

(viz 5000) be invested in Government Debentures
to be deposited with the Bank of New South Wales,
to be delivered to the order of Messrs Foston & Laughlan

And two of the Trustees and Dr. Walker Treasurer
was carried

Augustus J. Hearn

Monday May 19th 1856

Committee of Management met this evening

Present

Dr. Reeves, Vice President, in the Chair
Messrs Overton, Cook, Moulbray
Terry, & Barwick
Dr. McCarthy
Professor Hearn
Rev^d A. Morrison

Minutes of previous meeting were read and
confirmed

A Letter from J. B. Bennett requesting payment
of the interest on the Mortgage was submitted
to the Committee was ordered to be paid

A Letter from the Secretary of the Philosophical
Institute was requesting permission to continue
the committee meetings of the Institute in the Institution
free as before was granted until further
notice

The Vice President to communicate forthwith
to the Rev^d Dr. Scorsby to arrange for his Lecture

on Thursday evening

Prof. Hearn introduced his motion according to
notice given May 7th for the formation of
classes in connection with the Institution

There not being time to enter on this important
subject Prof. Hearn moved and Mr. Cook
seconded an adjournment until Friday evening
7th past seven o'clock was carried

Augustus J. Hearn

Friday May 23rd 1856

Adjourned meeting of the Committee of
Management took place this evening

Present

Dr. Reeves, "Vice President," in the Chair
Prof. Hearn
Dr. McCarthy
Mr. Overton
" Gibbs
" Blair
" Lyne

Prof. Hearn introduced his motion respecting the
classes and after being fully discussed by all the
members present

It was moved by Dr. McCarthy and
seconded by Mr. Overton

That a prospectus be drawn up fully
setting forth the plan for establishing classes in
connection with the Institution, that the prospectus
be published, that those members who may

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be desirous of joining the classes be requested to enroll their names immediately and that Prof. Hearn draw up the said prospectus was carried

It was moved by Mr. Sibbs and seconded by D. M. Casthy that a deputation from the Committee should wait on the Chief Secretary and solicit the support of the Government in their guaranteeing a sum towards the salaries of Masters for the classes, and that the deputation consist of the Vice-president and Prof. Hearn

It was moved by Mr. Blain and seconded by Mr. Sibbs that a public meeting be advertised inviting young men to attend when Prof. Hearn would give an introductory Lecture previous to the formation of the classes was carried

The Committee respectfully requested the Vice President to communicate with the Council of the Melbourne University requesting permission for Prof. Hearn to deliver the Introductory Lecture

The Chairman proposed that the Rev. D. Scoresby should be elected an ^{et} Life Member was carried unanimously

The Secretary stated that he had realized on account of the Lectures up to this date the sum of £65-2-6

Augustus J. Hearn

Monday June 2nd 1856

The Committee of Management met this evening present

- Dr. Reeves, Vice President, in the Chair
- Alderman Clowes
- Mr. Mowbray
- " Sibbs
- " Terry
- " Russell
- Prof. Hearn

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and confirmed

A letter from Mr. J. B. Bennett in reference to the mortgage was next read the terms offered by Mr. Bennett are that the Committee be permitted to pay off the mortgage of the £5000 on the Building on their agreeing to give six months interest viz £250 at the date of repayment of the principal

It was unanimously resolved that the Vice President Dr. Reeves and Alderman Clowes be appointed a sub-committee that they be empowered to negotiate with Mr. Bennett on behalf of the Committee of Management for the paying off of the mortgage and should they not be able to obtain more advantageous terms than those ^{now} offered by Mr. Bennett that they have full power to accept those terms stated in Mr. Bennett's letter

The Vice President reported that he had in accordance with a Minute of last meeting written to the Chancellor of the University requesting that permission

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Advertising Lectures £3-17-
Wilson & Mackinnon, (Posters for lectures) 5-11-
Hannell (Posters 4/4 for lectures) 7-
-

Warrant to be signed for the repayment
of £18-10- to the General of from the Rent of

The Secretary's Monthly Statement - was
examined and found correct

It was moved by Alderman Clowes and
seconded by Mr. Overton and carried

That the Secretary be instructed
to inform S. B. Bennett, Solicitor that the
terms proposed by him to the Committee
for the paying off of the Mortgage on the
Building is accepted and that as soon
as the release is ready a cheque for the
full ^{amount} will be handed to him

That the Secretary be instructed to com-
municate with the Trustees Messrs J. G. Taylor
and Henry Langland and inform ^{them} that the
Committee will require a sum, about £300
to enable them to settle with Mr. Bennett
the bonus being £250.

The one month's interest of 41-13-4 and expense of
291-13-4
They as Trustees will give the Bank a promissory note for that
amount

It was moved by Alderman Clowes and seconded
by Mr. Overton and carried

That the Secretary be requested to
collect together the Lamp and other articles rendered
useless by the introduction of Gas, and send them
to the Auction Room for sale

The Secretary informed the Committee that
Mr. James Smith had intimated that in consequence

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of his numerous engagements he would
not be able to deliver his Lecture on the evening
of Monday June 9th but would be prepared
to deliver it on Monday evening June 16th

That the Finance and House Committee
shall meet for General Business every Saturday
evening at 7 O'clock

That the amounts for which the warrants have
been signed be not paid until it be
ascertained whether the Trustees will comply
with the request of the Committee to give the
Bank their promissory note for a sum not to
exceed £300

J. P. Mowbray
Chairman

Monday June 16th 1856

Half Monthly Meeting of General Committee
of Management took place this evening

Present
Mr. Mowbray, in the Chair
Messrs Russell
" Go Verry
" Mr. Overton
Professor Hearn

Minutes of former Meeting were read and
confirmed

A letter from Mr. Wilkie, acting Secretary of the

Ladies
Benevolent
Society

Ladies Benevolent Society, was read, which stated that at the last meeting of the Committee of that Society a vote of thanks was passed to the Committee of the Mechanics Institution for their kindness in allowing the free use of the Hall for the Bazaar

Instruction to
prepare a release
of mortgage

The
Interest & Bonus

The Secretary received instructions to request Mr. J. M. Smith, Solicitor, to prepare a release of the mortgage by W. D. Collyer Esq. on the Building of the Mechanics Institution, the Principal having been paid to J. B. Bennett Esq. Solicitor - agent to W. D. Collyer Esq.

repayment of
Mortgage

The Chairman signed the Warrant for the payment of the sum of £50.91-18-4 by order of the Committee, being the amount of the a/c presented by J. B. Bennett Solicitor.

Classes

The "Classes" in connection with the Institution that a Sub-Committee of three be appointed, consisting of Professor Hearn, Rev. A. Morrison, and Dr. Green, to advertise for Lecturers to take charge of the classes, and that the Sub-Committee make the necessary arrangements with the Lecturers and that the Sub-Committee have the general supervision of the classes

P. Clowes

Monday July 7th 1856

The Committee of Management met this evening

Present

Alderman Clowes, in the chair
Prof. Hearn
Rev. A. Morrison
Dr. McKie
Jr. M^oCarthy
Messrs: Blair, Gibbs, Overton,
Jerry, Cook, Moulton,
Barwick, Poole

The Minutes of former meeting (July 16th) was read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held July 6, and the Minutes of Committee of Studies, from the date of appointment to July 7th were read and approved

Proposed by Mr. Blair and seconded by Rev. A. Morrison

That the recommendation of the House Committee to reduce the charge for the hire of the Lecture Room to the Gaily Closing Association be ratified by this Committee was carried

Proposed by Mr. McCarthy and seconded by Mr. Jerry

That the report of the Committee of Studies be adopted and confirmed and that persons not members of the Institution being desirous of joining the classes without becoming members and who are not included under rule 9. that their admission be referred to the Lecture Committee as special cases was carried

July 7th 1856

Philharmonic
Society

The Sub-Committee recommendation respecting the Philharmonic Society that some other arrangement should be made with that Society than that now in operation, allowing them to command the use of the Hall every Tuesday evening, was now taken into consideration, when the following motion was made and carried:

Mr. Lock moving and Mr. Moulbray seconding that the Secretary make extract of the Minutes relating to the terms on which the Philharmonic Society have possession of the room and the relation in which the Members of the Society stand to this Institution

The Secretary brought under the notice of the Committee the proceedings he had taken in accordance with advice of Mr. J. M. Smith, Solicitor in the matter of Mekey and others for rent of office a motion was made by Mr. Poole and seconded by Mr. Barwick and carried

That the Furniture &c now in the office belonging to Mekey and others be sold for rent due to the Institution

David Blair,
Chairman

The amount of exp. passed
for payment at this meeting is
£111-17-6, see Treasurer's Account & Minute Book

Monday July 21st 1856

The General Committee of Management

met this evening Present Mr Blair in Chair
Messrs Terry, Gibbs,
Overton, Poole,
Russell, Moulbray,
and D. Melkie

July 21-1856

Philharmonic
Society

The Minutes of last General Meeting were read and Confirmed
The Minutes of last meeting of the General Business Committee and the Library Committee were read and approved

The Secretary in accordance with a Minute of last ^{meeting} in reference to the Philharmonic Society read several Extracts from the Minute Book of the following dates Oct 18/53, Dec 6/53, Jan 1/55, the Secretary stated that the sum of £36-10-0 had been received from the Treasurer of the Philharmonic Society for Practising Members during 1855 and that the sum of £40-10-0 had been received this year for the same object *

The Secretary produced the afs. sales of the Furniture &c sold for rent due by Mekey & others which showed a prospect of realizing ~~£22~~ about £22. The amount due for rent is £39-10-0

Philharmonic
Society

* The Secretary was instructed to apply to the Treasurer of the Philharmonic Society for a statement showing the total number of Practising Members and the balance if any, still remaining in his hands for the present year also to ascertain what monies have been paid to the Mechanics Institution by the Philharmonic Society since its formation

It was moved by Mr. Moulbray and seconded by Mr. Overton that the recommendation of the Library Committee be acceded to that an order for Books to the value of about £60 be forwarded to London to Mr. George Guillaume, and that the Books be paid for on delivery in the Month of Jan or Feb.

The recommendation of the Sub-Committee was taken into consideration, in reference to the Hall when it was

July 21/56

moved by Mr. Poole and seconded by Mr. Terry
that a sub-committee be appointed to consist
of Mr. Overton Mr. Benwick & Mr. Blackburn to
examine into the condition of the Lecture Hall
and report to next meeting of this Committee

The Secretary presented a statement showing the
Estimated Income and Expenditure for the half
year ending Dec^r 1856. Should the revenue —
continue to progress as at present there is a
prospect of the Institution being free of Debt
on the 31st Dec^r with one exception, viz. the disputed
of the Architect

It was moved by Mr. Russell and seconded
by Dr. Milkie and carried

That the attention of the sub-committee
for the management of the classes recently
instituted, be called to the expediency of
strictly observing Rule 26 with regard to all
payments of funds in connection with the
Institution

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

That the existing arrangements with the
Secretary for the management of the Institution
be referred to the Finance Committee to consider
as to extra allowance for additional labour —
arising from the classes and numerous fittings
of the Hall

The Secretary was requested to make some enquiry
respecting Mr. Fellowes Map of Victoria previous to
the Committee ordering a copy

A letter was read from the Graham Mechanics
Institution Committee, conveying thanks to this
Committee for the liberal offer to receive members
of the Graham Institution, to the classes for the

Class Fee only

A presentation copy of Ballaugal on Safe Ship-
building was received from the Author. The
Secretary was instructed to present the thanks
of this for the same

The Secretary laid on the table the following
three works

Wabers Theory of Musical Composition 2/6
Spohrs Violin School 1/6
Czerups School of Practical Composition 3/6

and recommended them for the Library of the Institution.
The Secretary was requested submit them to the
Library Committee for their approval

Wm. Milkie
Chairman

Monday Aug^t 4th 1856

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

Mr. B. M. Sibbs in the Chair
" Geo. Terry
" Overton
" Monbray
" Poole
" Blackburn
" Blain
Dr. Deeres M. L. C.
Dr. Milkie
Rev. A. Morrison

August 4/86

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the following Sub-Committee were read and approved

- viz The Finance Committee
- The Committee of Studies
- The Library Committee

The Secretary stated that he had in accordance with instructions of last meeting made application to the Treasurer of the Philharmonic Society and received from him a further sum of £4-10-0 making the total amount received this year £45 and that the number of Practising Members is 49. After duly deliberating as to how this Committee could deal with that Society it was thought advisable to allow the matter to drop until the end of the year.

The Secretary read a message from the Lecturer in Mathematics requesting permission to meet one extra evening in the week with his class when the following was

Moved by Mr Blain and seconded by Mr Terry and carried

That this Committee make it a special request to the Philharmonic Society to postpone their hour of meeting on Tuesday evening till 8 o'clock, in order to afford time for the meeting of the Mathematical Class

The Report of the Sub-Committee appointed at last meeting to inspect the Hall, was read when after several alterations it was

Moved by Dr. Greenes and seconded by Mr. McLaughlin

That the Report as now altered be adopted was carried

Philharmonic Society

Dr. Greenes gave notice of the following Motion for next meeting of Committee

That the specimens intended for a Museum be placed under the care of the Curator of the University Museum, provided the Council of the University give a written undertaking to deliver up the same to the Committee of the Mechanics Institution when demanded

The Secretary's Monthly Statement was read having been previously certified by the Finance Committee, and showed a balance available for the payment of £184-2-3.

The following a/c were recommended by the Finance Committee for payment -

The Secretary	£ 31-5-0
" Studies	8-8-0
Rooks	8-6-0
Mrs Paterson (on a/c)	25-0-0
Gas - June	15-11-0
Jason Printer	1-17-6
Dempter Balance	15-0-0
Factor & Allan	8-5-0
Milson Mackinnon & Fairfax	6-16-6
Adelaide Register	7-0-0
Proprietors Auction Mart	} 2-0-0
for Printing	
Belfast Gazette	1-2-0
Blundell	5-5-9
Robertson	4-9-3

Mr. Read's Letter and a/c the consideration of which was postponed to the adjourned meeting on Wednesday evening next

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It was moved by the Rev^d A. Morrison and seconded by Mr. D. Blair

That the following report of the Finance Committee be adopted was carried

It is recommended by the Finance Committee that the sum of £175 voted for clearing and assistance, be increased to £225, (Two hundred and twenty five pounds) in consequence of the additional labour devolving on the Secretary in consequence of the classes now formed in connection with the Institution

The Committee took into consideration the Minutes of the Committee of Studies in reference to the Class Fees viz

That the opinion of the Sub-Committee of Studies is, that the whole of the fees for the classes belong to the respective gentlemen conducting the same and ought to be handed over to them upon their giving a written undertaking to refund in case of any circumstances arising to prevent their concluding the session, a proportionate amount of such fees to the Committee, or to provide a substitute to conduct the same to be approved by the Committee.

The above minutes having been adopted by the General Committee the Secretary produced a warrant for the Chairman's signature authorizing payment of the balance due to the Rev^d W. Farnes which balance amounted to £82-14-0⁰⁰ being £82-14-0⁰⁰ for 87 student tickets the entire number admitted up to this date, to the Mathematical Class

That this Committee adjourn until Wednesday next, the 7th day of August at half past 7 o'clock

J. M. Moubray
Chairman

Wednesday August 7th 1856

Present

Mr. Terry

" Foole

D. M. Carthy

The adjourned meeting summoned for this evening to take into consideration Mr. Reed's ap. did not take place in consequence of only the above three members being present

The Secretary was recommended by the Members present to see

Mr. Smith on the subject and report to next meeting

Monday Aug¹¹ 18th 1856

The Half Monthly meeting of the General Committee took place this evening

Present

Mr. Moubray

" Terry

" Overton

" Foole

" Russell

Prof. Hearn

Mr. Gibb

The minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed

A deputation from the Mathematical Class waited on the Committee with a requisition from a large number of the members of that class praying that the Committee would be pleased to grant the use of the Hall for one hour on an extra evening in the week. It was considered that as the class now numbered members, two evenings in the week were not sufficient to allow the Lecturer to give that attention to the individual requirements of the members which was necessary

18th August 1856

The Committee after hearing the Deputation and duly considering the matter resolved on the motion of Mr. Poole seconded by Mr. Russell

That the Hall be reserved for the Mathematical class on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 o'clock

A Letter was received from the Philharmonic Society informing this Committee that it would be impossible for the Society to comply with the request to postpone the hour of their meeting until 8 o'clock

The Secretary stated that the Sub-Committee had advertised for tenders for Papering and Painting the Hall and that Mr. Pelley's tender being the lowest it was accepted (viz £45-10-0)

Dr. Greaves motion for the removal of the Specimens to the University Museum, was in consequence of Dr. Greaves absence allowed to lapse

A copy of "Hobbes appeal" was presented to the Library of the Institution by the Secretary of the "New Church"

Charles McCarthy
Chairman

Monday Sep^r 1st 1856

The General Committee of Management met this evening present

Dr. McCarthy in the chair
Messrs Terry
Sjme
Moubray
Overton
Gibbs
Poole
Barwick

The Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed

The Minutes of Finance Committee were also read

The Secretary's monthly statement was examined and found correct - There being £77-18-5 available for the payment of a/c's The following were examined and recommended for settlement

The Secretary monthly allowance	£35-8-4
for management	"-14-"
do for Auditor	3-7-6
Proprietors of Broadshaw (adv ^r)	1-6-6
Nichie (adv ^r)	8-11-"
Sjme " "	15-13-6
Gas Comp ^y (adv ^r)	6-"
Printing	

The Secretary informed the Committee that Mr. J. M. Smith, Solicitor recommended that the opinion of a respectable architect, as to the value of the plans of the New Theatre, should be procured.

It was moved by Mr. Overton and seconded by

Mr. Terry that the opinion of Mr. Charles Webb of
the firm of Webb & Taylor be taken as to the value
of the plans was carried

The Secretary brought under the notice of the
Committee the subject in reference to a quantity
of Coins which belonged to the Institution and
were believed to be in the hands of Mr. Paterson

It was moved by Mr. Gibbs and seconded by
Mr. Terry that Mr. Paterson be requested to forward
the said Coins to the Institution that they may
be identified was carried

It was moved by Mr. Overton and seconded by
Mr. Terry that the apparatus belonging to the
Institution now in the hands of Prof. Wilson, be
applied for with the view of having the entire
property of the Institution catalogued and the
apparatus brought into use was carried

A. J. Jones

Monday Sep^r 15th 1856

The general Committee of Management was
summoned for this evening but in conse-
quence of only four members being present
no business was brought forward
present

Alderman Howes
Dr. Mc Carthy
Mr. Poole
Mr. Gibbs
M. C.

Monday October 6th 1856

The Committee of Management met this
evening present

Alderman Howes in the Chair
Dr. Mc Carthy
Mr. Poole
" Terry
" Cook
" Gibbs

The Minutes of former meeting were read
and confirmed

The Minutes of Finance Committee were
also read and approved

The Secretary stated that in accordance with the
Minutes of last meeting he had submitted to Mr. Webb
the plans of the New Theatre but he deferred giving
his opinion as to the value of the plans until he
had an opportunity of examining Mr. Reid's ops

The Secretary stated that he had received the Coins
from Mr. Paterson and would on an early day have
a list of them made

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had
given notice to Mr. Morrison that the Apparatus
at the University belonging to the Institution
would shortly be required and requested that it be
returned on an early day

The Secretary's Monthly statement was examined
and found correct

The following ops were passed for payment
The Secretary monthly allowance £35-8-0
" for sundries " - 10-0

Cont^d

October 6th 1856

minutes continued

Victoria Insurance	£9-0-0.
Geo Robertson in part	10-0-0
Gas of Aug.	14-8-6
M ^c Murrah, Plumber, in part	10-0-0.
Wilson, Mackinnon & Fairfax	2-1-6
French	1-16-
Slater	8-

H. Blom

October 17th 1856

A special meeting of the General Committee was summoned for this evening to consider the arrangements made by the Lecture Com^{tee} for another course of lectures to commence on the 24th Oct. There not being a quorum the business for which the Committee were summoned could not be decided on. The minutes of the Lecture Committee were read and approved by those members present.

Present

Alderman Clowes
 Mr. Mowbray
 Mr. Sibbs

H.C.

October 20th 1856

The usual half monthly meeting of the General Committee called for this evening did not take place only four members were in attendance

Mr. Overton
 Mr. Verry
 Mr. Barwick
 Mr. Sibbs

H.C.

Monday Nov^r 3rd 1856

Monthly meeting of General Committee of Management

Present

Alderman Clowes in the chair
 D. M. Farthly
 Rev^d A. Morrison
 Mr. Verry
 Mr. Mowbray
 Mr. Barwick
 Mr. Sibbs

The minutes of former meetings were read and confirmed

The minutes of Finance Committee were read

The Secretary's monthly statement was examined showing a balance of £78-11-4 available for a/c when the following were passed for payment

The Secretary	£55-8-4.
Advertising Lectures	1-7-
Gas Company (Veh.)	11-16-
Mr. Pidgey	30-11-4
Corporation (Vols 1856)	23-6-8
to be paid out of the cash in the Bank	

It was moved by D. M. Farthly and seconded by Mr. Mowbray and carried

That a special meeting of the General Committee be convened on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock to examine the various rooms in the Building with a view of giving increased accommodation for the Library and Reading Room

H. Blom

Dec. 1st 1856

The following a/cs having been examined and recommended by the Finance ^{Council} for payments were passed by the Chairman signing the same

The Secretary for management	} £55-8-4.
for Nov	
Gas a/c for October	10-18-6
Chandies per Secretary	1-1-2

Augustus Adheersypp

December 22nd 1856

The Committee of Management met this evening

Present A. F. Reeves Esq. M. L. A.
in the Chair

Alderman Clowes
Mr. Jerrry Mr. Poole
" Blackburn " Berwick

The Minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed

An Application from Miss Lewis for the use of the Hall for a Department class for children

On the Motion of Alderman Clowes seconded by Mr. Blackburn and carried "That Miss Lewis ~~shall~~ have the use of the Hall on the same terms as before viz 10/- per week

In accordance with a suggestion by the Chairman

It was resolved "That the Members of both Houses of Parliament should have the free use of the Reading Rooms and Library of the Institution during the Session"

The Chairman was requested to assist in drawing up a circular to be forwarded to each member intimating the same

The Secretary intimated that Mr. Reed the Architect - has instructed Messrs Blundell & Nuttallburg, to proceed against the Committee for the Amount of his a/c rendered for his professional services in reference to the proposed New Buildings in the rear of and in connection with the Mechanics Institution and that the said Gentlemen have issued writs against John Mat. Smith Esq. Mr. Charles Cook, and Dr. Fellbee

It was resolved, that this meeting be adjourned until Friday next Dec 26, at 3 p.m. and that the Secretary write J. M. Smith Esq. Solicitor and W. Webb, Architect, to attend the meeting of the Committee and that Alderman Howes and the Secretary wait on J. M. Smith Esq. and instruct him to enter an appearance in consequence of Mr. Reed's Solicitor having issued the writ

M. Howes

Monday Dec. 29th 1856

The Committee met this day
present

Prof. Hearn in the Chair
Mr. Cook Mr. Jerrry
Mr. Poole Mr. Blackburn
Mr. Overton

The Secretary stated that in consequence of Friday being a Holiday he found it would be impossible to get a meeting of Committee on that day in accordance with instructions of last meeting, he had therefore summoned the Committee for this day instead to take into consideration the application of Messrs Blundell & Nuttallburg for the Amount of Mr. Reed's a/c

The Secretary stated that he had invited

J. M. Smith Esq and Mr. Webb Architect to attend this meeting

Mr. Webb informed that the Secretary, that he fears his engagement on Monday (this day) would prevent him from attending the meeting but would attend if possible

J. M. Smith Esq. having been prevented by a business engagement from attending, the Committee found it impossible to proceed in this matter and resolved after a lengthened conversation on the subject to leave the business in the hands of Mr. Smith to deal with it in the manner he might see most advantageous to the interests of the Institution

M. Morris

Monday Jan^y 5th 1857

The Committee met this evening

Present

Alderman Clowes in the Chair

Rev^d Mr. Morrison

Mr. Byrne Mr. Blair

Prof^r Stearn Mr. Bararch

The Minutes of former meetings were read and confirmed

The Minutes of Finance Committee were read

The Secretary laid on the table a copy of the circular ordered by the last meeting of the Committee to be forwarded to each Member of the Legislature

The arrangements with the Philharmonic Society for the use of the Hall for their weekly meetings was taken into consideration in accordance with

the Minutes of the General Committee July 7th 21/56 and Aug. 5th 57/56 and recommended by the House Com^{tee} of July 5th 56/56.

It was moved by Mr. Pebbles and seconded by Mr. Bararch and carried

That the Philharmonic Society have the use of the Hall of the Institution for their weekly meetings at a rental of (£60) Sixty pounds for one evening each week throughout the year and to pay 5/- per One Gas Sun light each evening

The Secretary's Month Statement was laid on the table showing a Balance of £84-15-4 at the General a/c to the credit of the Institution and on the Rental a/c the Balance due the Bank £30-19-10

The following a/c's having been examined by the Finance Committee and recommended for payment were passed

The Secretary for Management Dec ^r	£35-8-4
" for Sundries	1-19-4
Books	4-14-4
Gas a/c Nov	10-3-6
Petty (on a/c)	20--4
Victoria Insurance	11-5-4

The follow Gentlemen were appointed a sub-committee to draw up the report for the public meeting moved by Mr. Blair and seconded by Mr. Bararch and carried Mess^{rs} Pebbles Perry & Monbray and the Rev^d Mr. Morrison

The Secretary stated that the floor of the Office occupied by Mr. Pabing would require to be repaired, he was ordered to call the attention of the House Committee to the same

The report of the Committee of Studies appointed to

superintend the classes in connection with the
Institution was read and approved and ordered to
be embodied in the General Report to be read
at the Annual Meeting of the Members of
the Institution to be held on the 27th Jan^y. inst
Secretary J. P. M.

Monday 19th Jan^y 1856

The usual Half Monthly Meeting of the General
Committee took place this evening
Present

Dr. Reeves, M.L.C. in the Chair
Dr. Melker Dr. M. Carthy
Alderman Howes
Messrs Mowbray - Blair - Overton
Pool & Russell - Selby

The Minutes of last meeting were read & Confirmed

A Warrant was signed by the Chairman authorizing
the payment of £20 on acc^t to Mr Alex Auld for
Carpenter work done to the interior of the Hall &c

A Letter from the Rev^d Dr. Rossby acknowledging
with thanks the mark of attention paid to him by
the Committee of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution
in presenting to him a Card of Honorary Member-
-ship

The Draft of the Annual Report was brought up
from the Sub-Committee when after considerable
alterations it was resolved that the Report as
now altered be adopted

Read V. S. M. Smith & others the names left with the Secretary