

Secretarys
Account
for
Year

The Secretarys accounts of Receipt and Ex-
penditure for the past month were confirmed.

Warrants for the payment of the following ac-
counts received the Chairman signature:-
J.J. Guilleme for 2nd. Quarter Magazines and
Periodicals, Newspapers &c. 4-6-2-6
Age Proprietors for Advt &c. 7-9-0
Russell and Taiton for Auditors 12-0-0

W. Blount
Chairman

Monday 9 July 1855.

Present, Mr. J. Guilleme in the Chair
Mr. Henry Langlands
Mr. William Overton
Mr. William Poole
Mr. George Terry
Mr. Charles Lock
Mr. James Barrick
Mr. John Edwards
Mr. David Blair
Mr. Thomas Mowbray
Mr. Alderman Howes
Dr. Mc Carthy
Dr. Gilbee
Mr. Keighan, J.P. Visitor

This was a Special Meeting of the General
Committee convened in consequence of the
Trustees having declined to act upon the
decision of Committee in reference to their demur-
ring of Mr. Bennett the residue of the
7000^l Mortgage loan.

After a long debate it was ultimately
resolved upon the Motion of Mr. Carthy,
seconded by Mr. Knox, and carried

That the Trustees be requested to desire Mr.
Bennett to cancel the Mortgage for 7000^l
and substitute a Deed for the sum of
5000^l.
W. Blount

Monday 10 July 1855.

Present Alderman Howes, in the Chair
Mr. Mowbray
Mr. H. Langlands
Mr. Lock
Mr. Poole
Mr. Overton
Mr. Edwards

The Minutes of previous meetings were
read and confirmed.

The Reduction of the Mortgage from 7000^l to
5000^l came on for consideration. The Secretary
stated that after the Meeting of 9 July had
mainly separated four members of the Committee
engaged in conversation respecting the decision
of the late meeting in reference to the reduction
of the Mortgage, and drew up and signed a
request to the Secretary of which the following
is a copy:-

We the undersigned members of the Committee
of Management of the Mechanics Institution do
authorize you to summon a special Meeting of the

Committee for the reconsideration of the Decision arrived at on Monday evening 9th. July 1855.

(Signed) D. Blair
James Esmond
To the Secretary of the Mechanics' Institution.
John Edwards,
Charles Spock

The Secretary stated however that the Trustees had acted without delay upon the decision of the Meeting, and that they had received a letter from Mr. Bennett dated 14 July in acknowledgment of a letter from the Trustees of the 12th instant, in which Mr. Bennett stated that he had submitted their request for the reduction of the Mortgage, and had received instructions to comply with the terms. The letter proceeded to state that interest on the entire sum of 7000 £ would be required up to the day of alteration (which was to date from the 21st instant to allow for fresh investment) and that having reference to the original Direction of the majority of the Committee for the loan of 7000 £, there would be required a similar authority for the reduction, with a certificate from the Secretary that since the former Direction (8 Feb. 1855.) no change had occurred in the Committee, or, if any change had occurred, setting forth the names of the present Committee. The letter further stated that the Directions would be placed in the Trustees' hands on Monday the 16th instant with a view to having them signed by the Committee.

The Secretary then read another letter from Mr. Bennett to the Trustees, of the 16th instant accompanying the Directions — in which letter it was required that the instrument should be signed by a majority of the Committee exclusive of themselves (the Trustees) and that upon the receipt thereof, he (Mr. Ben-

nnett) would take the necessary steps for carrying out the arrangement and let them (the Trustees) know when to call for the Balance of the Thousand Pounds after deducting interest as per Mr. Bennett's letter of the 14th instant, and other incidental charges.

The Secretary then read the Direction of the Committee to the Trustees authorizing them to procure the Reduction of the Mortgage as follows:—

Know All Men That we the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, Members of the Committee of Management of a certain Association called The Melbourne Mechanics' Institution, in pursuance of the power and authority vested in us in and by a Deed of Association of the said Institution bearing date the first day of November One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Two and made between Thomas Hamilton Coburne therein described of the one part and the several persons whose names are hereunto subscribed and seals affixed of the other part, do by this our Direction in writing signed by us being at the date of this our direction a majority of the Committee of Management of the said Institution for the time being and of such majority, do hereby direct the said Trustees of the said Institution do not from any part authorize and direct the said Trustees of the said Institution to take such steps as may be necessary for the reduction of the present Mortgage of Five Thousand Pounds secured on the property of the said Institution by a certain Deed of Mortgage dated the twelfth day of November One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Five made between Thomas Black John Greenlaw Topton and Henry Langland of the one part and William Daniel Collier of the other part to the sum of Five Thousand Pounds, such sum of Five Thousand Pounds to remain secured on the said property for the residue of the Term at

sic.

sic.

the rate of interest, And upon the terms and conditions specified in the said Indenture of Mortgage

Given under our hands and seals this sixteenth day of July, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty five

(Passed) Resolutions
from the Committee
of Management of
the Melbourne Public
Library to the said Trustees
to raise money on
Mortgage.

(Signed) J. Clowes
W. Swobray
John Edwards
William Overton.

The Instrument was signed by Messieurs Clowes, Swobray, Edwards, and Overton, — Messrs. Cook, and Poole declining to execute. The Secretary was requested to procure the signature of such members of the Committee as happened to be absent or a majority of them.

The Secretary stated that he had in conformity with the decision of 2 July obtained the Treasurer's cheque upon the Bank of New South Wales for £755.9.8 being the amount of the Balance and Interest due to the Bank of Australasia up to the day of payment to that Bank, viz: the third instant.

The vacancy on the Building Sub-Committee caused by the resignation of Mr. Ruben was on the motion of Mr. Poole seconded by Alderman Clowes, filled by the election of Mr. Swobray.

On the motion of Mr. Cook seconded by Mr. Edwards the Secretary was instructed in future to advertise the lectures in the *Alphos* only, with a view to diminish their expenses on that behalf.

The Report —

of the Building Committee as to Drainage was not presented owing to the absence of Mr. Barrist.

Mr. Hales being absent his notice of motion as to charging the Philharmonic Society with a Rent, lapsed.

The Secretary stated that he had not been able to procure any satisfactory reply from Mr. Welby respecting the rent due to this Institution from the Victoria Company. On the motion of Mr. Swobray the Secretary was requested to refer the case to the Trustees of the Victoria Company.

The animadversions on Mr. Rusden's lecture of the 11th instant appearing in the *Alphos* newspaper of that day, were brought under the notice of the meeting, but it was resolved that no further notice be taken of them.

An application from the City Treasurer for rates upon the Institution Building to the amount of 25£ was received.

An application from Mr. Tophier to lecture on Phrenology was for the present declined, as also one from Mr. Berigny upon Homeopathy.

An application from Mr. William Law, honorary secretary to the Horticultural Society for the gratuitous use of the Hall for a Lecture was ordered to be answered as before.

An application from Mr. G. J. Jones for the use of the Hall on Sundays for a congregation, in which an offer was made to rent the Hall for 45£ a year, the illumination providing light, was declined. The Secretary was instructed to offer the use of the Hall for the same mentioned, the In-

gregation finding the lights and providing attendance

An application from Mr. Brown to deliver Lectures was referred for further information.

M. Cross
Chairman

Monthly Meeting Aug. 1855.

Present Alderman Flores, in the Chair
Dr. Gilbee
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Charles Pech
Mr. Overton
Mr. Mowbray

The Minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed.

The Secretary's Accounts of Receipts and Expenditure were confirmed and the following Accounts ordered for payment:—

Age Proprietors	7-8-0	Blundell Co	27-19-11
Herald Proprietors	2-2-0	Robinson	34-13-6
Wilson and Mackin	4-0-0	Walker & Wright	39-10-1
West and Selley	4-3-0	Bel Company	9-16-0
Langillat Co.	2-1-0	Alex. Angus	13-10-0
W. J. Flores	0-15-6		

The Secretary, in reference to the Reduction of the Mortgage, stated that he had got the Decision to the Trustees to Reduce the Mortgage signed by Eight other members of the Committee in addition to the Four signing at the preceding meeting, making in all, Twelve or a majority of One on the Twenty Two Offices in the Committee, or of Two as the individuals

holding them - Dr. Wilkie being Senator as well as Treasurer.

The Secretary also stated that he had drawn up a list of the present Committee with the dates of their appointment and appeared before the same to be correct, before a Magistrate - that on 1st August he had been present at Mr. Bennett's office when Mr. Brown executed the Reduction of the Mortgage, and had received from Mr. Bennett a cheque for £50. - 7 being the Balance of the Five Thousand Pounds deducting expenses, which cheque he had at once paid into the Bank of New South Wales.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Guillaume enclosing the Third of Exchange for 50%, the First and Second of which had been sent by the "Madras" on 30 Jan and "Champion of the Seas" on 13 Feb last; stating that by a letter from his brother of the 1st May no letter had been received in London by him from his brother for upwards of two months. The letter further states that in consequence of the non-reception of remittances there was no consignment of books for the library for "Oliver Lang".

Resolved upon the motion of Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Mowbray that the delivery of lectures before the members of the Institution be discontinued for the present.

Resolved that Mr. Henry Keeble have the use of the Hall for his Nonesuchistic Entertainment upon the payment of the usual fee.

Resolved upon the motion of Mr. Edwards seconded by Dr. Gilbee that this Committee

decline the further supply of candles to the Philharmonic Society and that they be requested in future to light the Hall and its approaches at their own charge

Fifty-three new members were admitted to the privileges of the Institution as per Subscription Book appears.

William Gilbee

Monday 20th August 1855.

The Semi-Monthly Meeting of the Committee was summoned for this day, but Messrs. Loabray and Overton alone attending so quorum could not be formed.

Monday 3rd September
Monthly Meeting

Present

Dr. Gilbee, in the Chair
Dr. McLaughy
Mr. Thomas Loabray
Mr. Overton
Mr. Terry
Mr. Poole
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Blackburn

The Minutes of preceding meetings were read and confirmed.

The Secretary's

The Secretary's accounts of Receipts and Expenditure for August received the Chairman's signature

The Finance Committee meeting on the 31st ult. presented their report - "That the Finance Committee beg to call the attention of the General Committee to the unsatisfactory state of the Funds of the Institution." Forwarded with this the Secretary laid before the Chairman a number of Abstracts and Estimates for the purpose of displaying the financial position of the Institution.

Moved by Mr. Overton, seconded by Mr. Poole, and carried "That a subcommittee of five be appointed to enquire into the general management (past and present) of the Institution, with a view to report upon its financial state and prospects."

The following were appointed as a subcommittee for this purpose and requested to meet on Thursday the 6th instant at 7 o'clock in the evening - Messrs. Overton, Edwards, Loabray, Terry and Darwick.

Mr. Reed's demand for professional services in respect of plans and specifications for building of projected Theatre was laid before the Chairman, and the Minutes of the General Committee of 5 June 1854, and those of the Building Committee of 13 May and 2 June 1854, in reference thereto, were read. The Secretary was requested to search for the Building Committee's Report therein referred to, for presentation at the next meeting.

Dr. Gilbee being called away, Dr. McLaughy was requested to occupy the Chair

Moved by Mr. Terry, seconded by Mr. Blackburn, and carried "That the Secretary be requested to inform Mr. Reed that the Committee could not

entertain his account, in consequence of its exorbitant charges.

Dr. McCarty having an engagement to fulfil, vacated the Chair, which was occupied by Mr. Mowbray.

Mr. Bennett's demand for interest upon the mortgage loan of £5000 since its reduction from £7000 on 21 July up to 12 August 1855, being the concluding 22 days of the second quarter, and amounting to £30.2.8, was referred to the Finance Committee on the motion of Mr. Terry, seconded by Mr. Poole.

A letter was read from Mr. Knox resigning his post on the Committee, in consequence of removing out of town. Upon the motion of Mr. Barwick, seconded by Mr. Overton the resignation was accepted, and the secretary directed to communicate the same to Mr. Knox.

Moved by Mr. Terry, seconded by Mr. Overton, and carried that the nomination of a successor to Mr. Knox stand over.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel Grant, assistant secretary to the Committee of Management of the Melbourne Hospital thanking the Committee of this Institution for the gratuitous use of the Hall for the purpose of forming a Committee of Ladies for the Hospital Bazaar.

The Secretary stated that Mr. Charles Southwell wished to rent the Hall for an evening lecture once a week. Moved by Mr. Terry, seconded by Mr. Edwards, and carried, that in consequence of the character of Mr. Southwell's lectures in general, it is inexpedient to accede to his application.

Moved by

Rent of Hall
in future

2-2-0 Day

Lecture song &
benevolent & public

3-2-0

Entertainments &

Amusements

5-5-0

if Plans is regard
2.1.0 of the

Moved by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Blackburn that in future the rent of the Hall be in day time Two Guineas: in the evening, for Lectures, and the meetings of Benevolent and Public Institutions, Three Guineas, and for Entertainments and concerts, Five Guineas, with One Guinea additional should the piano be required. Moved by Mr. Poole that without discussion the charge be Two Guineas for the day time, and Four Guineas for the evening. Moved by Mr. Barwick that the rates be Two Guineas and Three Guineas. Neither of these amendments being seconded the original motion was put and carried.

The proposition of Mr. Webb to rent the Hall for the purpose of holding a Quadrille class, referred by the House Committee to this, was upon the motion of Mr. Blackburn, seconded by Mr. Poole, declined upon the ground that the occupants of the Reading Room would thereby be inconvenienced.

The Secretary was requested to apply to the Inspector of Lodging Houses for a list of their proprietors or keepers with a view to the distribution of the Terms of the Institution among their occupants.

Twenty-two new members (as per subscription book) were admitted upon the motion of Mr. Terry seconded by Mr. Blackburn.

Stunglandy et

Monday 1 October 1855.

Monthly Meeting of Committee

Present Mr. David Blair in the chair
Mr. Overton M. Poole
Mr. Gilbee
Mr. Barwick
Mr. Blackburn

When the motion of Mr. Blackburn seconded
by Mr. Barwick the meeting was adjourned
till Friday Evening 5th October
at 7 1/2 pm

Friday 5 October 1855.

Present Mr. Henry Langford, in the chair
Dr. McKee
Mr. Lock
Mr. Barwick
Mr. Overton
Mr. Blackburn
Mr. Poole
Mr. Terry
Mr. Gilbee
Mr. Blair
Mr. M^r Coates
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Hales
Mr. Hoobray

The Minutes of former meetings were
read and confirmed

The Secretary's monthly accounts were
presented and received

^{approved to merge into}
The Report of the Sub-committee ~~to~~ the general
management (past and present) of the Institution with
a view to its financial state and prospects, was produced,
and the Secretary requested to retire.

On his leaving the room the Report was read.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the first, second,
and third paragraphs be approved

The fourth paragraph after a few verbal corrections
was approved

The fifth and sixth paragraphs were also approved.

Moved by Mr. Lock, seconded by Dr. McKee, and
carried
That the Report be fully adopted.

Moved by Mr. Lock, seconded by Mr. Hales, and
carried

That this committee having decided to
amalgamate the offices of Secretary and Librarian,
a sub-committee be appointed consisting of
Messrs. Hoobray, Edwards, Terry, Barwick, and
Overton to report to this committee as to the fitness
of the present offices or otherwise and to define the
duties under the amalgamation and otherwise as
they may judge expedient.

The rest of the business upon the notice paper
was deferred for consideration till Tuesday 9 Oct^r
at half past 7. pm.

After the adjournment the gentlemen present
accorded to the application of Messrs. H. S. Chap-
man and John O'Shaughnessy, esqs. M.L.C. for the
use of the Hall for the purpose of preparing
holding a public meeting for the purpose of

one or more resolutions sympathizing with the Legislative Council of Tasmania.

An application was read from Mr. Southwell desiring the use of the Hall for a series of Dramatic Deliberations with Illustrative Recitations - the first being of Shakespear's tragedy of Hamlet - the application was not acceded to.

On the application of Mr. Lock in reference to Mrs. Paterson's Gratitude an instalment of 25£ was voted, placed in payment by the Secretary, signed by the Chairman, and drawn in cheque upon the Bank Account by the Treasurer, who at the same time cancelled the original cheque for 100£ by tearing it out of the cheque book, and into pieces.

Thos. Moubray

Adjourned Meeting of October 1853

Present, Mr Thomas Moubray, in the Chair
Mr James Markburn
Mr Poole
Mr Studdards
Mr Lock
Mr Warwick
Dr. Willie

A letter was read from Mr. Knox respecting a note of hand for forty pounds held by Mr. Goffin (who believes it unpaid) to which the names of several members of this committee are attached (Mr. Knox among the number). The note is stated to be on account of the old piano, which instrument Mr. Knox believes was

sold and the value transferred to the new piano now the property of the Institution - consequently that the note of hand of unpaid is a just debt of the Institution. Mr. Knox refers to the minutes of the present Committee of 12 June 1852 and of the General Committee of 17 May 1852 and 16 October 1854.

The Secretary, having shown that the Treasurer's Accounts for 1854 did not show any receipt derived from the sale of the old piano, and that the vouchers for the new piano (100£ - with interest 113£) by bill to Mr. Jamieson seemed to indicate that all demands had been satisfied, it was resolved to defer its further consideration and to proceed to the next business.

A demand of £18-8-6 made by James Morris for expensary executed in April and August 1853 viz: shelving in the new Library, cedar partition, 2 horseposts, and folding gates and work was presented - moved by Mr. Studdards seconded by Mr. Blackburn and carried.
That the Secretary do write to Mr. Morris informing him that the present committee do not know anything of the order for the work for which he has furnished an account, and that it does not appear that any authority has been given to the then Secretary to have the work in question executed.

Warrants were drawn and signed for the payment of the following demands, and cheques signed by the Treasurer:-
J. B. Bennett for interest up to end of the second Quarter 30-2-8
Victoria Insurance Company of Tasmania 9-0-0

Mr. Thomas Dawson, of G. G. Collins & Co. West, (certificated surveyor), was nominated

by Mr. Edwards to fill the office in the Committee rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Kay. The Secretary was requested to post the same in the Reading Room in the usual manner, and to invite the members themselves to nominate candidates for the vacancy.

The Secretary stated that he had at the suggestion of Mr. John Matthew Smith petitioned the Mayor, Aldermen, and Council for a further remission of 25% due for the City Rates for the first half of 1855, levied upon the Institution, upon the ground of poverty. The matter had been referred to the Finance Committee at which the Secretary had attended for the purpose of furthering the prayer of the petition.

The Secretary stated that since then, he had received a renewed demand from the City Treasurer for the said sum of 25% as also for £8-6-8 for Lighting Rate. The Secretary was requested to acknowledge the same and to state that they should be discharged as soon as possible.

The Secretary was requested to withdraw. Upon his recall

Moved by Mr. Poole, seconded by Mr. Cook, and carried, that Mr. Blackburn occupy the post on the Library Committee rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Kay.

Donations were received from Mr. Sigismund Weyer, of a copy of the "Transactions of the Philosophical Society of Victoria", and a copy of of his own work on the Culture of the Vine.

From Mr. Wm Sydney Gibbons, a copy of the Transactions of the Victorian Institute. The thanks of the Committee for these valuable donations were ordered to be rendered.

Mr. Guillaumes offer of the Mechanics Magazine 55 volumes for 16/- was declined.

The Requisition for Laying in Service papers for Gas was deferred as not being urgent.

Cheques which had been drawn and signed by the Treasurer for the payment of sums due by the Institution to Messrs. Walker and Wright for fuel, and Jordan and Co for oil, were cancelled and destroyed.

Thomson
Chair

Monday 15th October 1855.

Anti-Monthly Meeting.

Present Mr. Thomas Moubray, in the Chair
Dr. Gillies
Mr. John Edwards
Mr. William Overton
Dr. Wilkie
Mr. David Blair
Dr. McArthur

The Minutes of preceding meetings were read and confirmed.

The Secretary gave notice of the nomination by Mr. W. C. Russell of the Rev. William J. Farrell to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Kay.

Moved by Dr. McFarthy, seconded by Mr. Blair, and carried that notice be given to the Gas Company, a lay ^{ordinance} service pipe, - the same to cost the stated sum of 40 s.

Mr. Neill's demand for professional services was on the motion of Dr. McFarthy deferred for consideration when a fuller meeting of the committee should be assembled.

The Sub-committee for examining into the state of the Institution arranged to meet again on the evening of Thursday the 18th Instant, at 7 past 7.

While the committee were sitting a letter was handed in signed by several members of the Institution recommending Mr Walter Thompson as a suitable person to hold the consolidated Offices of Secretary and Librarian, moved by Mr Edwards, seconded by Mr. Blair and carried, that the letter be referred to the sub-committee.

Two new members, as per subscription book, were admitted to the privileges of the Institution on the motion of Mr Edwards, seconded by Dr. McFarthy.

at Springfield 29th Oct 55.

Monday 29 October 1855.

Extraordinary Meeting of the General Committee for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Sub-committee appointed to inquire into the Financial State of the Institution, and for other purposes.

Present, Mr Henry Congdon, in the Chair
Mr Macdonald
Mr Poole
Mr Doughton
Mr Lambton
Mr Blair
Mr Barronick
Dr Willkie
Rev A. Morrison
Mr Cook

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed.

The Chairman of the Sub-committee stated that the Report was not quite ready, and solicited absence for a few minutes, which was granted.

Meanwhile, the Secretary brought before the meeting two matters of urgency.

1. An application in person from Mr. Morris the owner of the Insurance of the War lobby exhibited in the Hall of the Institution, for some remission in the rent paid in, in consequence of the great loss he had sustained in the Expedition. It was agreed to remit Mr. Morris the sum of £100, the amount being the amount paid for the use of the Hall on the afternoons of Friday and Saturday.

2. A letter was read from Mr. Rogers praying for

a reduction in rent—agreeing to hold the office he now occupies for six months at Fifty Shillings per week—and permission to insert an iron safe into the brick wall adjoining the entrance stairs

A Letter was received from Mr. P. B. Richardson resigning his Office as Secretary to the Institution. On the motion of the Rev. A. Morrison seconded by Mr. Cook, his resignation was accepted.

Mr. Blair was requested to prepare a letter to Mr. Richardson notifying the acceptance of his resignation

The Report of the Sub-Committee was brought up and read

Moved by Rev. A. Morrison seconded by Mr. Cook that Mr. Walter Thompson, be appointed Secretary & Librarian at a salary of £200 per Annum conditionally on his accepting office with the full understanding of the Duties expected from him as recommended by the Sub-Committee

Carried

Moved by Mr. Poole seconded by Mr. Blair that the sum of One hundred and seventy five pounds per Annum be allowed to Mr. Thompson the Secretary to provide the services of an Assistant also to cover the expenses of a Charwoman & to provide all the fuel and water required for the Institution

Carried

Blair

Monday 5th November 1855

Monthly Meeting of Committee

Present

Mr. Moulbray	Mr. Blackburn
" Edwards	Mr. Clowes
" Jerry	Dr. McCarthy
" Cook	Dr. Gillbee
" Poole	Dr. Melkie
Rev. A. Morrison	Chairman

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were read and confirmed

Mr. Walter Thompson was formally inducted into the Office of Secretary & Librarian, the salary and emoluments to commence from this date

The Public notice of nomination of Mr. Ransom to fill the vacancy in the Committee, having been posted in the Reading Room the usual time, Mr. Edwards moved and Mr. Clowes seconded the appointment of Mr. Ransom in room of Mr. Knox resigned

On Applications from Mr. Rogers and Mr. Wekey^{No. 1} No. 2. desiring a reduction of Rent

Moved by Mr. Edwards and seconded by Dr. McCarthy that the rent in future of above applicants, be reduced to £2-15-0 per week each in advance

Moved by Mr. Clowes and seconded by Mr. Poole that the Sub-Committee be summoned for Wednesday evening next to receive and hand over the papers of the Institution and also to draw up the agreement between

between Mr. Thompson and the members of the Institution

Moved by Mr. Verry and seconded by Dr. Mc. Carthy, that Messrs Clowes, Cook, & Poole be appointed a committee to draw up a Memorial to the Governor and present the same to the General Committee — Carried

Moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Clowes that the Garrick Club be allowed the use of the large room once a month at £2.2. per night and that Dr. Fellber be authorized to communicate the same to the Club — Carried

M. Clowes
Chairman

Monday Nov. 19. 1855

Half Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management

Present the following Members.

Mr. Clowes, Chairman
Mr. Moulton
" Overton
" Ransom
Dr. Mc. Carthy

The following a/cs were received from Finance Committee and received the Chairmans signature

J. B. Bennett Esq.
Quarters a/c. for Interest } £125.
Walter Thompson, Secretary, on a/c } 10.

Mr. Newton, occupier of Office No. 4. The Secretary to enquire his present address and ascertain what his intention is respecting the rent now due and if he intends to give up the key

Moved by Dr. Mc. Carthy second by Mr. Overton

The Secretary requested Instructions respecting the Gas Felling 7/6 for the Institution was referred to the House Committee

The Sub-Committee appointed to draw up a Memorial to His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire respecting the Annual Grant of £150. presented a Draft of said Memorial which was approved of and ordered to be engrossed The Secretary to see Dr. Greaves as to the most suitable time to wait on His Excellency

The Secretary stated that the Office No. 1. had been let to Messrs. Gandy & Cook, Accountants at a Rental of £2.5.0. per week payable in advance

The following Members were named as a Deputation to present the Memorial

Dr. Greaves M. L. C.
Mr. Clowes
Henry Langlands Esq.
Dr. Fellber

Alexander Morrison
Chairman

Monday Dec^r 3rd 1853

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management took place this evening when the following Members were present

Rev.^d Alex Morrison, Chairman
Alder^s Clowes
Mr. Couton
" Cook
" Ransom
" Poole

The following a/cs were submitted for the Chairman's signature

The Secretarys Monthly Statement	
Runting, Bookbinding	5-11-0
Petroleum, "	17-8-0
Goodhugh & Co, Printing	9-5-0
"Age" Proprietors, printing &c	2-12-0
Reed & Co Papers	4-10-0
Walker Wright & Co candles	1-19-7
The Secretary on a/c of allowance	15-0-0

The Memorial to His Excellency Sir Charles Hotham respecting the £150 which was ordered at last meeting to be engrossed was now produced

The Secretary stated that he had seen the Hon^{ble} the Speaker and Dr. Reeves on the subject and they were both of opinion that the Committee should form themselves into a Deputation to wait on the Chief Secretary and press their claim for the £5000 and if unable to procure it at this time, to insist on its being put on the Estimates for next year, and in the mean time to request the payment of the £150 due for this year

The Speaker promised to head the Deputation if the Committee approved of this suggestion

Charles M. Carthy.

Monday Dec^r 17th 1855

Half Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management

Present Dr. M^r Carthy in the Chair
Mess^{rs} Jerry
Ransom
Blair
Overton
Poole
Moubray

* see below No. 1.

2 The Memorial to the Government respecting the £150 due for 1855 was brought forward
Mr. Poole moved and Mr. Overton seconded that the above memorial be allowed to stand over for the present and that an application be made in the usual form, to the Audit Office, for payment agreed to

The Minutes of last meeting of General Committee was read and confirmed also the Minutes of the Library Committee was read and the selection of the Vendor of Mess^{rs} Shaw for the Printing of the Catalogue was approved of

Mr. Jerry proposed and Mr. Moubray seconded that there be a sub-Committee appointed to draw up a Memorial to the Government, praying that a sum of £5000 be granted to the Institution and the expenses that have been incurred in consequence of the vote of £5000 voted, not having been received, and praying that a portion of the said sum may be granted to cover the said extra outlay carried. The following were appointed a

sub-Committee Mess^{rs} Jerry, Moubray, Blair Poole and to meet on Wednesday evening. The General Committee to be called for Friday evening to

receive the report

The a/c for Rates due the Corporation for 1854 received the signature of the Chairman and ordered to be paid

Gerry

Wednesday Dec^r 19th 1855

The sub-committee met this evening according to appointment to draw up a Memorial to the Chief Secretary. Present, Mr. Geo. Terry & Mr. Wm. Moubay.

Friday Dec^r 21st 1855

Adjourned Meeting of General Committee took place this evening

Present

Rev^d A. Morrison, in the Chair
Mr Wm. Oberton
" " Poole
" Wm. Ransom
" Geo. Terry
" Wm. Moubay
Dr. M^r. Carthy
Dr. Silbee

The Sub-Committee presented the Memorial to the Chief Secretary, which they had drawn up, and after a few alterations suggested by the Members of the General Committee, it was approved of.

Mr. Poole moved and Mr. Moubay seconded the following Motion

That the "Memorial" be received and that Dr. Palmer be requested to present the same to the Chief Secretary

Dr. Silbee moved and Mr. Ransom seconded the following

That Dr. Palmer be written to requesting him to state what day it would be convenient for him to present the "Memorial" and that the Secretary summon the Committee of Management to accompany Dr. Palmer on that occasion

Mr. Terry moved and Dr. M^r. Carthy seconded the following
That Two Copies of the "Memorial" be made written, one for the Chief Secretary and the other for Dr. Palmer

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Monday Jan^y 7th 1856

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management took place this evening at 7.30. p.m.

Present

Mr. Geo. Terry in the Chair
" John Edwards
" Wm. Ransom
" Mr. Poole
" Chas. Cook
" Wm. Moubay
" Dr. M^r. Carthy
" Dr. Silbee

The Minutes of the following meetings were read and confirmed

General Committee Dec^r 17th
Sub-Committee "The Memorial to Chief Secretary" Dec. 21st

"The"