

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 Overton
" " Poole
" Mr Ransom
" Geo Terry
" Mr Moubay
Dr McCarthy
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 McCarthy seconded the following
That Two Copies of the "Memorial" be made written, one for the Chief Secretary and the other for Dr Palmer

Gerry

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
" Mr Ransom
" Mr Poole
" Chas. Cook
" Mr Moubay
" Dr McCarthy
" 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

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Jan 7/56

House Committee Jan 2^d
Finance Committee Jan 3^d

The Secretary stated that Two Copies of the "Memorial" had been prepared in accordance with a Minute of Meeting Dec: 21st and that he had consulted with Dr. Palmer and Dr. Reeves, as to the time when it would be most convenient for them and at the same time most advantageous for the interests of the Institution. In consequence of Mr. Haines' resignation as Chief Secretary, it was recommended that the presentation of the "Memorial" should be delayed until the appointment of another Chief Secretary and particularly as the sum of £5000 on account of former vote, was placed on the "Estimates" for 1856, for the Mechanics Institution.

The Secretary stated that on application at the "Audit Office" he was informed that the sum of £150 for 1855 would be payable in a few days.

The following Business from the Finance Committee Minutes was taken up

1st Arrears of Rent Due by W. Wekey

Moved by Mr. Edwards

Seconded by Mr. Moulton

That a notice to quit be given to W. Wekey and that in case the outstanding rent is not paid by Thursday next, the Secretary do take the necessary steps for recovery of the amount by distress or otherwise.

2^d Arrears of Rent Due by Vineyard Company

Moved by Mr. Ransom

Seconded by Mr. Poole

That the amount of Money due as rent from the Vineyard Company and guaranteed by Messrs. Foxton and Sang can be recovered and that the Secretary forthwith communicate the effect of this resolution to those Gentlemen and require immediate payment. Carried

3rd The sum of £220 being the amount of the deposits from Members for loading from the Library at the close of the Year Dec: 31st 1855 that steps should be taken in respect to this money

Moved by Mr. Charles Cook
Seconded by Mr. Barrick

That £30 be kept in reserve to repay such of the Deposits that ^{might} be called for. Carried

4th The Finance Committee recommend that the rents received for the Offices be kept separate from other monies of the Institution

Moved by Mr. Cook
Seconded by Mr. Poole

That the Secretary be instructed to open a Rent a/c at the Bank and pay all sums received on account of the Offices, to the same, and that he communicate with the Treasurer before doing so. Carried

On the Motion of Mr. Moulton and seconded by Mr. Cook the following Members of Committee were appointed a sub-Committee to draw up a report for the past year and to prepare for the Annual General Meeting of Members to take place on Tuesday Jan: 29th in accordance with Rule 15. and that the usual notices announcing the same be attended to

viz Mr. Terry
" Moulton
" Edwards
" Poole

Carried

The sub. Committee to meet on Friday Jan: 11th 56 at 7.30. pm.

Mr. Moulton moved and Mr. Cook seconded that the Secretary be instructed to pay the following

Jan 7. 1856

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The Corporation for Balance of Votes to Decr 1854
£25-13-4

The Secretary for Balance of Allowance
Due Decr 31/55 } £37-10-0
was agreed to,

That Secretary stated that he had seen Prof. Heavne of the Melbourne University and Prof. Macadam of the Scotch College and both Gentlemen expressed a wish to join the Committee and ~~work themselves~~ do all in their power to promote the Diffusion of Knowledge among the Members, either in the formation of Classes, or in delivering Lectures

N. Blower

Monday Jan^y 21st 1856

Half-Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management
Present

- Ala.^m Clowes in the Chair
- Dr. Mc Carthy
- Dr. Gillbee
- Mess^{rs} A. Blair
- C. Cook
- W. Overton
- J. Blackburn
- J. Edwards &
- J. Moubray

The Minutes of former meeting Jan^y 7th were read and confirmed

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The Secretary stated that the sum of £150 had been received by the Treasurer, from the Government, and placed to the Credit of the Institution in the Bank of the New-South Wales.

The above sum is the vote of 1855.

The Secretary stated that he had received the sum £15. from Mr. Nekey on ac of Rent due by him to the Institution, leaving a balance at that date of £19.

Mr. Cook moved and Mr. Edwards seconded the following Motion which was carried
"That his committee having received an application from Mr. Nekey requesting the Committee to allow him to pay his Rent Monthly, they do accede to the same upon Mr. Nekey signing a fresh agreement to that effect"

The Secretary stated that the amount of Rent, viz £41 due by the Vineyard Company to the Institution was expected to be paid in a few days

The Draft of the Annual report not having been brought up as stated in the circular calling the meeting, Mr. Blair's name was added to the list of members appointed at a former meeting as a sub-Committee to draw up a report for the Annual Meeting,

The Secretary stated that he had received from Dr. Palmer the "Memorial" respecting the £5000, which was sent to him in accordance with the Minute of Meeting Dec. 21. Two letters had also been received from Dr. Palmer
No. 1 was recommending that the "Memorial" be withdrawn and suggesting that the Committee should secure the support of Members of the

Legislative Council when the Estimates were before the House

Letter No. 2. Contained statements respecting a piece of Land (1/2 acre) situated corner of and -
Swanston St. op. the Public Library, that was marked on the Government plan for the Mechanics Institution.

It was proposed by Dr. Mc Carthy and seconded by Mr. Cook, "That a Sub-Committee be appointed to examine into the nature of the Land mentioned in Dr. Solmers letter of Jan. 14. 1856. and that the Committee consist of Mr. Edwards, Mr. Cook, and Ald. Clowes," was agreed to

The following a/cs received the Chairmans signature and were ordered to be paid

The Secretary on a/c of		
Months Allowance	£15-12-6	
Mr. Geo. Robertson, "Books"	20-6-9	
Candle a/c for Decr	3-19-2	
"Punch (3 copies, one Lib.)	0-18-0	
"Quiper (Gate for kitchen)	1-8-0	
"Age" (Advertising)	1-15-0	3-19-6
"No. of Commerce"	2-18-6	
Wilson, Mackinnon & Co. (Printing)	2-2-0	
Mr. Clarke	1-8-6	
Spencey Herold	3-0-0	
New Zealanders	2-0-0	
Guillaume (Paper, & Printing)	20-0-0	
"Arnold (Paper & Printing)	2-2-0	
"Candle a/c for Jan.	3-19-2	
"Postmaster (Printed Book)	3-0-0	
"Belfast Gazette	1-2-0	
"Walsk & Co (Printing, & Stationery)	2-2-0	
"Blundell & Co (Printing, & Stationery)	4-6-2	
"Height & Co. (Printing, & Stationery)	10-0-0	
Amos (Repairs)	11-8-10	
Mr. Mortimer (Books)	6-8-0	
The Secretary (Oct & Nov)	2-17-6	

See minutes next page of

* The a/c of Mr. Mortimer £6.8-0. for Books, was submitted to the Committee for approval, in consequence of the books named in said a/c, having been omitted to be entered in the Minute Book of the Library Committee. The a/c was approved and ordered to be paid

The Committee to meet on Friday evening Jan 25th to receive the Report Draft of the Report for 1855 and make arrangements for the Annual General Meeting

Friday Jan^y 25th 1856

The Committee having been duly summoned by circular for this evening, only Mess^{rs} John Edwards, Charles Cook and Thos Ransom, met at the appointed time. The meeting was therefore adjourned, till Monday evening

Monday Jan^y 28th 1856

Present Mr. D. Blair, Chairman
" Thos Morray
" Thos Ransom
" Charles Cook
" J. Barrick
" W. Overtan
" St. Langlands
- Dr. Mc Carthy

"over"

The Draft of the Report for 1855 was brought up and read and having undergone a revision by the Committee, it was proposed by Mr. Moulton and seconded by Mr. Ransom

That the Report as amended be adopted was carried unanimously

Dr. Palmer having promised to attend and take the chair at the Annual Meeting provided other more important duties did not prevent him

That Alderman Clowes be particularly requested to be present to take the place of Dr. Palmer should he not be able to attend

That Mr. Blair be requested to move the adoption of the Report at the annual Meeting to be held tomorrow evening Jan. 29. in the Hall of the Institution

Tuesday Jan^y 29th 1856

Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Institution

Dr. Palmer in the chair

The Minutes of the General Meeting held Jan^y 30th 1855 having been read and confirmed

The Secretary read the Report of the Committee of Management for 1855

It was moved by Mr. Blair and seconded by Ald^r Clowes and carried

"That the Report of the Committee of Management now read be adopted and printed"

On the Motion of Dr. Wilkie seconded by Dr. M^r Clark and carried

That the Hon. J. F. Palmer, Speaker of the Legislative Council be re-elected — President of the Institution for the current year and

That A. J. A. Greenes M. D. M. L. C. be re-elected Vice President

On the Motion of A. Russell Esq. M. L. C. seconded by Dr. Greenes and carried

That Henry Langlands Esq.
J. G. Tipton Esq. and
Dr. Thos. Black

be re-elected Trustees for the current year

It was moved by Mr. W. Poole and seconded by Mr. Charles Cook and carried

That Dr. Wilkie be re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year

It was moved by Dr. Greenes seconded by Mr. Blair and carried

That Mr. W. K. Bull and
" J. J. Walsh
be re-elected Auditors for the ensuing year

It was moved by The Rev^d Mr. Sarrett and seconded by Mr. John Russell

That the following Gentlemen be re-elected Curators for the ensuing year

vs
D. Wilkie Esq. M. D.
Codrey Howett Esq. M. D.
R. Cades Esq. M. D.
Rev^d A. Morrison
J. C. Balmaine Esq.

Annual Meeting Tuesday Jan. 29 - 1856

Dr. Palmer having left the meeting, the Chair was taken by Dr. Greaves

The Secretary read the following seven names of members of Committee who retire by rotation

- Mr. J. Barwick
- " J. Edwards
- " Charles Cook
- " R. Heales
- " J. Ransom
- " W. Poole
- Dr. Gibbs

Four of whom were eligible for re-election

- viz.
- Mr. J. Barwick
 - " J. Ransom
 - " Charles Cook
 - " W. Poole

The following members were nominated and the election by ballot took place

	number of votes for each member
1 Mr. John Russell	28
2 " Ch. J. Squire "	26
3 " Charles Cook "	26
4 " W. Poole "	23
5 Professor Hearn	22
6 Mr. J. Barwick	20
7 " G. M. Gibbs	20
" J. Stead	15
" J. Ransom	11

The first seven were declared duly elected and the meeting terminated

M. J. Jones

Monday Feb. 4th 1856

The Committee met this evening at the usual hour

- Present
- Mr. Terry in the Chair
 - " Poole
 - " Russell
 - " Cook
 - " Overton
 - " Moubray
 - " Gibbs

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting were read

The Secretary reported that he had written to the members of Committee informing them of their election

The Committee took into consideration the printing of the Report for 1855

It was proposed by Mr. Moubray and seconded by Mr. Poole and carried "that the Secretary call for tenders for the printing of the Report for 1855" and that there be 300 printed in the present form

In order to further the despatch of business and reduce the attendance of members on sub-committees it was suggested that the five sub-committees should be formed into two.

It was moved by Mr. Overton and seconded by Mr. Gibbs "that the Finance, House, and Building sub-committees be united" was carried

Feb^y 4-1856

It was moved by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Moubay and carried
"That the 'Library' and 'Lectures' sub-Committees be united"

It was moved by Mr. Moubay and seconded by Mr. Overton and carried
"That the following members be appointed a sub-Committee for the Management of the Library and Lectures"

viz Mr. Blair
Dr. McCarthy
Mr. Russell
" Sygne
" Foole
Professor Hearn
Mr. Gibbs

It was moved by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Overton and carried
"That the following members be appointed a sub-Committee for the Management of the Finance, House and Buildings Departments"

viz Mr. Terry
" Moubay
Alder. Clowes
Mr. Blackburn
" Overton
" Cook
" Barwick

It was moved by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Gibbs and carried

That the Secretary be instructed to prepare a proper account of the debts due by the late Mr. Peterson to the Institution and the books and other things belonging to him taken

by the Committee towards discharging the same and of the arrangement made by the Committee in respect thereto

Geo Terry

Monday 18th Feb^y 1856

Half monthly meeting of the Committee of Management

Present Mr. Terry in the Chair
" Foole
" Overton
" Cook
" Gibbs
" Blackburn

The Minutes of previous meeting of Committee Feb 4th were read and confirmed

The Minutes of Library Committee Feb 7th and the Minutes of Finance Committee Feb. 15th were also read

The Secretary as instructed at previous meeting had called for tenders for the printing of the Annual Report for 1855 and produced seven tenders which were handed to the Chairman

" Mess^{rs} Shaw & Co.'s tender being the lowest
It was moved by Mr. Overton and seconded by Mr. Foole

"That Mess^{rs} Shaw's tender be accepted"
was carried

It was moved by Mr. Overton and seconded by Mr. Cook

"That

"That the following a/cs be passed be passed for payment" was carried

viz

The Secretary salary & allowan	
Jan 16 to 31 15-12-6	
Feb 1 to 14 15-12-6	31-5-0
The Secretary for sundries	3-18-6
Books purchased by Secretary	8-3-6
Rev Robertson	3-10-9
Printing	11-7-6

It was moved by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Overton and carried

"That application be made to the Vineyard Company for the Balance of Rent a/c viz £11."

The Secretary gave notice that the Quarter Interest on the Mortgage fell due on the 12th inst. It was moved by Mr. Blackburn and seconded by Mr. Gibbs

"That the sum of £125 the amount of the Quarter Interest now due be paid and that the Chairman be answerable for the same" was agreed to

The Secretary handed to the Chairman a letter from the Agent of the Geelong Advertiser stating that a copy of that Paper would in future be sent gratis to the Institution

The a/c for back copies supplied was withdrawn, to be cancelled

It was moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Poole and carried

"That the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. Taylor for the presentation of a copy of the Geelong Advertiser gratis"

The Treasurer of the Benevolent Asylum applied for a reduction in the charge made for the use of the Hall for public meetings

It was moved by Mr. Blackburn and seconded by Mr. Cook and carried

"That application be made for the full amount viz £3-3-0 and that the Secretary be instructed to return £1-1-0 for the benefit of the Asylum, as a subscription from the Mechanics Institution"

The Secretary represented that it would be necessary to reappoint a sub-committee to take into consideration the nature of the Grant of Land mentioned in Dr. Palmer's letter of Jan 16th in consequence of the change in the General Committee

A new sub-committee was appointed consisting of the following members

Mr. Overton
" Cook
" Clowes
" Blackburn
" Jerry
" Gibbs

The first meeting to take place on Thursday Feb 21st at 4 o'clock afternoon

The statement of a/c for Mrs. Paterson was allowed to stand over until next meeting of Committee and to be brought up from the Finance Committee

Mr. Gibbs gave notice of a motion for meeting viz that a Register of the Members be kept in a book with the following headings "Register No", "Name", "Residence", "Age", "Trade or Profession", with a view to arrive at a more correct knowledge, from such statistics of the wants of the members

Discussion Class

The Resolutions passed at the first meeting of the Class were read

It was moved by Mr. Poole and seconded by Mr. Blackburn and agreed to

"That the same be approved of by the General Committee and ~~was agreed~~ to that a copy of the resolution be handed to the Secretary"

Thos. Gray
Chairman,

Thursday Feb^y 21st 1856

The Sub-Committee appointed to take into consideration the nature of the Grant of Land mentioned in the President's letter of Jan 16th and said to be situated near the Public Library,

Present Mr. Overton in the Chair
" Verry
" Gibbs
" Cochrane
" Blackburn

The President's letter having been read to the meeting, the Secretary stated he had discovered a letter from the late Colonial Secretary setting forth the nature and conditions of the said Grant of the Land mentioned by the President of which the following is a copy

S. B.
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Colonial Secretary's Office
Melbourne, 15 August 1853

Sir

Sir

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

I am also directed to state that His Excellency sanctions the reservation of the adjoining allotment No 10. for the proposed Economic Museum, and that of an allotment in the vicinity for the Public Library

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

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient servant
John Foster

Signed

The following resolution was moved by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Gibbs and agreed to

That a copy of the letter from the late Colonial Secretary upon the subject of the Grant of Land be forwarded to the President and that he be informed that the Committee are desirous of withholding their decision until they are aware of the terms upon which the sum of £5000 is voted

Wednesday 27th Feb^y 1856

Special Meeting of the Committee of Management was summoned this evening at the request of the President to consider an application from the Government for the Committee of the Mechanics Institution to exchange the allotment No. 11 of Section 27 between Lonsdale and La Trobe Streets for a site behind the Customhouse.

Present

Dr. Green in the Chair

Ulder " Clowes

Prof. Hearn

Dr. Milkie

Mr. Barwick

Mr. Poole

" Moubray

" Blair

" Gibbs

" Blackburn

" Syer

" Overton

The Chairman having read the communication from the President informing the Committee of the proposal from the Government respecting the change of a site for a Mechanics Institute, requested the opinion of the Committee on the same.

The Committee were unanimous as to the unsuitableness of the site offered near the Customhouse and that they considered the site near the Public Library as the most suitable for the objects of the Institution.

The Chairman next requested instructions respecting the sum of £5000 for the Institution on the Estimates for 1856 that he might be the better able to support the vote and answer any objections raised against it when it came before the House.

The Committee were unanimous, that they were entitled to the full amount without any restrictions and wished this permanently put forward but should that not prove successful then the Committee would prefer as the next best, a smaller sum without restrictions.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the President - thanking him for the interest he had ^{taken} in this matter, and stating the views of the Committee and ~~also~~ requesting his support and influence ~~where~~ at the proper time.

Thos Moubray
Chairman

Monday 3rd March 1856

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management

Present

Mr. Moubray in the Chair

" Barwick

" Cook

" Terry

" Gibbs

" Russell

Prof. Hearn

Ulder " Clowes

The minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed.

The minutes of the Finance Committee held 29th day of Feb^y were also read.

The

3rd March 1856

The statement of a/c^t between the late Secretary Mr. James Paterson and the Committee of the Institution was presented as required by a Minute of the Committee held 4th Feb^y 1856

The Secretary was instructed by the Chairman to forward the same to Mr. Paterson

The notice of Motion by Mr. Sibbs was postponed until next meeting and the Secretary instructed to post the notice of the said motion in the reading room, according to rule 24.

The Secretary's monthly Balance sheet for Feb^y having been previously examined and certified by the Finance Committee, was handed to the Chairman and read when it was shown that there was a balance of £91 to the credit of the Institution.

The following a/c^t were brought up from the Finance Committee and received the Chairman's signature

The Secretary's salary	Feb. 15 to 29	15-12-6
Candle a/c for Feb ^y		4-19-8
Sundries for Secretary		1- " -6
Geo Pelley		4-5-6
"Age" proprietors		"-16-6
Nelson & Co.		1-16- "
Nichie & Co		"-19- "

Application was made on behalf of the Plymouth Brethren for accommodation in either of the Rooms of the Institution, on Leadenhall way

3rd March 1856

every Sunday forenoon for two hours, and offering 10/ per week

It was moved by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Sibbs and agreed to "That the above offer be accepted"

The names of new members that had joined the Institution since the 1st Jan^y were read

It was moved by Mr. Lock and seconded by Mr. Sibbs and carried

"That the following new members be admitted" In all 56

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| Guinness, Rev. W. St. | Leslie, W. |
| Nalsh, Michael | Simons, J. |
| Quinn, James Ed | Nicholls, Charles |
| Vallock, C. S. | Van-Leunck, P. A. |
| Boyle Solicitor | Nethercott, Ed. Esq. |
| Chinnide, Thos | Snowden, Arthur |
| Doobe, Matt. | Aston, Arthur |
| Hickson, Dr. | Stclair, John |
| Dill, Geo. | Harris, A |
| Forbice, W. P. | Hunter, John |
| Hughes, J. | Mathieson, Robert |
| Horne, J. | Walker, Wm |
| Brodie Wm | Perry, C. S. |
| Mc Farland John | Mc Nicol, Surgeon |
| Forman, P. | Blandon Wm |
| Meekes Henry | Phillips John |
| Chamberlain R. D. | Doone Geo. |
| Gardum | Mc Farlane John |
| Mc Murtrie David | Barlow Rev John |
| Chisholm Cap ^t | Stratwick John L. |
| Thomson Robert | do John Sen ^r |
| Hattersley J. | Bew Temple |
| Box, John | Mills Henry |

continued

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Names of New Members continued

DeLampy John	Smith, M. P.
Cooke H. D.	Elkins, H. R.
Fairfax "opus"	Buckan John
Froeschell, Belong,	Kylo, D.
Lawson Robert	Cairnes Alex.

The Secretary requested permission to purchase two sets of Chessmen &c for the use of the Members

After some discussion as to the propriety of the Committee providing the same

It was moved by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Gibbs and carried

"That permission be given to the Secretary to procure two sets of Chess complete"

R. Clowes

March 6th 1856

Special meeting held this day

Present Alderman Clowes in the Chair

Mr. Mowbray
 " Poole
 " Cook
 " Russell
 " Oreston
 " Gibbs

In consequence of a letter having been received by the Secretary from the Colonial Treasurer this meeting had been summoned to the same into consideration

Continued

The following Questions were asked by the Colonial Treasurer and required an immediate answer

1st As to the liabilities and engagements of the Mechanics Institution for Building and the Amount raised from private contributions

2nd As to the state in which the Building is and whether any further additions are contemplated

The following answers were returned to No. 1.

The liabilities and engagements of the Institution on acct of the Building are £5,600

The amount raised by private contributions is £900.

to No. 2.

The front entrance are complete the Foundation & part of the Hall is laid and the Committee contemplate proceeding as soon as their means will permit

Alderman Clowes having left the Meeting previous to the whole of the Business being disposed of Mr. Mowbray was requested to occupy the Chair

R. Clowes

Monday March 17th 1856

Half Monthly Meeting of the General
Committee of Management

Present

Alderman Clowes, in the Chair
Mr Overton
" Barwick
" Sibbs
" Cook

The Minutes of former committee were read
and confirmed

The Minutes of former committee were read
and approved

Mr Sibbs motion was again postponed

The following a/cs were passed for payment.

The Secretary for Salary	}	£15-12-6
March 1 to 15		
Shaw & Co in part payment	}	25-0-0
of exp for Catalogue		
Benevolent Asylum		1-0-0
George Robertson		9-0-0
Edward Arnold		1-5-0

Augustus J. Spence
V.S.

Monday March 24th 1856

Present

Alderman Clowes
in the Chair
Mr. Russell
" Moubrey
" Overton
" Sibbs

Special Meeting of the Committee of
Management to consider the arrangements
of the Lecture Committee for commencing
the Winter Course of Lectures

The Minutes of the Lecture Committee
having been read a discussion took place
as to the propriety of allowing two Lectures
to be given every week at the commencement of
the season

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

That Dr. Macadaun's Course
of weekly Lectures be finished previous to any
other Gentlemen being engaged

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

That this committee approve of
the general arrangements entered into by the
Lecture Committee but with a request to
Dr. Macadaun that he would admit the
Members of the Institution at Half price
as it is the opinion of the General Committee
that such reduction would cause the course
of Lectures to be more numerous by attended
and the price of admission would be more satisfactory
to the members

Augustus J. Spence
V.S.

Monday April 7th 1856

Monthly Meeting of the Committee of Management

Present

Dr. Reeves, Vice President

^{in the Chair}
Alderman Clowes
Rev^d A. Morrison

Mr. Moulton

" Oberton

" Sykes

" Gibbs

" Barwick

Dr. Welkin

Dr. Gades

Dr. M^cCarthy

The Minutes of Meeting March 17th and 24th were read and confirmed

The Minutes of Finance Committee April the 4th were also read and approved

The Secretary's monthly Balance Sheet as certified by the Finance Committee was handed to the Chairman and read when it was shown that there was a Balance of £103-2-6 to the credit of the Institution, at the general exp and £47-"" at the Rent in the Bank

The following exp were brought up from the Finance Committee and ~~the~~ received the Chairmans signature

The Secretary's Salary +
March 16 to 31 } £15-12-6

The Secretary for Penalties 2-16-6

Candles for March 4-7-6

London & Liverpool Insurance 19-10-"

forward

April 7th 1856

Age Provisions (Papers)	£6-10-"
Survey exp for Library	4-9-"
Langwill & Co	1-10-8
Mrs Paterson	10-10-"

Application from the Early Closing Association for liberty to meet in the Committee room once a week and offering £2. per month was accepted

Rev^d A. Morrison moved that in the absence of the President, the Vice President be requested to make application to the Secretary for the £5,000 and the £150, voted by the Legislative Council for the Institution was unanimously agreed to and the Chairman consented to the wish of the Committee

Mr. Gibbs motion as announced Feb. 18th was again postponed by his request

M. Clowes

Monday April 21st 1856

The Committee of Management met this evening

Present

- Alderman Clowes, in Chair
- Mr. Overton
- " Gibbs
- " Verry
- D. Mc Carthy
- Mr. Cook
- " Moubrey
- " Russell
- D. Wilkie

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

Mr. Gibbs motion was again brought forward when after a discussion

It was moved by D. Mc Carthy and seconded by Mr. Cook

That the same be postponed was agreed to

The following votes were passed for payment

The Secretary's Salary & Allowance	
for April 1 to 15	\$ 15-12-6
Candle exp for April	4-7-1
Shaw & Co. in part of exp for	
Painting Catalogue	10-0-0

It was moved by Mr. Verry and seconded by Mr. Overton and carried

That the Secretary be instructed to have the Times Newspaper bound in the cheapest

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form

It was moved by Mr. Russell and seconded by Mr. Cook and carried

That the Secretary be requested to communicate with the Debating Class calling their attention to an infingement of Rule No. 1. with reference to discussions on Religious and Political Subjects"

An Application was made by the Melbourne Ladies Benevolent Society requesting the use of the Hall "free" for two days for holding a Bazaar

It was moved by Mr. Verry and seconded by D. Mc Carthy

That the Committee grant the "free" use of the "Hall" for the above mentioned object"

Asquith St. Peter

Monday May 5th 1856

The Committee of Management met this evening

Present

- D. Reeves in the Chair
- Prof. Hearn
- Mr. Cook
- " Gibbs
- " Blair

Minutes of meeting April 21st were read and confirmed

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Minutes of Finance and House Committee
May 2^d were also read and approved

Mr. Sibbs notice of motion was withdrawn

The Secretary's Monthly statement was read
and approved

The following a/cs were brought up from
the Finance Committee and received the
Chairman's signature

73	The Secretary's salary for	£15-12-6
	" for ^{ap 15 to 30} sundry	2-7-6
	Geo Robertson	15-8-6
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It was moved by Mr Blair and seconded
by Mr Sibbs

That Mr Beupsters tender for
Gas fittings, Workmanship and Material
for introducing into all the rooms of the
Institution, according to the suggestions
of the House Committee be accepted
was carried

The consideration of the Letter from the Surveyor
General was postponed

The Committee requested the Vice President
to place the £5000 from Government to the
credit of the Institution in the New South Wales
Bank as soon as received from the Treasury

The Vice President requested permission to ask
Dr. Keresby to give a Lecture to the Members
permission granted

Signatures of J. Freeman

May 16th 1856

Special Meeting of the Committee of Management

Present

Dr. Keresby in the Chair
Mr Oreston
" Sibbs
" Monbray
" Barwick
" Langlands
" Pool
" Blair
" Cook
Dr Mc Carthy

The Vice President read a letter from Dr. Keresby
proposing a Lecture on Thursday 22nd inst.

Mr. Monbray moved and Mr. Langlands seconded
That the Vice President be empowered
to see Dr. Keresby and accept of his offer

It was moved by Mr Oreston and seconded by
Mr Cook that the subject of the Lecture be
Magnetism

It was moved by Mr Oreston and seconded by
Mr Langlands

That enquiry was to be made of
Mr Bennett whether he was in a position to
negotiate for the immediate paying off of the
Mortgage of £5000 upon the Institution and if so
on what terms was carried

It was moved by Mr. Barwick and seconded by Mr. Monbray
That in the event of it being found impracticable
to pay off the mortgage immediately the money