10	£12 10
Albatt & Co.	£9.9	£10 10	£11 11
Williams & Co.	£10 5	£11 5	£12 5
Aye.	£8	£9	£10
Whetton.	£6	£6 15	£7 10
Argus.	£8	£9	£10

On the motion of Mr. Barwick &
seconded by Mr. Knox, it was resolved

That the tender of Mr. G. Whiston for printing
500 copies @ £6 be accepted.

The Committee took into consideration
the amount of Deposit to be required from
members borrowing books from the Library,
After some discussion it was moved by
Mr. Smith

Seconded by Mr. Knox and carried

That a Deposit of £1 be
required from members taking books from
the Library;

An Amendment proposed by Mr.
Barwick, to the effect that members of less
than 3 years standing pay a Deposit of £2,
was not seconded

The meeting proceeded to the
election of sub-committees for the ensuing
year.

On the proposal of Mr. Smith.

Seconded by Mr. Barwick was agreed

Library Committee.

That Mess^{rs} D. Blair

W. Gilker

J. Blackburne H. Knox

J. Moubrey &

Mr. Terry & W. W. W. be the
Library Committee for the
current year.

House Committee.

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

That Mess^{rs} J. Barwick

R. Howes

C. Cooke

Mr. Smith & Mr. Terry

be appointed
House Committee for the current year.

Lecture Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Smith

seconded by Mr. Barwick and carried

That Mess^{rs} H. Balmain

C. Cooke

R. Leedes

Mr. Mather &

A. Morrison be appointed

Lecture Committee for the current year.

Building Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Terry

seconded by Mr. Cooke and carried

That Mess^{rs} H. Balmain

J. Barwick

R. Howes

R. Leedes

H. Knox

J. Langlands

J. Low

L. W. W. W. &

Mr. Smith form the

Building Committee for the ensuing year.

Finance Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Moulton,
seconded by Mr. Kinn and carried.

That Messrs Barwick

J. Langlands R. ...

J. Low. ...

A. McSmith & ...

J. ... be appointed

Finance Committee for the current year.

It was then proposed by
McSmith.

seconded by Mr. Terry and carried.

That the Building Committee be
empowered to proceed with the work as soon
as the mortgage is complete and the money
lodged in the Bank.

After some consideration it was
proposed by Mr. Locke
seconded by Mr. McSmith & carried.

That the Treasurer remove
the Institution account to the Bank of
New South Wales.

The following New Members
were added, viz. Messrs
J. Bantford A. McLeod W. Pepper Mr. L. Meir.
St. L. Lessack Geo. Wright P. Finlayson W. Edwards
J. Patch & F. A. Coon.

Monday 19th Feb. 1833.

Half Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management

Present Messrs R. Clowes, C. Coke
J. Terry, Mr. Langlands
J. Low ... J. Barwick.
Drs. Wilkie & Mr. Carthy

Mr. R. Clowes, Chairman.

Mr. Low was requested to act as Secretary pro. tem.

Mr. Vaughan

A Letter was read from Charles Vaughan Esq.
resigning the Office of Treasurer to the Mechanics
Institution. resolved

resignation

That the said communication
from Mr. Vaughan be deferred for consideration
to next meeting

Funeral

of

late

Secretary

In consequence of the painful intelligence
received of the Decease of Mr. Peterson the Secretary

It was resolved

That the Institution be
closed on the day of the Funeral, and that the Members
of the Institution be invited by advertisement to accom-
pany the Remains of our late respected Secretary, to the
place of Interment.

also present

Mr. J. Blundell

& " J. Reed

to represent the
Philharmonic Society respecting the arrangements for
the Funeral

over

Business of the meeting Feb. 17th continued

It was moved by Mr. R. Knox seconded by Mr. P. Cery and resolved

That the present Librarian ^(Mr. Thompson) be appointed to act as Secretary pro. tem.

The Librarian having consented to act he was requested to summon the Committee and Office-bearers to a special meeting to be held on Wednesday Feb. 21st at 1/2 past 7 p. m.

Wednesday 21st Feb. 1855

Special Meeting of the Committee and Office-bearers

present Messrs Balmain, Geo Langlands
C. Coke, G. Cery
J. Mowbray, J. W. Rusden
J. Edwards, R. Knox
J. Blair, & J. Low
Dr. Gilber & Mc Carthy

Mr. Low, Chairman

The Minutes of Meetings 5th & 19th Feb. were read and confirmed

The letter from Charles Taughan Esq. deferred from previous meeting was taken into consideration

Mr. Taughans
resignation
(accepted)

the following

proposed

for the office

of

Treasurer

It was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Coke and carried

That Mr. Taughans resignation be accepted

Mr. Edwards proposed and Mr. Langlands seconded that Mr. Alderman Clowes be appointed Treasurer

Mr. Cery proposed and Mr. Knox seconded that J. M. Smith Esq. be appointed Treasurer

Mr. Rusden proposed and Dr. Balmain seconded that Dr. Wilkie be appointed Treasurer

A letter was read from the Colonial Secretary in reference to the sum of £5,000

Mr. Edwards, moved and Mr. Rusden seconded that the consideration of the letter from the Colonial Secretary, and also of the Loan be specially referred to the Finance Committee and that they be requested to report thereon to this Committee to be summoned for Monday evening next - specially and

that the Finance Committee be summoned for Friday evening and that Mr. Langlands and Mr. Smith be requested to wait on Mr. Bennett previous to the meeting of Committee on Friday

Mr. Rusden moved and Mr. Balmain seconded that the following

Resolution be entered on the Minutes which was carried unanimously

That there be entered upon the records of the Institution a minute of the High sense entertained by the Committee of the Melbourne Mechanics Institute of the valuable services of the late Secretary, and that the Chairman of this meeting of the Committee convey to Mrs. Paterson the condolence of the Committee on behalf of the Institution generally upon the bereavement which she has sustained

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

It having been intimated that the late Secretary having paid sums of money for the benefit of the Institution out of his own funds that the acct. be examined so as to ascertain how far the Institution is indebted to him

It was moved by Mr. Langlands and seconded by Mr. Barwick and carried unanimously

That £100 be voted from the Funds of the Institution, to the Widow of the deceased Secretary

Appointment of a Secretary

Resolved that the Secretary pro. tem. do advertise immediately for a Secretary who must furnish testimonials to the Committee at the Mechanics Institution on or before Monday next at 11 o'clock P.M. Feb 26th addressed to the Committee of Management

The consideration of Mr. Halliers letter was referred to the House Committee

Mr. Fullinwides letter

The Letter from Mr. Fullinwides was referred to the Library Committee and to the Finance Committee.

J. S. P. P.

~~Thursday~~ Feb 2, 26th 1855

Special Meeting of the Committee of Management called this evening to consider the applications for the vacant Secretaryship, according to which had been received in accordance with the advertisement in the Daily papers

Present	J. S. Foxton Esq.	Edwards
	Messrs. Knox	Serry
	W. C. G. G.	Mr. Langlands
	Monbray	Low
	Cock	J. M. Smith
	Clowes	Barwick
	Balmain	McCartney
	Dr. Wicker	Godet
	Gilber	

J. S. Foxton Esq. in the Chair

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and duly confirmed

Mr. Edwards moved and Mr. Langlands seconded that the Resolution passed at last meeting, that the sum of £100 be presented to the Widow of the late Secretary and that this resolution be confirmed in accordance with Rule 26. carried unanimously

Chairman to convey to Mrs. Paterson the Condolence of the Committee upon her bereavement.

£100 to be presented to the Widow of late Secretary

Mr. Halliers letter

A document was received from Mr Bennett Solicitor, and read to this meeting. The document required the signatures of the Committee empowering the Land Trustees to borrow money on mortgage. Has duly signed and delivered to Mr Bennett by Mr J. M. Smith

The Committee next proceeded to open the letters of the applicant for the office of Secretary

Mr Foxton having left the chair Mr Rusden was requested to occupy the same, when the business was resumed

The Committee adjourned at 10 o'clock, ^{p.m.} until Thursday March 1-1855 at 7 o'clock ^{p.m.}

To be summoned for the consideration of the applications for the Secretaryship

(Signed) A. Low. per tem.

Thursday March 1st 1855

The Committee met this evening specially to consider the applications for the Secretaryship

Present Messrs Serry Moubray
Balmain Knox
J. M. Smith Cook
Low & Rusden
Drs McCarthy Gades &
Gillbe.

Mr. Moubray in the chair

The following five names were selected from the list of candidates for the Secretaryship with

Instruction to the Secretary per tem. to write to them requesting their attendance on Monday evening at the meeting of Committee at 7.30.

Mr James Smith, Victoria House, Government Road, corner of Lennox Street, Rutland
Mr. Aiton, Wellington Street, Collingwood or 74 Queen Street

Mr Simpson 98 St. Bourke Street
Mr Horne Capt. Chisholm Bouverie Street
Mr Richardson Mr Forsters, Northumberland Street, Wellington Street, Collingwood

The above having been proposed by Mr. Rusden was approved of

Monday March 5th 1855

A Special meeting of the Committee of Management took place this evening according to resolution passed at last meeting

present Messrs Edwards Knox
Blair Moubray
Saw. Langlands Cook
Balmain Serry
J. M. Smith Low
Rusden
Drs McCarthy Gades
Stawitt Gillbe
Wilkie
Rev A Morrison

Rev. A. Morrison in the chair

The testimonial from Mr Gibbons were received but arriving too late could not be

could not be taken into consideration.
 The Secretary, pro. tem was requested to acknowledge the receipt of the same

The five candidates ^{mentioned in the minutes of last meeting} were in attendance and examined in the following order
 1st Mr. Horne
 2nd " Smith
 3rd " Simpson
 4th " Peiton
 5th " Richardson

The examination being completed, the polling took place when Mr. Richardson was found to have the highest number of votes
 Mr. J. M. Smith moved that Mr. Geo. B. Richardson be declared duly elected and received the unanimous assent of the meeting

The special meeting was then dissolved

A general committee meeting was convened

Rev. A. Morrison in the Chair

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read the following accounts were passed and received the signature of the Chairman

✓ Lucas	4-17-6	✓ R. Clark	9-13-4
✓ Hutton	6-0-0	Wilson & Mearns	8- "
Freeman	1-4-0	J. Gorde	2-16-0
Walsh	"-15-0	Wesley	1-12-3
Springman	1-2-0	Davis Ho	1-3-0
Richardson	3-0-0	Estlin	"-9-0
✓ Kirk & Co	16-5-0	Saunders & Kenney	1-0-0
✓ Age Newspaper	4-0-0	Mr. Lee	1-9-0
✓ Oil Company	8-8-0	✓ James Morrison	4-15-0
✓ Snowbery	27-8-2	✓ Langwell & Co	22-13-6

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Mr. Haller's application for a reduction of rent

Mr. David Blair gave notice of the following motion to be brought forward at next meeting

That the powers of the Librarian be extended, the books to be placed completely under his control, and that he be held directly responsible to the committee for the books under his charge, and that his salary be increased £ per ann

Mr. Geo. Langlands gave notice of the following motion for next meeting

That the ~~next~~ Secretary be appointed Manager as well as Secretary

Monday March 12th 1855

The Committee of Management met this evening according to intimation by circular to receive the newly elected Secretary of the Institution and for the dispatch of other Business

Present	Messrs	Lowe	Cock
		Serry	Monkay
		Smith	Barwick
		Clowes	Blair
		Dr. Mc. Carthy	

Mr. Lowe in the Chair

The minutes of previous meetings having been read Mr. Haller's application, was taken into consideration, requesting a reduction of Rent - Mr. Haller's offer being £4 per week from Feb 5th to March 5th and from March 5th at the rate of £3 per week which was declared the committee fixing the Rental at £4 from March 5th - the intervening period viz from Feb 5th to March 5th be charged at the old Rent £6 per week

Continued

and in future the rent to be paid weekly in advance.

The application from the Victorian Institute for the use of the large Room on the evening of the 1st Thursday of each month during the year at the usual rate of £5.0.0. each meeting was agreed to

Mr. Geo. B. Richardson the newly elected Secretary being present was duly installed into Office

Mr. Alderton's application for the use of the large Room for French Classes and Music hours proposed 10 to 11, 12 to 1 & 5 to 6.

Members of the Institution to be admitted at half price

In consequence of the proposed hours being likely to interfere with other engagements for the Room Mr. Cook moved and Mr. Moubray seconded a motion which was put to the meeting and carried that the offer be declined for the above reasons

The New Treasurership was next taken into consideration J. M. Smith Esq. and Mr. Alderman Clowes both being present declined to accept the Office in consequence of their numerous engagements

It was proposed by Mr. Clowes and seconded by Mr. Cook

That Dr. Milkie be elected as the Treasurer instead of Charles Vaughan Esq. resigned

The Finance committee were requested to remit a further sum of £15. monthly to Mr. Bullman London in payment of the Periodicals and Newspapers

Mr. Blairs notice of motion as entered on the Minutes of last meeting respecting the Librarian was brought on for discussion The salary was

was taken into consideration when Mr. Alderman Clowes moved and Mr. Barwick seconded

That the Librarian's salary in future be £200 per annum was carried unanimously

That part of Mr. Blairs motion relating to additional powers of the Librarian was deferred for months

Mr. John Langlands not being present the notice of motion standing in his name on the Minutes of last meeting was not brought forward for discussion

David E. Wilkie M. D.

Monday, March 19th. 1855

Half-monthly meeting of the Committee of Management.

Present

Dr. Wilkie in the Chair

Dr. Sides

Mr. John Langlands

Mr. J. C. Bulman

Mr. J. M. Smith

Mr. Moubray

Mr. Cook

Mr. Terry

The Minutes of previous meetings having been read and signed.

The following accounts passed by the Finance Committee held on Thursday 15 March 1855, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman

Secretary pro temp. accounts

To Cash rec ^d for fines subscr ^s and Rents	41-12-6
Paid for Newspapers to make up sets	0-4-0
" " Periodicals	1-9-2
" " Advertising	1-0-0
Wages S. L. James Marden	1-10-0
Secretarys Salary, Postage &c.	32-0-0

Mrs Alderton's Application declined

Dr. Milkie Elected Treasurer

Accounts for goods supplied &c.		
Mr. Healy for man of library	30-0-0	
Robertson for books	38-9-10	
Mansden wages	17-18-6	
Callender No. for Herald	5-10-0	
Arnold for books	14-3-0	
Heat and Pelly for painting	15-5-0	
Edwin for post (request)	5-0-0	
Ernie for tickets (auditor)	2-14-2	
Lord Mansfield Insurance	19-10-0	
Age Proforma for A.D.G.	3-13-0	
Lucas for Paper	1-0-6	
Statist (c. for principles)	2-5-6	
✓ Messrs. Foxon & Vaughan	500-0-0	

Mr. Langland's deferred his ^{motion} ~~motion~~ made the consideration of the ^{motion} ~~motion~~ made last meeting relative to the powers of the secretary till that day three weeks.

Assistant Librarian to leave on 24th March.

The secretary was asked when Mr. Mansden's services as temporary librarian were intended to be dispensed with. The secretary stated owing to Mr. Thompson the librarian being still engaged in other rooms of the Institution in preparing an inventory for the Special Secretary, he was unable to resume his duties, as librarian, and it was deemed necessary to retain Mr. Mansden's services for one week longer - viz. until 24 March.

The Secretary was requested to acknowledge the application of Mr. John C. Butler ^{Edmonton} soliciting permission to apply for office of Secretary & he not having then seen the advertisement inviting applications for that office.

A letter was read from Dr. Wilkie accepting the office of Treasurer to which he had been appointed 12th March.

Mr. Cook gave notice of the following motion for next meeting —

Dr. Wilkie
14th
Treasurer

Notice of motion
That
Lecturers be
not paid

That the rule passed by the Lectures Committee 23 February 1853 with respect to the payment of all persons who should deliver lectures in behalf of the Institution be rescinded, and still leaving it optional with the Committee to remunerate the lecturers if they think fit.

Mr. John Langland ^{moved} gave notice that at the next meeting he would ~~move~~ ^{propose} that the Finance Committee be requested to examine the state of the funds of the Institution and report to the next meeting.

Mr. Cowbray seconded — carried — and the Finance Committee to be called together for the purpose.

Dr. Wilkie having been obliged to leave,
Dr. Eades took the Chair

A letter from Mr. Skinner to Mr. Cotton, registrar of the County Courts, relative to the possibility of giving the use of the Hall for the County Courts was read and put aside as it was not a direct application to the Institution.

A letter was read from Mr. C. F. Henry, Secretary of the New Church meeting in the Reading Room on Sunday mornings requesting a reduction of rent from 52/- to 30/- per annum.

Mr. Cook moved, and Mr. Smith seconded

That the proposition be not acceded to

carried unanimously

Another application was read from Mrs. Elderton as to the use of the Hall

Mr. Langland moved and Mr. Smith seconded that the Hall be offered to Mrs. Elderton on three days of the week from 9 to 12 1/2 P.M. for teaching French and the Piano Forte on condition that the members be admitted at half price and the piano charged ten shillings each day.

Mr. Cook moved in amendment seconded by Mr. Gery that

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That the subject be considered *in* *h*ence.
The amendment was put and lost and
the original motion carried.

The Secretary stated that he had made applica-
tion to the Agents of the Imperial Insurance Office
(Dalgety & Co.) and that if the reinsurance
was postponed till 31 March next the premium
should then be raised till same time next year,
but that if insured at once, the time that has elapsed
since the last policy fell due, ^(31 Dec. 54) would have to be
included in the year ending 31 Dec. 1855.

After some discussion Mr Laupland's motion
and Mr Dalmain's seconded that the insurance
be effected from 31 March.

An amendment moved by Mr Cook and
seconded by Mr Smith that the insurance be
effected at once, was put and carried.

The thanks of the Committee were ordered to be
rendered for the presentation of

"The Submarine Directory" from Miss J. Maudslott
"The Accountant" from the Author Mr J. K. Dow.

R. Blomnes

Monday 2 April 1855

Monthly Meeting of the Committee

Present Mr. Adenau (Clerk in the Chair)
Mr Laupland Mr Blair
Mr J. M. Smith Mr Edwards
Mr Dow Mr Dalmain
Mr Barwick Dr Gillbee
Mr Cook

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The Minutes of last meeting, of the Lecture Com-
mittee of same date, of the Library Committee of 26 and
30 March, and of the Finance Committee of 30
March, having been read and signed.

The following Accounts approved by the Chair-
man of the Finance Committee of 30 March were
signed, and ordered to be paid

Secretary, for current Expenses	37 " 3 " 6
Library, &c.	1 " 6 " 6
Haniff	13 " 7 " 9
Dr to the Institution	99 " 19 " 4
Institution to the Librarian	11 " 2 " 2
Mr Merchant for Books &c.	14 " 17 " 6
Mrs Goodenough and Fremantle	6 " 15 " 0
Walker and Wright; and Freeman	4 " 2 " 5

A Letter from Mr. G. Guillaume accompanying
his father's account of first supply of books for lighting,
was read, engaging to act up to the requirements of
the Resolution passed at last meeting in reference to
Mr G. Guillaume's responsibility for safe delivery of
all future parcels — also desiring that he might
have a check for the £57 9s. voted for the payment in
advance of three months newspapers and reviews. The
Library Committee to be summoned shortly to decide upon
future monthly selections of books, so as to prevent the
introduction of so many extra copies of books the
same work.

The vote of £100 to the widow of the late Secretary
was ordered to be paid.

The Secretary stated that Mr Reed architect
has been induced to extend the time for re-
ceiving tenders for the New Theatre from 11 to Sat-
urday 7 April from an impetuous but inter-
esting Committee would be proved by such

[Monday 2] delay, as it was desirable to have more
April '55 - tenders than had already been lodged.

The Secretary reported that the box of books for lighting had arrived and that the contents were displayed on the table

The Secretary stated that though the New Church meeting in the Reading Room on Sunday had a default of the Committee acceptance of their proposed reduction of rental (52' to 30' per annum) taken the Protestant Hall let 20', they were still desirous of retaining the use of the Reading Room, and desired a reconsideration of the vote of last meeting.

Resolved - Mr. Darwin moving, in favor 23 -

That the New Church continue to use the Reading Room at the reduced rental of 30' henceforth.

D. Palmer's letter ^{accepting} the request of the Lecture Committee was read

Resolved
That Wednesday 2 may be fixed as the latest period to which the commencement of the Session may be deferred, and that the Committee trust that sufficient time will thus be allowed Dr. Palmer to prepare his inaugural address "Education of the Masses, and the effects of Education on Civilization".

Dr. Geaves' letter declining to lecture on the ground of pressure of public business was also read and received.

The Secretary stated that Miss Lewis solicited permission to hang out a placard drawing public attention to her dancing academy held in the Hall

Resolved that the request cannot be acceded to

The subject came on for discussion as to the admission of members of the Philharmonic Society to the benefit of this Institution

Resolved - Mr. Lewis moving and Mr. Langford 29 -
That they be admitted upon paying 20s. annually.

^{was read}
A letter from D. M. Arthur Esq. Manager of the Bank of New Australia, desiring the Secretary to draw the attention of the Committee to the fact that the ^{advance} loan of £2374-12-8 with interest which was to have been paid in January, was still unpaid, and wishing to have an assurance that the amount will be immediately discharged. Referred to the Finance Committee

An amended list of books selected from those belonging to Mrs. Paterson was presented by the Library Committee and approved.

Resolved upon the motion of Mr. Cook
That the books be purchased at the price offered £48-0-6

Mr. Blair handed to the Secretary a letter (which was read) relative to the resolution of the last meeting as to the payment of lecturers, and to the fact that a demand of his own, of six guineas, for two lectures on wit and humor had been set aside by the Finance Committee

the letter was read Mr Blair made some
additional observations on the subject, and
intended that his claim was valid under
the rule of 23 Febr. 1853

Mr Low, D'Gillbee, Mr Lock and others engaged
in the discussion which ensued, when upon
the motion of Mr Smith seconded by Mr Lock it was

Resolved that Mr Blair's claim
be allowed and paid

Mr Lock brought on his motion of which
notice was given last meeting

Resolved upon the motion of Mr Lock
seconded by Mr. Lacy placed, and carried

That the Rule passed by the Lecturers
Committee, 23 Febr. 1853 with respect to
the payment of all persons who should
deliver lectures on ~~the~~ behalf of the
Institution be rescinded, but still
leaving it optional with the Committee
to remunerate the lecturers."

Mr Blair gave notice of motion to
the following effect:-

"That a gratuity be granted to the Librarian
for his services to the Institution while temp-
orarily filling the office of Secretary during
the interval between the death of the late
and the appointment of the present Secretary

Mr Blair withdrew the letter in which he
made his claim for the six years above

G. W. Ruxden
Chairman 16th April 1855

Monday 16 April 1855
Half-monthly Meeting of General Committee

Present G. W. Ruxden Esq in the Chair
D. Eades
D. McTear
D. Gillbee
Mr T. J. Selwyn
Mr David Blair
Mr Charles Lock
Mr James Barwick
Mr Anna Crowe
Mr James Lowrey
Mr Hall inclined

The Minutes of the General Committee 2 Apr.
" " " " Lecture " 11 "
" " " " Building " 11 12 "
" " " " Finance " 14 "
having been read and approved

The consideration of the Finance Committee
Recommendation that 1800^l be at once paid
towards liquidating the debt of 2491^l 3s.
due to the Bank of Australasia, there being
a balance to the credit of the Institution with
Bank of New South Wales of about £1900,
was introduced, - when

On the motion of Mr Barwick seconded
by Mr Lock was carried

The Treasurer and Secretary were
requested to call upon the Managers
of the Bank of New South Wales for
an advance to the amount of the
deficiency, so that the whole
amount might be discharged.