

The Sub-Committee appointed at last meeting to wait on Mr. Webb to ascertain whether he could modify his design according to the wish of the Committee, not being present, the subject was postponed

A Letter from Mr. Robert Rogers was read, ~~stating~~ ^{requesting} that the Committee would take into consideration his application for a reduction of rent

The Committee after duly considering the said application decided that no reduction could be made at present but that Mr. Rogers might be permitted to pay his rent weekly instead of Quarterly in advance at the rate of £2-10-0 per week

Signature of Heaver
A.H.

Friday Dec: 10/58

A Special Meeting of the General Committee of Management was summoned for 4 o'clock this afternoon only three members attended

Mr J. E. Foster
Professor Heaver
Mr. Gibbs

A.H.

Monday Dec: 20th 1858

The Committee of Management met this evening present

The President in the Chair
Mr. Hayward Mr. Alston
" Jones " Gibbs
" Kern " Terry
Mr. Gilber

The Secretary read Mr. Webb's letter respecting the modified design for the proposed new Buildings. The Committee after duly considering the above resolved to postpone the whole matter until the public meeting of the Members in Jan: next

David Milkie
Chairman

Monday Jan: 3rd 1859

The General Committee of Management met this evening present

The Hon. David Milkie M.D., M.L.C.
Treasurer, in the Chair
Mr. Hayward
" Jones
" Alston
" Langland (John)

A.H. + " ~~_____~~

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The minutes of the Finance Committee held on the evening Jan 1st were read and approved.

The statement shewing a Balance at the 31st Dec: 1858 of the sum of £164-14-0 to the credit of the Institution in the Bank of New South Wales

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The following a/cs having been examined by the finance Committee and recommended for payment were passed unanimously

Mack (repairs to roof &c)	3-11-6
Medicines	3-2-6
Geo Robertson	6-9-
Jason	2-3-6
Fairfax	4-""-
Syme	8-""-
Amos	7-11-9
Mason & Girth	8-12-
Benedigo Mercury	"-16-6
Shuddell	1-16-6
Williams	1-""- 3-13-
Melbourne Fire Insurance	
Policy for £2000 @ 5% per cent	7-10-
The Secretary	25-""-
The Assistant	8-""-
The Messenger	6-""-

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. R. Hamilton and one from Mr. R. J. Jeffrey requesting the Committee to instruct the Secretary to repay to them the Library deposit they having lost the receipt given at the time they paid the deposit in accordance with the rules Instructions given accordingly

The Committee drew the attention of the Secretary to the list of Officer Bearer's and wished to know what vacancies there would be at the next annual meeting and also whether all on the present list were contributing members

The Secretary stated that previous to the Vice President having the Colony he resigned his office as V. P in connection with the Institution

also that Mr. J. J. Walsh one of the Auditors had not paid his subscription although the several applications had been made to him for it

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The Secretary also stated that the Rev. Alex. Morrison was not a contributing member that he held office as an Honorary member and had done so for several years

The Committee referred the Secretary to Rule 9 and instructed him to communicate the conditions laid down in that rule, with reference to honorary members, to Mr. Morrison, previous to the annual meeting

The Secretary laid on the table the list of the attendance of members of committees, at the general and special meetings of Committee of Management. The nonattendance of David Blair Esq. M. L. A. Professor Stearn and Joseph Wilkie Esq. M. L. A. exceeded the time allowed by the Rules and would therefore not be eligible for election as members of Committee. A.M.

Signature of Secretary

Monday Jan^y 17th 1859

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present The President in the Chair
 Mr Edward
 " Wilkie
 " Alston
 " Gibbs

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Committee resolved that Mr. Gibbs name could not stand as being present at last meeting when he was not but at the request of Mr. Gibbs, he it may be recorded in the minutes of this meeting that he attended at the usual time and waited 20 minutes and as no other member made his appearance up to that time he left the room

Jan 17/59

The Secretary stated that the only business before the meeting was relating to the Annual Report to be prepared for the Annual Meeting of members to be held on Tuesday Jan 25th at 8 o'clock pm in accordance with the Rules of the Institution

The Committee resolved that the Secretary should as usual draw up the report and submit the same to the President for his approval previous to the adjourned meeting to be held on Saturday evening next

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with Messrs. Hearn and Mr. Blair and to inform ^{them} that their non-attendance at Committee meetings have exceeded the time allowed by the Rules of the Institution and ascertain from them whether they wish to continue members of the Committee

The Committee resolved - that should there not be sufficient number of members present ^{to form a quorum} ~~twenty~~ minutes after the time announced for the meeting of Committee, that the said meeting stand adjourned

That this meeting adjourn till Saturday evening at 7.30 pm. to receive the Report and prepare for the annual meeting

M. G. G. G.
Chairman

Saturday Jan 22nd 1859

Present: Joseph Wilkie
Mr. Alston
Edward Mr. Gibbs

At the adjourned meeting summoned for this evening only three members attended, the report was however read and approved by those present and signed by them. The signatures of the President and Mr. Baruch were afterwards added

Tuesday 25th Jan^y 1859

The Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Institution took place this evening at 8 pm in accordance with Rule 15.

Joseph Wilkie Esq. M. L. A.
in the Chair

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Tuesday Jan 26th 1858, having been read and confirmed. The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Members held April 19-1858 were also read and confirmed

The Secretary read the Report of the Committee of Management for 1858 and the Treasurers Balance sheet to 31st Dec^r shewing a Balance to the credit of the Institution in the Bank of £164-14-0 while the outstanding liabilities for 1858 would not exceed £50.

It was moved by Mr. John Edwards seconded by the Rev. Alexander Morrison that the Report as now read be received, adopted and printed

The following amendment was proposed by Mr. John Russell, seconded by Dr. Murray that that the portions of the Report referring to the improvement to the extent of £500. recommended by the Committee be struck out of the Report

The Amendment having been put to the meeting 25 voted in favour of the amendment and 10 against. The amendment was therefore declared to be carried by a majority of 10.

The paragraph containing the words of the amendment was struck out of the Report after which it was received and ordered to be printed unanimously

Annual General Meeting, Jan. 25th 1859

Scrutineers, The Rev^d Mr. Janelle and Mr. Mowbray having been appointed scrutineers the election of Office Bearers was proceeded with in the following order.

President - Mr. Gibb proposed and Rev^d Mr. Janelle seconded that A. F. A. Reeves Esqr M.L.A. be re-elected President for the ensuing year

Rev^d Mr. Baxter proposed and Mr. Russell seconded the nomination of Professor Hearn as President for the ensuing year

On a division show of hands being taken it appeared for Professor Hearn and 16 for A. F. A. Reeves Esqr M.L.A.

Professor Hearn was therefore declared duly elected President for 1859

Vice President

Mr. Edwards proposed and Rev^d A. Morrison seconded A. F. A. Reeves Esqr M.L.A. as V. P.

Mr. Wolcott proposed and Mr. Williams seconded Jos. Wilkie Esqr M.L.A. as V. P.

Mr. Gibb proposed and Mr. Booth seconded Dr. Gilber as V. P.

The show of hands having been taken the following was the result -

Dr. Reeves 6. Mr. Wilkie 11. Dr. Gilber 17

Dr. Gilber was therefore declared duly elected Vice President for the ensuing year

Trustees

The Rev^d Mr. Janelle proposed and Mr. Pirani seconded the re-election of Henry Langland Esqr M.L.A., J. S. Foster Esqr and Dr. Jos. Black was carried unanimously

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Treasurer

On the motion of Mr. Kerr seconded by Mr. Russell the Hon. D. Wilkie M.D., M.L.C. was re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year, unanimously

Curators

Mr. Mowbray proposed and Mr. Williams seconded the re-election of The Rev^d A. Morrison

Dr. Howitt

Dr. Macadam

Dr. Eades

Mr. J. C. Baldwin as Curators for the ensuing year was carried unanimously

Auditors

Mr. Edwards proposed and Mr. Kerr seconded the nomination of Mr. Smith and Mr. Swift as Auditors for 1859 as no other members were proposed Mr. Smith and Mr. Swift were declared duly elected

It was proposed by Mr. Blackburn seconded by Mr. Pirani that the name of A. F. A. Reeves Esqr be added to the list of Patrons, was carried unanimously

The meeting next proceeded to elect Ten Members for the Committee in the room of the following

Barwick James

Edwards John

Foster John

Gilber Dr.

McCarty Dr.

Very Esq.

Wilkie Joseph M.L.A.

who retire by rotation by are eligible for re-election

Blair David M.L.A.

Hearn W. D., Am. L.L.D.

Lusk Joseph

} resigned

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The following were proposed and seconded as under

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|---|------------------|
| Mr. Gibb prop ^r | } Mr. Blackburn |
| Mr. Alston sec ^r | |
| Rev ^d Mr. Morrison prop ^r | } Mr. Edwards |
| " " Jarrett sec ^r | |
| " " Morrison prop ^r | } Mr. Jones |
| Mr. Gibb sec ^r | |
| Mr. Booth prop ^r | } Mr. Russell |
| " Alston sec ^r | |
| Dr. Thomson prop ^r | } Dr. Murray |
| Mr. Williams sec ^r | |
| Mr. Smith prop ^r | } Mr. Dill |
| Mr. Williams sec ^r | |
| Mr. Blackburn prop ^r | } Mr. Rollings |
| Mr. Murray sec ^r | |
| Dr. Murray prop ^r | } Lieut. Ainslie |
| Dr. Thomson sec ^r | |
| Mr. Williams prop ^r | } Mr. Barts |
| Mr. Piccini sec ^r | |
| Mr. Booth prop ^r | } Mr. Walsh |
| Mr. Jeffers sec ^r | |

There being only ten members nominated no Ballot was required to be taken The above were declared duly elected The first seven for two years and the three last for one year

It was moved by Mr. Russell seconded by Dr. Murray that it be an instruction to the Committee to promote by every possible means in its power the erection of a Lecture Hall in connexion with this Institution

The following amendment to the above was proposed by Mr. Booth seconded by the Rev^d Mr. Jarrett

That this meeting be adjourned to Wednesday fortnight for the purpose of giving instruction and authority to the Committee to raise money by mortgage

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or otherwise for the erection of a Hall and other requisite buildings

The Amendment having been carried by a large majority The meeting was therefore declared adjourned till Wednesday Feb. 7 at 8 o'clock p.m.

A vote of thanks was proposed to the Chairman which was carried unanimously

Special Meeting of the Committee of Management Feb^y 4th 1857

The Committee of Management met this evening
Present

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| The President (Professor Hearn) | |
| in the Chair | |
| Dr. Gilber, Vice-president | |
| Mr. Rollings | |
| " Edwards | Mr. Langland (John) |
| " Walsh | Dr. Murray |
| " Barts | Lieut. Ainslie R.M. |
| " Gibb | Mr. Alston |
| " Blackburn | " Jones |

The Secretary read the result of the elections at the Annual General Meeting and introduced the new members

The Secretary laid on the table Papers for the printing of the Annual Report as follows

	500	750
Mason & Firth	5-18-	7-16-
Williams	6-13-	7-18-6
Clayton & Co	8-17-6	11-15-
Printers & Co	7-10-	10- " -
Fairfax & Co		9- " -

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The Committee having decided that 750 copies of the report should be printed declared Messrs Mason & Galt's tender the lowest was accepted

The following lists of sub-committees were on the motion of Mr Gibbs seconded by Mr Alston adopted unanimously

Finance Committee	Library & Committee
Ainslie, Lieut. R. U.	Blackburn, James
Alston, Tho ^s	Edwards, John
Burt, J. S.	Ferres, John
Dell, Geo.	Gibbs, Ed, W.
Kerr, Hous.	Murray, Dr.
Rollings, Wm.	Russell, John
Walsh, Fred ^k	Langlands, John

The Secretary called the attention of the Committee to a minute of the meeting of Committee Jan 2^d 3 which referred to honorary members not acting on the Committee of Management of the Institution when the following resolution was adopted on the motion of ~~the~~ Ainslie seconded by Mr John Langlands & Carried

That under the rules of the Institution no person, who is not a subscribing member, is eligible to vote as a member of the Committee

On the motion of Mr Alston seconded by and Carried

That the Rev^d Mr. Morrison be acknowledged an honorary member of this Institution and his name as such added to the list That a copy of ^{the above two} resolutions be forwarded to the Rev^d Mr. Morrison

The Secretary introduced the subject to be brought forward at the adjourned meeting when after considerable discussion the following instructions was given to the Secretary on the motion of Mr Gibbs

That letters be written to the Trustees requesting

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to know whether they are prepared to mortgage the Institution also to Dr Green. to know the nature of the supposed pledge which he had given to the Government or Parliament on behalf of the Institution

M. Gibbs
Chairman.

Monday Feb^y 7th 1859

The General Committee of Management met this evening present Mr Gibbs in the Chair

" Edwards	Mr. Rollings
" Ainslie	" Kerr
Dr Murray	" Alston
Mr Walsh	" Langlands
" Burt	

The minutes of previous meetings held Jan 17 and Feb 4 were read and confirmed also the minutes of the Annual General meeting held Jan 25th was read

The minutes of the Finance Committee were read approved

The following a/cs recommended for payment by the Finance Committee were passed in the usual manner viz

The Secretary	£ 25 - 4 - "		
" Assistant	10 - " - "	Dwight	1-10-"
" Messenger	7 - 10 - "	Fairfax	"-12-"
Sundries	4 - 15 - 6	Boston Hallam	"-10-6
Gas Company <u>Spms</u>	15 - 1 - 9	Gordon & Galt	1-5-9
Huggins	2 - 5 - "	Roy	1-5-"
Walsh	2 - 2 - 4	Co. of Commerce	1-10-"
Pullmann	45 - " - "	Calvert	1 - " - "
		Booth & Co	1-10/10-9-3-3
			£ 120-17-6

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Letters from J. R. Cuthbertson and R. Kennedy requesting the Committee to instruct the Secretary to return to them their Library Deposit - they having lost their receipts granted

The Secretary stated that he had seen Dr. Green and he declined to give in writing the particulars of the unpaid pledge given to the Government - when the £5,000 was placed in the Estimates for 1856

The Secretary stated that he had made arrangements for a meeting of the Trustees on Wednesday next on the subject of a mortgage

The business of the adjourned meeting was brought forward for discussion when after each member had fully expressed his views on the subject

The following motion by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Alston was submitted to the meeting

That this Committee do report to the adjourned General Meeting on Wednesday next that they have resolved not to proceed with the intended building until the sum of £4,000 had been subscribed for that as only £4,000 has been subscribed the Committee could not proceed and they therefore submit the whole matter to the members

The following Amendment to the above was proposed by Mr. Amisick seconded by Dr. Murray

That as only £4,000 has been subscribed for, the Committee cannot proceed and they therefore submit the whole matter to the members

The Amendment having been put to the meeting & voted for and 7 against " The motion was therefore declared carried

J. Amisick

Chairman

21st Feb 1859

Wednesday Feb 9th 1859

Adjourned General Meeting of the Members of the Institution

The President (Professor Stearn) in the Chair

The following Members of Committee of Management were present -

Dr. Gilber Vice President -

Mr. Alston

" Blackburn

" Rollings

" Kerr

" Amisick

" Langlands

Dr. Baines

45 Members were present

On the motion of Mr. Alston seconded by Mr. Langlands the following resolution was submitted and carried
That that part of the minutes relating to of the two last meetings of the Committee of Management relating to the proposed New Buildings be now read.

Dr. Mackenna proposed the following resolution seconded by the Rev. Mr. Janett

That the Committee be instructed to proceed with the Buildings with the sum of £4,000 already promised and that the remainder necessary for the completion of the Building be raised either by a further issue of debentures or by mortgage or any other way the Committee may think fit

Dr. Baines moved as an Amendment, seconded by Mr. Claxton

That a Building Committee be appointed from

Adjourned General Meeting

Feb^y 9th 1859

The present meeting to act with the Committee of management

The Amendment having been submitted to the meeting was Carried

That such Committee consist of the Rev^d W^m Janette Mr. Mowitt, Mr. Booth, Dr. Mackenna, Mr. Opley Mr. Williams and Mr. Farson was Carried

The original motion was considered lost

The following gentlemen took part in the discussion

For the motion

Mr. Booth, Mr. Mowitt, Lieut. Amsinck, R.N.

Against the motion

Mr. J. Longland, Dr. Gillbee, Mr. Alston

Mr. Watts spoke in favour of adopting a middle course in this important matter. Out of the suggestions offered by Mr. Watts arose the Amendment

Against the Amendment

Mr. Longland, Dr. Gillbee

For the Amendment

Mr. Williams, Rev^d W^m Janette, Dr. Mackenna,

A. Amsinck

Chairman

21st Feb 1859

Special Meeting of the New Hall Committee

14th Feb^y 1859

Present

The President in the Chair

The following members although absent are in favour of the original motion
Mr. Edwards
Mr. Pillsbury

Lieut. Amsinck R.N.

Dr. Gillbee

Mr. Kerr

" Burt

Dr. Murray

Mr. Ebb

" Russell

" J. Longland

Rev^d W^m Janette

Mr. Mowitt

" Clarkson

The Secretary read the minutes of the Adjourned General Meeting of the members of the Institution referring to the appointment of the New Hall Committee

The following motion was moved by Lieut. Amsinck and seconded by Rev^d W^m Janette

That the sum of £7500 be raised by mortgage at 8 per cent for the purpose of erecting a Hall and the necessary buildings attached thereto

The following Amendment was moved by Mr. Longland

That the sum to be raised by mortgage be £6000
On being put to the meeting was lost
3 voting for and 6 against

Dr. Gillbee moved as a second Amendment made on the property of the Institution
That there be no mortgage
3 voting for 0 against was therefore lost

The original motion was put to the meeting when the following was the result 6 voted for and 3 against
The original motion was therefore declared Carried

Special meeting of the Hall Committee

Feb 7. 14 1859

That a special General meeting of the members be convened in accordance with the rules, to confirm or otherwise the resolution passed by this meeting

A. Ausinick
Chairman
21 Feb 1859

Monday Feb 21st 1859

The General Committee of Management met this evening

present

- | | |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Lieut Ausinick R.M. | |
| | in the Chair } |
| Mr Kerr | Mr Alston |
| " Walsh | " Langlands |
| " Rollings | Dr Gilbee |
| " Gibbs | |
| " Blackburn | |

The minutes of the following meetings were read and confirmed

- Feb. 7 General Committee meeting
- 9 adjourned General meeting of members
- 14 Special meeting of the New Hall Committee

The letter from the three Trustees with reference to the proposed mortgage was read and ordered to be laid before the special General meeting of the members on Wednesday the 2nd of March

The minutes of the Library Committee relating to the purchase of books was read when after considerable discussion the following resolution was moved by Mr John Langlands seconded by Mr A Kerr and

That the whole matter be referred to the Library Committee

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to report on the purchase, binding and ^{circulation} classification of books and that a special meeting of that Committee be summoned for the purpose

That the Committee meet on Wednesday 23rd next at 4 past 4 o'clock

Carried unanimously

Confirmed March 7
W. Whelan
President

2nd March 1859

Special meeting of the members of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution was held this evening to receive the Report of the New Hall Committee

Present The President in the Chair
Dr Gilbee, F.R.S.

- Lieut Ausinick R.M.
- Mr Walsh
- " Ham. Kerr
- " Rollings
- " Edwards
- " Blackburn
- " Gibbs
- " Langlands (John)
- " Russell
- " Balmain
- " Alston

- Members of the subcommittee present
- Rev. W. Jamell
 - Mr Booth
 - " Clarkson
 - " Williams
 - " Murray

The Chairman read the report of the New Hall Committee as follows

Report

Your Committee have to report that the New Hall Committee appointed at the recent adjourned General

March 2nd 1859 Special Meeting of Members

Meeting of Members held Feb. 9th met Feb. 14. and took into consideration the subject referred to them viz How the necessary sum should be raised for the erection of the New Hall and other Buildings connected therewith when the following members were present

The President in the Chair

Dr. Gillbee, V. P.

Lieut. Ainslie R.M.

Mr. Kerr

Mr. Burt

Dr. Murray

Mr. Gibb

Mr. Langlands

Mr. Russell

Rev. Mr. Jarrett

Mr. Murray

Mr. Carson
(12)

The following resolution was passed and the Secretary instructed to summon the ~~present~~ Special Meeting of the Members in accordance with the Rules

Resolution

That the sum of £7500 be raised by Mortgage at 8 per cent for the purpose of erecting a Hall and the necessary Buildings attached thereto

The following letter from the Trustees was next read

Melbourne

February 21st 1859

To the Committee of Management
Melbourne Mechanics Institution

Gentlemen

We have to acknowledge receipt of your circular of the 16th Inst. enquiring whether we will be prepared to sign a Mortgage Deed for the sum of £7500

in accordance with the wish of the Committee provided said resolution be sanctioned by the Special General Meeting called for Wednesday the 2nd March and in reply beg to state that we have no desire to appear in any degree antagonistic to a measure sanctioned by a majority of the Committee and confirmed at a Special General Meeting of Members at the same time we wish to place on record our entire disapproval of so large a sum being raised by Mortgage, and we think that whatever amount it may be ultimately determined to raise, that provision should be made in the Deed of Mortgage, for its repayment in sums not less than 10 per cent per annum of the amount borrowed and we wish that these our views may be communicated to the Members at the Special General Meeting

We are Gentlemen

Your Obedt. Servant

Signed

Thos Black

J. S. Forten

H. Langlands

The following letter from the Treasury was read

Treasury Melbourne

March 1859

Sir

I am directed by the Treasurer to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd ult. and in reply to state that no promise or pledge on the part of your Committee to the effect alleged by Dr. Green's was contained in the correspondence you submitted to him on the occasion of the interview to which your letter alludes

Mr. Harker desires me to add that his knowledge of the circumstances personally is limited to that derived from the perusal of the correspondence above referred to

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your Obedt. Servant

Signed G. S. Seymour

March 2^d 1859 Special meeting of members

Mr. Godfrey moved and Mr. Christopher Hall seconded
the adoption of the report brought up from the Com^{tee}

Mr. Charles Cook moved as an amendment and Mr. Edwards
seconded as follows

That the consideration of the Report be
adjourned to the next annual General meeting

Lieut. Aulsebrook spoke in favour of the Report
Mr. John Langlands addressed ^{the meeting} against both the Report
and amendment

Mr. Godfrey spoke to the amendment

The amendment having been put to the meeting was
lost

Mr. Langlands moved and Mr. Pearson seconded another
amendment - as follows

That the Report be not adopted but that the
Committee be authorized to mortgage the Institution for
a sum not exceeding £6000

Mr. Balmain addressed the meeting in favour of the Amend^t

Mr. Mowat " against do

Mr. Alston " against any mortgage

Mr. Russell " against the Amend^t

Mr. Ferris, Queen's Hill, " against mortgage until

every other effort having been made and failed

Mr. Williams, Printer, " in favour of the Amend^t

Dr. Gilber " against any mortgage

but if necessary to raise money by mortgage, a

sufficient sum should be at once raised to complete

the Buildings

Lieut. Aulsebrook in favour of the £7500 being at once

raised so as to complete the whole of the proposed

additions, should it not require the entire sum

to finish the work it was not necessary to spend

it all

Rev. Mr. Jarrett against the Amendment

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Mr. Charles Cook in favour of the Amendment -

Mr. Watts " Report

The Amendment by Langlands having been put to the
meeting the following was the result -

7 (Seven) for the Amend^t
26 (Twenty six) against the Amend^t

The Report was next put to the meeting with the
following result

26 (Twenty six) for the Report original motion
12 (Twelve) against the Report

42 (Forty two) members present

March 7th 1859

The General Committee of management met this
evening

present The President in the Chair

Dr. Gilber. V. P.

Mr. Walsh

Mr. Aulsebrook

Dr. Murray

Mr. Alston

" Rollings

" Blackburn

" Gibbs

" Russell

The Minutes of the meeting of Committee held 21st were
read and confirmed

The Minutes of Special meeting of members held the
2^d March were also read

The Minutes of the Sub Committees of the Library and Finance
were read and approved

March 7th 1859

The following a/cs recommended for payment by the Finance Committee were submitted to the meeting and passed in the usual manner
viz.

Sundry a/cs	4-19-6
Syme	4-10--
Gillies	15--"6
Reuting	32-6--
Robertson	5-2--
Franklyn	13-17--
Gas Company	8-10--
The Porter	6--"--
" Assistant	8--"--
" Secretary	25--"--
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	£ 123-5--

The following recommendations from the Finance Committee were submitted to the meeting

viz
That there be new chairs in the reading room and a music stool for the piano

It was moved by Mr. Russell seconded by Mr. Walsh that the Secretary be empowered to purchase thirty six chairs for the reading room at a cost not exceeding 10/- @ and also a Presidential Chair at a cost not exceeding £5-5-0 and a music stool for the Piano forte

The Report of the Library Committee for the purchase of Books was read by the Chairman and each clause submitted to the meeting when the following motions were made on the

That remittances of money for Books to Mr. Guillaume be entirely discontinued Car^d

Moved by Mr. Walsh

That a sum not exceeding £180 be placed at the disposal of the Library Committee to be expended in the purchase of Books during the current year Carried

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That the Binding of the Books and Newspapers remain as at present in the hands of ~~the~~ Mr. Thompson
Carried

The list of Newspapers and Periodicals was read over when the following alterations were made

additions	Discontinued
2 British Workman	1 Blackwood
2 Band of Hope	Monsieur Emmanuel
Ladies Newspaper	1 Titan
Independence Belge	
L' Illustration	
Harpers Mag.	
Saturday Review	
Notes and Queries	
Bankers Mag.	
Critic	

The following notice of motion was given by Mr. Walsh for next meeting viz

That the Library and Finance Committee be amalgamated

The consideration of the Instructions from the General meeting to the Committee respecting the Mortgage was postponed to the adjourned meeting to be held on Monday March 14th

John Edwards
Chairman
21st March 1859

Monday March 14th 1857

Adjourned meeting of the General Committee of Management met this evening to consider the Instructions from the Special General Meeting held March 2nd

Present

the President in the Chair

Mr. Edwards

" Walsh

Dr. Murray

Mr. Henry Langlands

" Foxton

Dr. Black

Leut. Ainslie

Mr. Blackburn

" Gibb

Dr. Wilkie

Mr. Alston

Mr. Balmain

" Rollings

Dr. Filbee

By permission of the meeting Mr. Ainslie prop^d that the East India Directory be added to the List of new periodicals for 1857 Carried

The Committee took into consideration the Instructions of the General Meeting respecting the mortgage when after considerable discussion on the subject the following motion was submitted by Mr. Blackburn seconded by Mr. Gibb

That this Committee does not feel itself justified in taking action on the resolution arrived at by the Public Meeting relative to raising a mortgage of £7000 inasmuch as such resolution was not consented to by at least nine tenths of the members present at two consecutive Special General Meetings duly convened for such purpose as provided for by Rule 59

~~An Amendment on the motion was moved by Mr. Ainslie seconded by Mr. Walsh~~

~~That contingent on the meeting altering rule 59 the report~~

~~of the Hall Committee to raise the sum of £7000 by mortgage to erect a Hall and other buildings be taken into consideration~~

~~The amendment was put to the meeting and lost
The original motion was put and Carried~~

2nd Mr. Ainslie moved and Dr. Murray seconded the following resolution which was Carried

That if a resolution to alter rule 59 be signed by 20 members as required by rule 58 a Special General Meeting be called for Monday April 18th

Upon a division 4 voted for & against whereon the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of the motion

3rd Moved by Mr. Ainslie seconded by Mr. Walsh

That contingent on the meeting altering rule 59 the report of the Hall Committee to raise the sum of £7000 by mortgage to erect a Hall and other buildings be taken into consideration
4 voted for 5 against, declared lost

John Edwards
Chairman
21st March 1857

Monday March 21st 1857

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - Mr. Edwards in the Chair
" Walsh Mr. Rollings
" Kerr " Blackburn
" Burt " J. Langlands

The Minutes of meetings held March 7 and 14 were read and confirmed

P. J. O.

March 21/59

The notice of motion standing in Mr. Walsh's name was read to the meeting when Mr. Walsh asked permission of the Committee to alter the wording of the motion which was granted and moved as follows

Moved by Mr. Walsh seconded by Mr. Blackburns that the sub-Committees be abolished

Amend^t by Mr. Kerr seconded by Mr. Burt that the Finance and Library Committees be amalgamated

Amendment by Mr. Langland seconded by Mr. Hollings that the word Finance be omitted in Mr. Kerr's Amendment

Mr. Langland's amendment was put to the meeting when three voted for it, and three against, the Chairman gave his vote against this Amendment was therefore declared lost

Mr. Kerr's Amendment was next put with the following result three voting for and three against this Amendment The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour this Amendment by Mr. Kerr, the Amend^t was therefore declared Carried

The original notice by Mr. Walsh was declared lost

The consideration of the Rents of the Front Office with a view to a reduction was postponed to the next meeting of General Committee of Management to be held on Monday April 4th

Notice of motion by Mr. John Langland for next meeting of Committee

I hereby give notice that at the first meeting of the General Committee I will move that a Finance Com^{tee} be appointed

Signed John Langland, Chairman
H. Amisick 4 April 1859

Monday April 4th 1859

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - Lieut. Amisick in the Chair
Dr. Murray
Mr. Kerr
Mr. Gibbs
Mr. Burt
Mr. Colston

The Minutes of meeting held March 21st were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of meeting held for Library Business were also read.

The Secretary presented the a/c for the month which were examined and certified as correct.

The Balance as shown by Statement and Bankers pass Book at date April 4th was £209-1-9.

The following a/c were passed for payment in the usual manner

Nichols	1-14-6	
Syme	1-9--	
"Tom Brown"	"-8--	3-11-6
Geo. Robertson		16-18--
Cable		7-18-8
Thomson & Co		21-6--
Gas Company		9-10-3
The Secretary		25----
" Assistant		8----
" Porter		6----
Sundries Feb.		2-3-6
" March		5-1--
Extra wages for Library		4----
		£106-8-9

The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to the present Rents of the front offices and recommended that they should be reduced to the following sums

Carry over

April 17

- No 1 £1-10-0 weekly in advance
- 2 2-0-0 "
- 3 2-0-0 "
- 4 1-10-0 "

On the motion of Mr Gibb seconded by Mr Alston
the above Rentals were submitted to the meeting and
carried unanimously

In consequence of the absence of Mr John Langhorne
the motion standing in his name was declared as
lapsed

Confirmed
W. H. Mearns
April 18. 1859 -

Monday April 18th 1859

The General Committee of Management met this
evening

- present The President in the Chair
- | | |
|-----------|--------------|
| Mr Burt | Mr Blackburn |
| " Gibb | " Amsinck |
| " Ferris | " Balmain |
| " Edwards | " Russell |
| " Alston | |

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed

The February mail not having arrived the Library Business
was by consent of the meeting postponed till next meeting
of Committee In the mean time Bennett's Lists of
second hand books were to be procured

The Secretary brought forward the subject of the Classes
with the view of having a committee of studies appointed
The President pointed out the inconvenience and
dissatisfaction so strongly expressed in former years for the
want of proper accommodation for the classes, when it was
resolved that the classes should be discontinued this

~~with~~ The subject was allowed to drop

April 18th 1859

The object for which the special meeting of members
called for this evening was next taken into consideration
when several members had expressed their views
on the subject Mr Balmain addressed the meeting
and showed the desirability of the Committee
~~being~~ unanimous in some plan ^{previous to} going
before the special meeting of members as however
nothing definite could be arrived at the subject
under discussion was allowed to drop

W. H. Mearns
Confirmed March 2-

Special Meeting of Members April 18th 1859

The President (Professor Stearns) in the Chair
The following Office-Bearers and members of Committee were
present - viz -

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|-------------------------------|------------|
| D. C. McArthur Esqr | |
| A. F. Peeres Esqr M. D. A. | |
| Hon. D. Wilkie M. D. M. L. C. | |
| Mr Balmain | |
| " Alston | Mr Edwards |
| " Amsinck | " Gibb |
| " Blackburn | " Ferris |
| " Burt | " Russell |

The Chairman introduced the Business of the meeting
by reading the advertisement calling the meeting

Mr Charles Cook took objections to the mode which the
announcement of the meeting had been made and contended
that the conditions laid down in Rule 58 had not been
complied with

Mr Bryant in order to test the objections made by Mr Cook
submitted to the meeting the following motion which was

Special Meeting of Members April 18th 1859

seconded by Mr. Cook

That the meeting not having been called in accordance with the rules, this meeting is not competent to take into consideration the important matter proposed to be considered.

The above motions having been put to the meeting only four voted for it the motion was declared lost

Mr. Dodge moved the omission of the words "or alienating any of the Freehold property thereof" from the first and second lines of Rule 57, which was seconded by Mr. Russell. On being put to the meeting thirty eight voted for the motion and thirty six against it. The motion was therefore declared lost, as rule 58 requires that two-thirds of the members present at a special general meeting must vote in favour of an alteration of the rules.

The following gentlemen also took part in the discussion

viz. A. F. A. Reeves Esq.
Dr Macaulan
Mr. Cook
" Knowlton
" Shaw, Solicitor
" Buswicks

Messrs. Alston and Balmain were unanimously appointed letters for the occasion - omitted to be entered in it proper place

A vote of thanks was passed to Chairman for his conduct in the Chair after which the meeting was dissolved

Monday May 2nd 1859

The General Committee of Management, met this evening present -

The President - in the Chair
Mr Edwards
" Rollings
" Gibb
" Blackburn
Dr Gilbee

The Minutes of Committee Meeting held April 18th were read and confirmed

The Minutes of Special Meeting of Members held April 18th were read and approved

The following a/c for the month were examined and ordered for payment viz.

Gas Company (April Gas a/c)	£10-15-0
Sundry a/c	3-15-0
Blundell	2-13-0
Franklyn	4-2-6
The Secretary	25-0-0
" Assistant Porter	7-10-0
" Porter Assistant	10-0-0
" Sundries	2-17-0
	£66-13-6

The Balance in Bank as shown by Pass Book at this date May 2, is £250-12-6

A letter from the Water Commissioners was read in answer to the letter of April 27 forwarded by the Secretary remonstrating against the rates for water. The Commissioners objected to reduce the rate which they had fixed as the value of the premises

The Secretary was instructed to procure a tender for the introducing water pipes & into the Buildings

May 2nd 1859

A Letter was read from Mr. Charles Webb requesting payment of the premium of £50 offered by the Committee for the Best Design and the sum of £5-1-6 for air & light. The Committee postponed the consideration of this Letter until next meeting.

The Committee proceeded to select a ^{number} of new Books from a parcel bought in for approval, see list in 4th Book.

The Secretary presented a list of Books from Messrs. of London. The Committee suggested that the Cat. should be examined and such Books as were suitable for the Library be marked and submitted to the Committee at their next meeting.

Notice of Motion by Mr. Edwards

That the resolutions passed by the Committee on the 2nd day of March last amalgamating the Finance & Library Sub-Committee be rescinded.

That a Finance Sub-Committee and a Library Sub-Committee be elected.

That the Committee do proceed forthwith to make such selection.

By Mr. Edwards

- 1 That it is desirable for the best interests of the Institution that the Reading Room and Library be enlarged.
- 2 That as such enlargement cannot be effected without providing accommodations for the Secretary a Cottage with conveniences be erected at the rear of the present Building at a cost not exceeding £500.
- 3 That upon such Cottage being completed the Reading Room and Library be enlarged.
- 4 That until such Cottage be completed the Salary of the Secretary be increased to the sum of £350 per Annum.

May 2nd 1859

Such increase to commence on the 1st day of June next.

5. That contingent upon the before resolutions being carried into a Sub-Committee to consist of

The President

Mr. Gibbs

" Blackburn

" Edwards

" Rollings

" Alston

be appointed to consider and report to the General Committee as to the best mode of providing the funds for erecting such Cottage and enlargement of rooms.

W. H. Murray

Chairman

Monday May 16th 1859

The General Committee of Management met this evening present

The President in the Chair

Mr. Edwards

Mr. Alston

" Rollings

" Blackburn

" Kerr

" Gibbs

" Burt

" Ferris

Dr. Murray

Dr. Gilchrist

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Mr. Webb's letter was again brought forward and after some discussion it was resolved that the amount claimed by Mr. Webb be paid to him viz £55-1-6.

The subject of Vendors for the introduction of water into the Building was postponed till next meeting.

The President recommended that a Sub-Committee be appointed

16th May 1859

for the superintendance of the classes in connection with the Institution

On the Motion of Mr. Blackburn seconded by Mr. Burt it was resolved that the President and Mr. Gibbs be appointed a sub-committee for that purpose ^{with full powers} Carried

In accordance with the notice of Motion given at last meeting Mr. Edward moved and Mr. Blackburn seconded the following Motion That a Committee of afo. be appointed Carried

It was ~~suggested~~ ^{proposed} that the three following form the Committee of afo. viz Messrs Alston, Blackburn, & Burt Agreed

Mr. Edward notice of Motion No. 1. viz That it is desirable for the best interests of the Institution that the Reading & Library rooms be enlarged Carried unanimously

Mr. Edward withdrew his notice of Motion No. 2. 3. 4.

Notice of Motion No. 5. as amended was passed unanimously

That a sub-committee to consist of the Vice President, Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Blackburn, Mr. Edward, Mr. Rollings, Mr. Alston, Mr. Anselm be appointed to consider and report to the General Committee as to the best mode of providing the funds of effecting such enlargement and of providing the funds

The Secretary laid on the table a letter from Mr. Charles H. Compton offering to give a course of three Lectures on Music with Illustrations Terms £26-8 for the course

The consideration of the above was postponed till next meeting when the subject of Lectures for the Winter would be brought forward

Mr. Burt presented to the Institution a Copy of the ~~Freeholder~~ Monitor or British Freeholder 1760 to 1765. 3 Vols

It was moved by Mr. Alston seconded by Dr. Macadam & Carried That the thanks of the Committee be given to Mr. Burt for his very valuable gift

16th May 1859

The Committee next proceeded to select new work for the Library a list of which is given in the 4th Book

It was moved by Mr. Blackburn seconded by Mr. Gibbs and Carried That £30 for Books, and £10 for the Binding be remitted by the present mail, from monies list just received Carried

Confirmed W. Hearn
June 6th 1859

Monday June 6th 1859

The General Committee of Management met this evening present

The President in the Chair	
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Walsh
" Rollings	" Alston
" Burt	" Gibbs
Dr. Murray	Genl Anselm Rn.

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed

The following afo. brought up from the Finance Committee were approved and passed in the usual manner

Mr. Webb, Architect	£55-1-6
" Owen, Carpenter	9-8-6
Sundry afo.	5-10-6
Mason & Faith, Printing Report	7-16--
Messrs. Syme, Adv. f.	8-2--
Printing Binding	9-10--
Robertson, Bookseller	4-2-6
Mouritz & Poole (Cooks)	5-10--
Cable, Bookseller	8-4-6
The Porter	6-0-0
" Assistant	8-0-0
" Secretary	25-0-0
Sundries	4-17-6
Exp. for May	14-11-6

June 6/57

The Secretary laid on the Table Two Tenders for laying on the Water

On the Motion of Mr. Alston seconded by Dr. Murray and Carried That the Tender of Joseph Bellinger be accepted for the $\frac{3}{4}$ in Service pipe with Coak & Ferrules for £9-12-6 the piping to be such as approved of by the Commissioners

The Secretary was instructed to see to introducing small grates for ventilation under the floors of the Offices

The Secretary stated that the Sub-Committee appointed at last meeting to consider the Best and Cheapest mode of effecting the Alterations so much required in the Reading Room and Library met to consider the same

The plan recommended by the Sub-Committee was as follows That the partitions in the Reading Room and Library be removed and metal pillars be introduced to support the Lecture Hall and a Cottage erected in the rear for the Secretary

It was moved by Mr. Alston seconded by Mr. Gibbs that

that a subscription list be opened for the purpose of raising a fund for the extension of the Reading Room and Library as recommended by the Sub-Committee

The following were appointed a Sub-Committee to draw up an address to the members on the above subject viz
The President
Mr. Ainslie
The Secretary

A letter was read from the Assistant Librarian applying for an increase of salary

On the Motion of Dr. Murray seconded by Mr. Edwards & Carried That the salary be from the first week in June £2-10-0 per week being an increase of 10/-

Letters were received from Mr. Gardner C. S. and Mr. Tompkins Teacher of Music offering their services to deliver Lectures

in connection with the Institution

The Committee respectfully declined the same with thanks as arrangements had not yet been made for a course of Lectures

Lieut. Ainslie R.M. undertook to see Mr. Young respecting his giving a series of Shakespearean Readings

A. Ainslie
Chairman
20th June 1857

Monday June 20th 1857

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

Lieut. Ainslie R.M. in the Chair
Mr. Edwards Mr. Alston
Dr. Murray " Russell
Mr. Burt " Walster
" Rollings " Gibbs
" Bolinain

The Minutes of previous meeting held June 6th were read and confirmed

The Secretary stated that on his own responsibility he had applied to Mr. Webb, Architect, for his opinion respecting the erection of a Cottage in the rear and the alterations in the Reading Room and Library requesting at the same time that he (Mr. W.) would say what might be the probable cost of said Cottage and Alterations

The Secretary laid on the Table a design furnished by Mr. Webb estimated to cost under £400, The alterations in the Reading Room and Library could be done for about £100. After the above statement was made considerable discussion took place as to how much of the above should be undertaken at once. Some of the members

were anxious that the internal alterations should be commenced immediately but as that would necessitate the removal of the Secretary from the Building until other accommodation was prepared for him, it was felt that some further consideration of the question ~~should be made~~ was necessary, particularly as regards the expense and the means of raising the money, before the General Committee could finally decide upon such works as it would have executed. The agreement by which the services of the Secretary were secured was read and the Committee felt that that agreement must be fulfilled.

After much desultory discussion it was finally moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Dr. Murray and Car^r:

That the sub Committee appointed on the 15th May last consisting of the Vice President, Mr. Gibb, Mr. Black, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Rollings, Mr. Alston, Mr. Ausmich do report in writing to the General Committee as to the best mode of effecting the enlargement of the Reading Room and Library, of providing accommodation for the Secretary and raising the necessary funds to carry out the same.

Mr. Ausmich stated that he had seen Mr. R. Young according to his promise to the Committee at their last meeting. That Mr. Young in the most handsome manner accepted the desire of the Committee to give Shakespearean Readings provided the time would suit his other engagements.

The arrangement with Mr. R. Young to be left with the President and the Secretary.

Mr. Balmain gave notice of motion as follows, for next meeting.

That in future the meetings of the Committee of the Institution be held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Thomas Alston
Chairman and
4 July 1859

Report

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Notice

July 4th 1859

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

Mr. Alston in the Chair	
" Edwards	Leut Ausmich
" Rollings	Mr Balmain
" Gibb	" Burt
" Kerr	Dr. Gilbee
" Langlands	Dr. Murray
" Russell	

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed

The following accounts brought up from the Finance Committee recommended for payment were passed in the usual manner

The Assistant (6 weeks)	12-10-
" Porter "	7-10-
Gas Company (June etc)	13-15-9
The Secretary	25- "
Victoria Insurance	9- "
Pilley	4-9-
Sundries	1-10-
Water Rate to Sep 30)	5-12-6
Bellinger	12-18-6
McKlass Plaster	4-2-6
	£ 96-8-3

The Secretary laid on the table the following report which was read and on the motion of Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Gibb that the report of the sub-committee be received and adopted was carried unanimously.

24th June 1859

Report of the sub-committee appointed the 16th day of May 1859 to consider and report to the General Committee of Management the best mode of effecting the enlargement of the accommodation in the Building and providing the funds for the same.

Mr President & Gentlemen

Your sub committee having met and attentively considered the subject for which they were appointed they to lay before the Committee the following recommendations as the result of their deliberations.

1 That a Cottage be erected at the rear of the Building for the accommodation of the Secretary on as cheap a plan as possible so that the rooms which he now occupies may be vacated

2 That all the partitions in the east side of the Building be removed, and such number of metal pillars introduced as may be found necessary for supporting the Hall above. This alteration will make one room measuring 25 ft. x 33 ft. for the Library

3 That the partition in the present reading room be removed and metal pillars introduced instead which will make clear space measuring 25 ft. x 33 ft. for the Reading Room

4 That the above additions and alterations do not exceed the sum of £500

5 That the Trustees be requested to procure from the Bank such portions of the above sum as may be necessary to enable the Committee to proceed immediately with the said improvements

Signed J. M. Gibb Chairman
William Rollings
John Edwards

Mr. Balmain's notice of motion

It was moved by Mr. Balmain seconded by Mr. Ousewich that in future the meetings of the Committee of this Institution be held at 1/4 past 4 o'clock in the afternoon during the months of July, Aug, Sep. of 1859. Four voted for and five against the motion. was lost

A letter was read from the Rev. Mr. Hegginson referring to the stormy public meeting held in the Hall of the Institution June 29th on which occasion a number of persons took possession of the room with a view of discussing a subject different from that for which the room was engaged, and after the individuals had left the Building, who had paid for the use of the Hall.

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

That the Chairman of this meeting answer the letter of the Rev. Mr. Hegginson by regretting that there should have been any occasion for putting out the Gas but under the circumstances the Committee approve of the Secretary's conduct

Mr. Bakers letter of application for the use of the Hall on behalf of the Female Refuge on Monday 18th inst.

It was proposed by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Gibb and carried that the Hall be granted free of charge

The Secretary informed the Committee that the prospectus describing the privileges of the Institution was out of print and present tenders for reprinting the same

Mr. Williams tender for 5,000 for £6-5-0 was accepted on the motion of Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Gibb & carried

Letter from Mr. Mackay requesting his Library deposit returned Granted

The following New Books were passed
Hugh Millers Sketch Book of Popular Geology
Liebig's Letters on Modern Agriculture

Dr. Gilbey moved and Mr. Barts seconded the following motion which was carried unanimously

That Mr. Webb prepare specifications and advertise for tenders for the additions and alterations to the Building to be presented to next meeting of Committee

Confirmed W. Mearns
Chairman

Monday July 18th 1859

The General Committee of Management met
this evening present

The President - in the Chair
Dr. Murray
Mr. Burt Mr. Gibb
" Kerr " Edwards
" Alston Dr. Gilbee
" Russell
" Walcott
" J. Langland

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and
confirmed

A List of seven Tenders was handed in from
Mr. Ch. Webb, for the alterations and additions in
the Institution as follows

Greenshields & Strong	£400
David Mitchell	441
Black & Ritchell	465
Mr. Rollings	486
Robert Pritchard	495
Mason & Thomson	497
Nicol	747

It was moved by Mr. Langland seconded by
Dr. Murray and carried

That the Tender of Messrs Greenshields &
Strong be accepted contingent upon Mr. Webb's approval
- thereof and failing such approval, the Tender of
Mr. Mitchell be accepted

Resolved - That the alterations in the building be
completed before the commencement of the other work

July 18th 1859

It was moved by Mr. Alston seconded by Mr. Walcott
and carried

That a Committee be appointed to
confer with Mr. Webb and that a Sub-Committee to
consist of Messrs Edwards, Gibb, & Langland

Thomas Alston
Chairman

July 20th 1859

The Sub-Committee appointed at last meeting
met present

Mr. Langland
Mr. Gibb

Resolved - That the Tender of Greenshields & Strong
be accepted in accordance with Mr. Webb's recom-
mendation and that the Trustees be requested to
sign the contract and if necessary the General
Committee to be summoned. The contract between the
Contractors and the Trustees was carefully examined by the
Solicitor for the Institution and approved

M. Gibb

Monday August 1st 1859

The General Committee of Management met this evening

present - Mr Alston in the Chair
" Gibbs Mr Walsh
" Burt " Rollings
Dr Gillbee

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and confirmed

The following a/c recommended by the Finance Committee for payment were approved and passed in the usual manner viz

The Secretary	25-0-0
" Assistant	10-0-0
" Porter	6-0-0
Sundries	1-5-6
Gas Company July a/c	13-15-6
	<u>£ 55-1-</u>

The Secretary reported that the Sub Committee having received Mr Webb's letter recommending that the Tender of Messrs Greenstreet & Shaupe be accepted resolved that the same be confirmed and that the Secretary wait on the Trustees and procure their signatures to the Contract

The Secretary further stated that he had done as instructed by the Sub Committee after which the Contractors commenced preparations for the works. The whole to be completed by the 15th Sept^r

A letter from Mr Fairfax was read referring to the charge made by the Secretary for the use of the Hall for a public meeting of to consider the subject of the state aid to religion. The Committee confirmed the charge as regular. Mr Fairfax to be informed of the same

August 1st

The Secretary was instructed to give notice to the Victoria Insurance Company of the alterations now making in the Building

Thomas Alston
Chairman

Friday August 12th 1859

A special meeting of the General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

Mr Balmain in the Chair
Mr Burt Mr Alston
Dr Murray " Alston
Mr Rollings " Walsh
Mr Gibbs

The ~~late~~ secretary stated that he had been instructed by the President to summon this special meeting to get the sanction of the Committee to make a payment to the contractor

It was moved by Mr Gibb seconded by Mr Burt that on the contractor presenting the Architect's certificate for work done according to contract the Chairman be authorized to sign the warrant
Carried

Mr Gibb moved and Mr Burt seconded the following
That the consideration of the formation of the new Office or Committee room be postponed until the contractor has furnished an a/c of the extras and fittings in the Library

On the motion of Mr Langland seconded by Mr Walsh and carried that the following form a Sub Committee to confer with Mr Webb respecting the cost of the proposed new Committee room and to report to a special meeting on Wednesday next viz Messrs Burt, Alston, Balmain & Gibb.

August 15th 1859

The usual Half Monthly meeting did not take place ^{this} evening in consequence of Mr. Bennie delivering a Lecture in the Exhibition Building previous to his leaving for England.

August 19th 1859

The sub-Committee appointed August 12th met this day to consider Mr. Webb's report respecting the proposed new Committee room.

Present - Mr. Gibb
Mr. Burt

Resolved that this sub-Committee recommend to the General Committee the sum of £150 be given to the contractor for all extra work done to present time and the new Committee room complete according to specification.

Thomas Alston
Chairman

August 19th 1859

A special meeting of the General Committee took place this evening.

Present - Mr. Gibb in Chair
Mr. Burt Mr. Kerr
Dr. Murray Mr. Alston
Dr. Gilbee Mr. Rollings

The Secretary represented that another instalment to the Contractor will probably be required before next meeting of the Committee. The Secretary was instructed to present the Warrant to the Chairman of the present meeting on receiving the Architect's Certificate.

August 19th

The Secretary was instructed to request Mr. Webb to see to the proper ventilation of the new Committee room.

On the motion of Mr. Alston seconded by Mr. Kerr that the report of the sub-Committee recommending the sum of £150 for all extra done to present time and the proposed new Committee room and two ventilators to be introduced, be received & adopted was carried.

On the motion of Alston seconded by Dr. Murray & J. A. that the Trustees be requested to provide a further sum of One hundred pounds and Fifty pounds in all Five hundred pounds to complete the alterations at present being carried out.

Thomas Alston
Chairman

Monday Sep^r 5th 1859

The General Committee of Management met this evening Present

Mr. Alston in the Chair
" Edwards Mr. J. Walste
Dr. Murray " Rollings
Mr. Balmain Dr. Gilbee

The Minutes of previous meetings were read and confirmed.

The following a/cs having been examined and recommended for payment by the Finance Committee were passed in the usual manner.

Incudries	2-19-0
Lundry a/c	8-10-3
The Assistant (4 weeks)	10-0-0
The Porter	6-0-0
The Secretary	25-0-0
Gas Company	10-17-6
Janitor	40-0-0

Sep: 5th 1859

Mr. Blackburn's letter of Resignation as Member of Committee was read and accepted

The Secretary stated that Mr Dill had in accordance with the rule 27 vacated his seat as a member of Committee having been absent three months

On the motion of Dr Gilber seconded by Dr Murray Mr Rollings was appointed to visit Mr Webb and examine the post office as to the drainage, and such alterations as are required and to report to next Committee was carried

The Secretary stated that a hand payment would be required by the Contractors previous to next meeting of Committee and requires instructions as to the signing of the warrant. He was instructed to present the warrant to the Chairman of the present meeting for his signature on receiving the Architects certificate

W. M. Gibbs.
Chairman.

Monday Sep: 19th 1859

The General Committee of Management met this evening present

Mr Gibbs in the Chair
" Burt Dr Murray
" Aldton Mr Kerr
" Langlands " Rollings

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Secretary stated that Mr Dill was disqualified under clause 27

19th September 1859

from non attendance at Committee meetings and Mr Blackburn having resigned, as two vacancies were created in the Committee

Messrs Moubroy & Fairfax were proposed as new members of Committee as follows
Mr Moubroy was proposed by Mr Aldton seconded by Mr Burt
Mr Fairfax was proposed by Mr Rollings seconded by Dr Murray and the same to be posted in the reading room until next meeting

A letter was read from Mr Rogers requesting the Committee paper the walls of his office and make other repairs. The Committee agreed to allow him £4-10-0 and to do the repairs on his own responsibility

Dr Murray Mr Burt and the Secretary were appointed to select the paper and see to the finishing alterations in the reading room, on the motion of Mr Langlands seconded by Mr Kerr and carried

The Secretary was instructed to order from Mr Robertson a copy of Veneyers New Room and Adam Bede etc 17/-

Mr Rollings present - of the Victorian Builders Price Book was received with thanks

Mr Rollings report on the drainage of the two offices was received but the consideration of which was allowed to stand over until a settlement with Messrs Freesticks & Co when it would be seen what money could be spared for that object

Mr Summers application for permission to make certain alterations in his office was granted provided he did so at his own expense and under the supervision of Mr Webb moved by Mr Langlands seconded by Dr Murray carried

19th September 1859

The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to the creation of the Right-of-way to Little Collins St. and stated that he had applied to the City Surveyor respecting the same who promised a statement of the probable expense of the making the Lane, and that on examining the plan of the distribution of the properties on sections 2 and 3 it was found that the premises belonging to Mr. Meller encroached about 10ft. on the Right-of-way for about 25 ft frontage

Messrs Barto & Langland were appointed a sub-committee to consult with the solicitor of the Institution respecting the above

Federick Walsh
Chairman

Monday 3rd October 1859

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present Mr. Walsh in the Chair
" Barto Secy. ^{Mr. M. L. G.}
Mr. Murray Mr. Gibb
" Gillbee " Alston
Mr. Edwards " Rollings

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed

The following a/c having been examined and recommended for payment were passed in the usual manner

The Secretary	£25-0-0	Spencey Herald	2-0-0
" Assistant	10-0-0	James Smith & Co	1-0-0
" Paper	6-0-0	Franklyn & Co	11-4-0
Gas Company	7-19-6	Roulston	1-5-0
Sundry a/c	3-15-6	London & Sitch	2-6-6
Victoria Insurance	6-0-0	Runtley	12-7-0
Bandigo Mercury	1-6-0	Schultz	2-5-0
Fairfax & Co	4-7-0	Stevenson & Co	2-16-0

3rd October 1859

The election of two new members of Committee in room of Messrs Bill & Blackburn was next proceeded with in accordance with the notices given at last meeting

Proposed by Mr. Alston seconded by Mr. Barto & Car^e that Mr. John Moubray be elected in room of Mr. Blackburn resigned

Proposed by Mr. Rollings seconded by Dr. Murray & Car^e that Mr. Fairfax be elected in room of Mr. Bill resigned

The Secretary reported that in accordance with the instructions of last Committee Messrs Barto & Murray selected a suitable paper for the walls of the reading room and that the room was now finished

Mr. Edwards reported that he had that day written to Mr. Meller with reference to the encroachments on the Right-of-way Mr. Edwards stated that the delay had arisen in consequence of having to search in the Registry Court for the various transfers of the property

Moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Alston & Car^e that the use of the Committee room be granted to the Rev. Robert Boag for the meeting of classes for instruction until the expiration of the session

Moved by Mr. Gibb seconded by Mr. Barto and Car^e that in future only 2 copies of the Argus be purchased for the reading room, the publishers furnishing one copy gratis, making in all 3 copies

Mr. Rollings' presentation of the following work was received with thanks viz. *Vegetable on the strength of Iron and Houghkisson on the strength of Cast Iron*

Notice of Motion by Mr. Edwards seconded by Dr. Murray that a sub-committee of five members be appointed

to consider and report as to the advisability of forming classes in connection with the Institution for the study of Languages to consist of

Thomas Alston
Chairman

Monday 17th October 1858

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - Mr. Alston in the Chair
" Burt
" Edwards
" Fairfax
" Rollings
" Kerr
Dr. Murray
Professor Stearn

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed

Mr. Edwards notice of motion for the formation of classes in connection with the Institution was brought forward for discussion in which several members took part. Mr. Edwards and Dr. Murray, consenting to alter their original motion as follows

That classes for the study of Languages and other branches of knowledge be recommenced in Decr /58 and continued during the then ensuing summer months was carried unanimously

A letter ~~was read~~ from Mr. John Howard the younger was read informing the Committee that he had written to the Hon. Henry Miller on the subject of the encroachment on the Right-of-way but had received no answer and waited for further instructions from the Committee

October 17th 1859

The Committee instructed the Secretary to inform Mr. Edwards that the matter referred to in his letter was left in his hands

It was moved by Mr. Fairfax seconded by Dr. Murray and carried

That the Solicitor of the Institution be empowered to communicate with Mr. Slight in reference to the window on his property overlooking the Front Buildings of the Institution and intimate to Mr. Slight the intention of the Committee to charge for the use of said window

W. Libby
Chairman

Monday Nov^r 7th 1859

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - Mr. G. W. Gibbs in the Chair
" Edwards Mr. Rollings
" Moutrey " Alston
" Kerr " Langland
" Fairfax
Dr. Murray
Sicut Auswick

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read showing a balance in the Bank to the credit of the Institution of £85-5-3.

The following bills having been examined by the Finance Committee and recommended for payment were passed in the usual manner - viz

7th November 1859

The Secretary (one months salary)	£25-0-0
The Assistant (5 weeks wages)	12-10-0
The Porter (5 weeks wages)	7-10-0
Robert Rogers, repairs	4-10-0
Sundries	3-17-0
Gas Company	9-17-6
F. Guillaume	40-0-0

A letter received from Mr J. Beeward the Gr. Solicitor which was read, intimating that he had written a second time to Mr Miller but had received no answer also that he had written to Mr Wright instructing him to close the window complained of

On the motion of Mr Laugland seconded by Mr Alston the following resolutions referring to the above were carried unanimously

That Mr Beeward's letter be received and that the matter ^{respecting Mr Miller} be referred to the solicitor of the Institution for action thereon and also

That he be instructed to take action against Mr Wright recommending a lease to terminate at one months notice at a nominal rent

The application from the Young Men for the front office No. 1.2. was taken into consideration when the following resolution was proposed by Mr Alston seconded by Mr Kerr and Car

That the Secretary be requested to communicate with the Secretary of the Young Men's Institute and state that if 150 of their number become subscribers to the Institution, the rooms will be set apart for their use

The Secretary brought forward an application from Dr Murray for the Hall for a course of lectures

Resolved that the use of the Hall be granted free on condition the members are admitted free of charge to all the lectures

J. Amis
21 Nov 1859

Monday Nov: 21-1859

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

Lieut Ainslie R.N. M.L.C.
in the Chair
Mr Burt — Mr Murray
" Kerr " Alston
" Laugland " Murray

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved

The application from the Young Men's Sq. was read after which the following motion was moved by Mr Alston seconded by Mr Burt and Car

That if 120 members of the Young Men's Sq. become subscribers to the Mechanics Institution at each paying 5/- entrance fee and 20/- subⁿ £150-0-0 The Young Men to pay for all the alterations and lighting

If 150 of the Young Men become members of the Mechanics Institution each paying 5/- entrance fee and 20/- subscription making £187-10-0

The Committee of the Institution will pay the charges for alterations the Young Men to pay for lighting

Greenhead & Shaug's letter referred to the solicitor of the Institution

Miss Lewis application for use New Room for Teaching Department was granted for 3/3/-

Application for use of room for exhibition of pictures was granted for 3/3/0.

M. L. Ainslie
Chairman.

Monday Dec: 5th 1859

The General Committee of Management met this evening Present

Mr. Gibb in the Chair
" Burt " Alston
" Rollings " Walsh
" Moubray

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed

The following a/c having been ~~was~~ examined and recommended by the Finance Committee for payment were passed in the usual manner

The Assistant - (4 weeks)	10-0-0
The Porter do	6-0-0
The Secretary for Nov.	25-0-0
Gas Company "	11-13-6
Lyons	5-12-
Williams H. H.	7-17-6

The Letter of Dec: 5. from the Young Men's Society was read after which the following resolution was agreed to unanimously

That the Young Men's Society - accept the conditions as stated in Minutes of last meeting viz that 150 members of the Y. M's S. become subscribers to the Mechanics Institution each paying 5/- balance Fee and 20/- for subscription for the year making a total sum of £187-10-0 that these terms to be immediately accepted or the matter to be closed at once so that the rooms may be offer'd to Mr. Stone at a Rental of £3- per week for the Secretary to have discretionary power to make the best terms possible for the Institution

A Letter from Peenshield & Strong claiming the sum of £15-15- for extra work done which they state was not in their agreement - The Committee after duly considering

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the claim resolved to leave the matter in the hands of Mr. Burt for settlement

Confirmed W. H. Mearns
Dec: 19. 1859

Monday Dec: 19th 1859

The General Committee of Management met this evening Present

The President in the Chair
Mr. Gibb " Mr. Walsh
" Alston " Langland
" Moubray " Rollings
Dr. Murray

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and confirmed

The Secretary reported that in consequence of his not being able to meet the wishes of the Young Men's S. without proceeding contrary to the Instructions of the Committee he had discontinued the negotiations with that Society and let the Offices No 1. & 2. to Mr. Stone at a rental of £3. per week for one year

It was moved by Mr. Gibb seconded by Dr. Murray and carried unanimously

That the negotiations between Mr. Stone and the Secretary in reference to the letting of the front-offices and for the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £10- by the Committee for any alterations that may be required by Mr. Stone in the said Offices, be now confirmed

A Letter from Mr. MacKenzie was read referring to the Lighting and Ventilation of the Reading Room, after considerable discussion on the subject the following Members were appointed a sub-committee with full powers to carry out any change for the improvement

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of the Lighting and Ventilation of the Reading Room and that the amount do not exceed £15. On the motion of Mr Alston seconded by Mr Walshe & Co^{rs} a sub-committee Dr Murray, Mr Gibb, Mr Alston,

The Secretary handed to the Chair the Invoice of the Books from Mr. Mudie, London, which was read over. The Committee instructed the Secretary to place the Books into the Library for circulation as soon as possible

Thomas Alston
Chairman

Tuesday 3rd Jan^y 1860

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

Mr Alston in the Chair
" Edwards Mr Burt
" Walshe " Mowbray
Dr Murray " Gibb

The following a/c examined and found correct by the Finance Committee and recommended for payment - were passed in the usual manner

Dr	Greenshield & Son	} 8-8-0
	in full payment of all demands	
	Gas Company	9-3-6
	The Porter 4 weeks	6- " - "
	" Assistant "	10- " - "
	" Secretary	25- " - "
	Surveys	5-16- 4
	Melbourne Insurance	7-10- "

The Secretary stated that Dr Murray and Mr Dempster had had several meetings respecting the Ventilation of the Reading Room, Dr Murray proposed introducing a new plan, Mr Dempster offer^d to do the same and

alter the lighting according to specification for the sum of £14.

The Committee after some discussion on the subject suggested that Mr Dempster should give separate sums for the Ventilation and the Lighting and as the total amount was thought too large Mr Gibb and Mr Alston proposed to send another person to tender for the work

The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to the new books on the table lately received from Mudie of London. The Committee expressed themselves well satisfied with the selection and the manner which the order had been executed

In consequence of Professor Hearn's intimation that ~~in~~ his numerous engagements would prevent him from offering himself for election as president of the Institution for the ensuing year, a lengthened conversation took place respecting his successor, the subject was however postponed until next meeting in order to give members time to consider the matter more fully

Thos Mowbray

Monday Jan^y 16th 1860

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

Mr Mowbray in the Chair
" Rollings
" Edwards
" Burt
" Alston
" Kerr
Dr Murray

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed