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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 Walsle & 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
" Walsle " 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

Jan^y 16/60

"Ventilation of the Reading Room" The Secretary reported that Mr. Dempster given in separate tenders for the Ventilation and Lighting of the Reading Room the first £6. and the second £7. and that it had been decided that Mr. Dempster should proceed with the work under the superintendence of Dr. Murray

The subject of under discussion at last meeting with reference to the President for 1860 was again brought forward when it was unanimously resolved to propose Dr. Greaves as President for the ensuing year

The following members were proposed as a sub-committee for to prepare the Annual Report to be presented to the Annual General Meeting of the members to be held in accordance with the Rules on the last Tuesday in Jan^y (viz 31st day) was carried unanimously

A special meeting of the General Committee of Management to be summoned for Friday evening next to receive the Draft of the Annual Report

The Secretary informed the Committee that the Auditors had held a meeting and examined the a/c and the Treasurers statement and signed the same as being correct

The Chairman read the Abstract of the Treasurers statement of accounts for 1859 which shewed a Balance in the Bank on the 4th Jan/60 of £107-2-3

The Secretary stated that he had proposed to the Trustees that their acceptance at the Bank for £500 which falls due on the 5th inst. should be renewed for £400 for 4 months to which proposal they had agreed

W. Murray
Chairman

Friday 27th Jan^y 1860

Special meeting of the General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

Mr. Murray in the Chair
" Burt
" Rollings
" Kerr
Dr. Murray

The Secretary brought up the Draft of the Annual Report from the sub-committee The Secretary having read over the Report. It was moved by Dr. Murray seconded by Mr. Rollings that the Report as now read be received and accepted by this committee
Carried unanimously

The Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 31st Jan^y 1860

The Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution was held this evening at 8 p.m. in accordance with the Rule 15

Dr. Gilbee, Vice President - in the Chair

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Jan^y 25 - 1858 and the adjourned meeting held Feb. 9 and the Special Meetings held March 2 and April 18 were read and confirmed

The Secretary read the Report of the General Committee of Management for 1859 and the Treasurers Balance sheet to Dec^r 31 - 1859 shewing a balance to the credit of the Institution, in the Bank, of £107-2-3 while the outstanding

Annual General Meeting, Jan. 31st 1860
liabilities due on the 1st Jan 1860 would be about
£150 which sum included the Architect-Commission
on the amount of the Contractors acc, of £84.

It was moved by Mr. Blair seconded Mr. Cook and
carried that the Report as now read be received
adopted and printed

It was moved and seconded - that Mr. Cook and
Mr. Godfrey be appointed Scrutineers was carried
unanimously

It was moved by Dr. McKenna and seconded by Mr.
W. H. Williams that Dr. Reeves be elected the
President for the ensuing year

Mr. Balmain moved and Mr. Kern seconded
that Dr. Filbee be elected President for the
ensuing year (Dr. Filbee immediately vacated the
chair which was taken by Mr. Mowbray)
On the two names being put to the Meeting Dr. Filbee's
was carried by a large majority

Dr. Filbee was therefore declared duly elected
President for 1860

It was moved by Mr. Clouston seconded by Mr. Alston
that Mr. Geo. Mowbray be elected Vice President
for the ensuing year was car.^d unanimously

It was moved by Mr. Christopher Hall seconded by Mr. Wm.
Murray that Messrs. Langland, Fortson & Clark be
re-elected Trustees for the ensuing year
was carried unanimously

It was moved by Mr. Fairfax seconded by Mr. Clouston
that the Hon. D. Wilkie M.D. M. L. C. be re-elected the
Treasurer for 1860 was car.^d unanimously

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It was moved by Mr. Slater seconded by Mr. James
that Messrs. John Smith and James Scott be
re-elected Auditors for the ensuing year
was carried unanimously

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Higginson seconded
by Mr. Geo. Dempster

the following gentlemen be re-elected Curators
for the ensuing year viz

Rev. A. Morrison

Dr. Howitt

Dr. Macadam

Dr. Cadell

J. C. Balmain

was Car.^d unanimously

It was resolved by the unanimous ^{consent} of the
Meeting that the office of Vice President should
not be filled up this year

The meeting next proceeded to elect Eleven Members
of the Committee of Management in room of

Alston Geo

Ainslie Lieut. R.M. M. L. C.

Burto J. P.

Filth, Edward M.

Kern Hon.

Langland John

Walsh Fred

} 7 members who return
by rotation but are
eligible for re-election

Blackburn James

Dill George

Jones John

Russell John

} 4 members who have vacated
their seats for non-attendance

The following gentlemen were nominated to fill
the vacancies viz

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Alston Thos
 Aulsebrook, Lieut R.N.
 Burt J. F.
 Gibb Edward M.
 Kerr Hain.
 Langland John
 Walsh Fred.
 Rutter, F. O.
 Johnson Walter
 Mackenna Dr.
 Thomson John
 Clerk
 Slater Geo
 Higginson Rev. Mr.
 Hall Christopher
 Murray Mr.

The ^{Chairman} next proceeded with the assistance of the scrutineers to the election by in accordance with Rule 13. with the following result-

Alston Thos	19	} The seven highest in the roll for two years
Kerr Hain.	19	
Langland John	19	
Walsh Fred.	18	
Gibb Edw M.	17	
Rutter, Geo. Oswald	17	
Burt J. F.	17	
Mackenna Dr.	13	} These four for one year
Higginson Rev. Mr.	13	
Thomson John	12	
Hall Ch.	10	

Messrs Hall, Slater, Murray, & Johnson, being 10 each a ballot was taken by the chairman only, when the result was that Mr. Hall was the successful candidate

A vote of thanks was given to the chairman for his conduct in the chair which was suitably acknowledged by him.

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by the ~~President~~ for the honor done him in electing him to the office of President of the Institution for the ensuing year

William Gilbee

Monday 6th Feb^y 1860

The General Committee of Management met this evening
 Present

Mr. Gibb in the Chair	7:30
" Edwards Mr. Rutter	"
Dr. Murray " Hall	"
Mr. Kerr " Alston	"
" Rollings	"
" Langland	"
The President	8:30

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting were read over and approved

The Election of sub-Committees was next proceeded with as follows

Moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Rollings & Carried that a Finance sub-committee be appointed for the year 1860 and that such sub-committee do consist of

The President	The Vice President
Mr. Edwards	Mr. Gibb
" Alston	" Burt

Moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Langland & Carried that a Library sub-committee be appointed for the year 1860 and that such sub-committee do consist of the following

The President,	Dr. Murray
Mr. Edwards	Dr. Mackenna
" Rutter	Mr. Langland

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Moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Burto & Carried
That a House sub-Committee be appointed
for the year 1860 and that such sub-Committee consist
of the following

The President	Mr. Edwards
Mr. Rollings	" Kerr
" Langland	" Hall

The statement of a/c for the past month was examined and
found correct
The following a/c were passed for payment in the usual
manner viz

The Secretary	25-0-0
" Assistant (Sweat)	12-10-0
" Porter	7-10-0
Clayson's printers	1-12-6
Printing	9-1-0
Gas Company	11-2-3
Sundries	5-8-0

A letter from Mr. Nutt, solicitor was read drawing attention to
an old a/c due the publishers of the Hobartown Courier
It was resolved to leave the settlement of the same in the
hands of the Finance sub-Committee

The Secretary stated in accordance with the usual
customs he had requested tenders to be sent in for the
printing of the Annual Report and was laid them on the table
The Chairman proceeded to open them as follows

	500	750
Clayson & Co	7-0-0	8-2-6
Anderson	7-16-0	9-11-0
Mason & Smith	6-0-0	7-15-0
Williams	6-8-0	7-15-0
Armstrong	6-10-0	8-0-0
Fairfax	7-0-0	8-10-0
Goodhugh	6-6-0	8-10-0

6 Feb^y 1860

Proposed by Mr Kerr seconded by Mr Murray & Carried
That Mr. Williams tender for 750 copies of 57-15-0
be accepted

Mr. Murray
Chairman

Monday 20th Feb^y 1860

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

The Vice President in the Chair
Rev ^d H. Stinson, Mr. Murray
Mr. Edwards, Mr. Ch. Hall
" Burto, " Kerr
" Rollings, " Gibbs
" Thomson

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Secretary stated that with reference to the a/c of the
Hobartown Courier mentioned in minutes of last meeting
the Finance Committee met on the 9th inst. and after fully
considering the subject, resolved to accept the offer of Mr. Nutt
Solicitor that on the sum of £12-10-0 being paid to him he
would grant a receipt in full of all demands on behalf of
the publishers. The a/c has been paid in accordance with
the above resolution

The application from the Philharmonic Society through Mr
Rutter was next considered when on the motion of Mr. Thompson
seconded by Mr. Burto that the proposition of the
Philharmonic Society to pay £80 per annum exclusive of
gas be accepted and that the evening be Tuesday & Friday
was carried

20th Feb^y 1860

Moved by Mr. Gibb seconded by Mr. Rollings and carried that the Finance Committee bring up a statement of the estimated income and expenditure for the current year

Resolved that the next meeting of the General Committee of Management be held at 4 o'clock afternoon on the 5th day of March next to give the Trustees an opportunity of attending when the case of encroachment on the Right-of-Way by the Hon. Henry Millar will be submitted

Moved by the Rev. H. Higginson seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried that the suggestions Book be laid on the table every committee meeting

Dr. Black

Monday March 5th 1860

The General Committee of the Management met this afternoon at 4 o'clock in accordance with the resolution passed at last meeting

- Present
- | | |
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| Dr. Black in the Chair | |
| Mr. Mowbray | Mr. Thomson |
| " Langlands | " Rutter |
| Dr. Murray | " Rollings |
| Dr. Mackenzie | " Edwards |
| Rev. H. Higginson | (Dr. Gillies 5 o'clock) |
| Mr. [unclear] | |

The Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Minutes of Finance Committee held Feb. 28 and March were read and also the Minutes of the Library and House Committees held March 2 and 3.

The following papers having been examined and recommended for payment by the Finance Committee were put to

March 5th 1860

The meeting and passed in the usual manner

viz	The Secretary (one month)	£ 25-0-0
	" Assistant (4 weeks)	10-0-0
	" Porter (4 weeks)	6-0-0
	J. Guillaume on a/c	40-0-0
	Sundry a/c	3-7-6

Mr. Edwards having introduced the subject of the encroachment on the Right-of-Way facing from the back of the Institution to Little Collier St., said he had the original of the Right-of-Way from which the various allotments were sold, and that the copy now produced showed by red lines the extent of the encroachment. Mr. Edwards also read the Opinion of Mr. Fellows with respect to the power of the Trustees to compel the removal of the encroachments.

The matter having been fully discussed it was suggested that the members of the Committee now present should personally inspect the place and they would be the better able to understand the whole affair, which was agreed to. The Committee having again assembled the following motion was moved by Mr. Rutter seconded by Dr. Gillies and carried unanimously

"That a deputation consisting of Dr. Black, Mr. Langlands, Rev. H. Higginson, Mr. Mowbray, Dr. Greaves, Dr. Murray and the mover, wait upon the Hon. Henry Millar to represent the nature of his encroachment upon the Right-of-Way and to learn his intentions in reference to it"

Resolved, - that the Secretary be instructed to inform Mr. Millar of the above and ascertain when it would be convenient for him to receive the deputation

Resolved - that the Secretary write to Mr. Slight respecting the window in his property overlooking the post-offices and request an answer before next meeting of Committee. The above resolution was moved by Rev. H. Higginson seconded by Mr. Mowbray and carried unanimously.

Mr. Mowbray
Chairman

Monday March 19th 1860

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present The Vice President in the Chair
Dr. Murray
Mr. Rutter
" Thomson
Rev. St. Higginson

The Minutes of previous Meeting were read and confirmed

The Chairman stated, that the Deputation appointed at last meeting to wait on the Hon. Henry Miller with reference to the encroachment on the Right-of-way met by appointment with Mr. Miller on Saturday March 10th a report of the conversation which took place at the meeting was read

In consequence of the small attendance at this meeting it was unanimously resolved that the subject of the encroachment be referred to next meeting of the General Committee

The Secretary stated that he had written to Mr. Hays respecting the Window as instructed by the Committee at their last meeting, but had received no answer Resolved that this matter also stand over till next meeting of the General Committee

The Secretary be instructed to announce in the notice papers for next meeting that the two cases mentioned above would be brought before the meeting and that members be specially requested to attend

W. Gibbs
Chairman

Monday April 2nd 1860

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present-

Mr. Gibbs in the Chair
" Thomson
Dr. Murray
Rev. St. Higginson
Mr. Rollings
" Edwards
" Kerr
Dr. Mackenna
Mr. Burt

Minutes of the previous Meeting of the General Committee were read and confirmed

Minutes of the Finance Committee were read and approved. The Minutes of the Library and Lecture Sub-Committee were also read

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

2/5	The Secretary 1 Mo.	£25-0-0
	The Assistant - 5 weeks	13-10-0
	The Porter 5 weeks	7-10-0
	Franklyn	4-0-0
	Gas Feb.	7-7-0
	Sundry a/cs	3-6-0

On the recommendation of the Library Committee that a Suppl. to the Catalogue be printed at a cost of not more exceeding £4-10-0

The Committee unanimously resolved that the Suppl. should be printed as speedily as possible and not to exceed the sum named by the Library Committee

The subject of the Winter Course of Lectures was next brought forward when it was resolved to leave the arrangements in the hands of the Sub-Committee

April 2/60

The subject referring to the encroachment on the Right-of-Way by the Hon. Henry Miller which was postponed from last meeting in consequence of the small attendance, was again brought under the notice of the Committee

The Secretary having read the minutes referring to the meeting of the Deputation with the Hon. Henry Miller, after which Mr. Edwards suggested that he would bring up a report of the case for next meeting and that the consideration of the subject should be postponed until next meeting was agreed to

The case against Mr. Slight was brought forward from last meeting for the decision of the Committee when it was moved by Mr. Higginson seconded by Mr. Kerr

"That the solicitor be requested to take the readiest course to preserve the rights of the Institute in reference to the houses belonging to Mr. Slight overlooking their premises from the East" Carried

Resolved That the arrangements for the formation of classes for the Winter Session be left to Library and Lectures Committee

J. P. Mowbray
Chairman

Monday 16th April 1860

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

The Vice President in the Chair
Mr. Edwards Rev. H. Higginson
" Rollings Mr. Kerr
" Burt " Thomson

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the General Committee of Management held 2nd day of April/60 were read and confirmed

The subject referring to the encroachment on the Right-of-Way by Mr. Henry Miller was again brought forward when after considerable discussion, the following resolution was moved by Rev. H. Higginson seconded by Mr. Kerr, and carried

"That the Secretary write to the Hon. Henry Miller, stating that the Committee of the Mechanics Institution understanding that Mr. Miller admitted to the Deputation which waited on him on Saturday March 10th, that his property abutting on the Right-of-Way at the back of the Institution encroached on such Right-of-Way and assured them that when he ~~rebuilds~~ rebuilds the premises in about a years time he will conform to the proper boundaries - The Committee therefore agree to defer further action in the meantime without prejudice to their claim" (See over for minutes of meeting of Deputation)

A Letter from Mr. Rogers was read requesting a reduction of rent for the Office which he now occupies It was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Higginson and carried

"That the Committee cannot entertain the proposal of Mr. Rogers for a reduction of rent but that the refusal of the adjoining Office to his own be given him on said Office becoming vacant, on same terms as those Offices of the opposite side, and in the event of his still continuing the tenant of the Institution he be allowed to

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remove the partition mentioned in his letter in terms as therein specified"

Thos. Mowbray

March 10th 1860

Minutes of Deputation appointed to wait on
The Hon. Henry Millar

President - Henry Langlands Esq., Trustee
Thos. Mowbray Esq., Vice President.
Rev. H. Higginson
Dr. Murray

The Secretary stated that he had summoned the Deputation of Members appointed at last meeting to confer with the Hon. Henry Millar half an hour previous to the time fixed for waiting on Mr. Millar so that any arrangement might be made if necessary.

At one o'clock the Deputation waited upon Mr. Millar according to appointment.

Mr. Mowbray stated the object of the Deputation after which the Rev. H. Higginson showed the plan of the Right-of-way and explained the nature of the encroachment.

Mr. Millar admitted that there was an encroachment but not to the extent the Committee stated and requested that the Committee would not press the matter for 12 months when he intended to have the whole pulled down and rebuilt and would then see to the proper measurements.

Mr. Millar urged the Deputation to represent to the Committee that there would be a difficulty connected with the making the alterations at the present time in as much as the premises were let on lease and the lease would not expire until about 12 months.

Mr. Henry Langlands and Dr. Murray also took part in the discussion on the subject.

The Deputation promised to lay the statements of Mr. Millar before the Committee.

May 7th 1860

The General Committee on Management met this evening

Present - The Vice-president -
Mr. Edwards
Dr. Murray
Mr. Ham. Kerr
Dr. Wilkie

The Minutes of previous meeting of the General Committee of Management were read and confirmed.

The Secretary stated that he had written to the Hon. Henry Millar in accordance with the instructions of last Committee and that since doing so he had waited personally on Mr. Millar and ascertained that he had received the letter and that he still adhered to his former resolution to rebuild the premises now encroaching on the Right-of-way and in doing so to keep within his proper boundaries.

The Secretary also stated that he had communicated with Mr. Rogers in answer to his application for a reduction of the rent of the Office occupied by him and informed him that the Committee could not entertain his application for a reduction of rent but the alterations which he wished to be wished to have made, might be done at his own expense, and the partition replaced if necessary when he left the Office and should the Office occupied by Mr. Rogers be vacated Mr. Rogers may have the both at £3. weekly.

The following a/c brought up from the Finance Sub-Committee recommended for payment were passed in the usual manner.

The Treasurer's monthly statement having been examined and by the Finance Committee and found correct was laid on the table.

The Balance in the Bank to the credit of the Institution

7th May 1860

as shown by the Treasurer's statement - May 4th
was £163-13-9

apes passed

Bank on ape of Bill due 7 May	50-0-0
Discount on renewal of Bill for 4 mos.	11-15-10
The Secretary	25-"-"
" Assistant	10-"-"
" Porter	6-"-"
W. A. Williams	7-15-"
Sundries	4-6-6
Gas 2 mos. March & April	14-15-9
McMurath	9-2-11
Guillaume	30-"-"
Remptster	14-"-"
	£ 182-16-"

W. Mowbray

Monday May 21st 1860

The General Committee of Management met
this evening

Present

The Vice-president in the Chair

Mr. Burto	Dr. Murray
" Thomson	Rev. St. Higginson
Dr. Gibbs	Mr. Edwards
Mr. Gibb	Dr. Gibbes
Dr. Mackinnon	Mr. John Langlands

The Minutes of previous meeting of the General
Committee of Management were read and
confirmed

Application from Mr. Adolphus Ziegler for the use of a
room to hold a French and German class two evenings in
the week and offering a donation of £5-5-0 to the Institution

on condition that the Committee open the classes to
the public. After considerable discussion on the subject
it was found that the Committee could not comply
with the request of Mr. Ziegler, it being contrary to the
56th Rule. The following motion was therefore made
by Mr. Gibb seconded by Rev. St. Higginson
"That the application of Mr. Ziegler cannot be
entertained in its present form."

was Carried

Inquiry was made by several members of Committee
as to what steps were being taken for the formation
of classes for the winter months. The Secretary stated
that he had at the request of the Sub-Committee
sent a small advertisement to the papers requesting
such members as were desirous of joining the classes
to enroll their names immediately, and in a few
days the Sub-Committee would be in a position
to say whether or not they would recommend the
formation of classes or otherwise this year

W. Mowbray

Monday June 4th 1860

The General Committee met this evening present

Mr. Mowbray	Vice present in the chair
" Edwards	Dr. Murray
" Thomson	Mr. Burto
Rev. Mr. Higginson	" Rollings
Mr. Gibbs	

The Minutes of General Committee of Management
were read and confirmed
The Minutes of the Finance, Library, & House, Committees
were also read

The Monthly statement of ape certified by the Treasurer

Sub Committee was placed on the table showing a balance in the Bank of £69-8-9.

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

Gas Company (May off)	✓	11-0-6
The Porter (4 weeks)	✓	6-0-0
The Assistant (4 weeks)	✓	10-0-0
The Secretary (1 month)	✓	25-0-0
Sydney Herald July to Dec/57		2-0-0
Walsby & Sons		2-0-0
Cable		1-1-6
Stargraves		2-0-0
St. Kilda Chronicle for advert ^g		1-0-0
Collingwood Observer "		1-0-0
Water Powell		"-6-6
Blundell		3-18-6
Sullivan		5-0-0
Mudries		2-19-0
		<u>£ 73-6-0</u>

The Minutes of the sub Committee with respect to the classes was brought under the notice of the Committee when sanction was given to open an Abolition and a French Class the first under the charge of Mr. Hill and the second under Mr. Hervey

The Secretary stated that he expected a very large attendance at Mr. Michie's Lecture and he had no doubt the Hall would be filled long before 8 o'clock he would therefore respectfully suggest that members of Committee should be present as early as possible

The Secretary also stated with reference to the above that several members had suggested that the Lecture be given in the Exhibition Building after some discussion on the subject a motion was put that the Lecture be given in the Hall of the Institution was carried

The letter from Mr. Gibbons was read to the meeting as following

Copies

5 Collin St. Scot.
31 May 1860

Furtheron

As I have been obstructive in my endeavours to benefit your institution and have been otherwise insulted by your Secretary I request permission to attend your next meeting in order to ^{make} charges against that Officer and to represent the case to you better than can otherwise be done

I am further
Yours Obedient Servant
Mr. Sydney Gibbons

The Committee of the
Mechanics Institution

After considerable discussion as to the mode of receiving charges against the Officers of the Institution the following motion was made by Mr. Gibbs seconded by Mr. Collings

"That whatever matter of complaint Mr. Gibbons has against the Secretary of this Institution the Committee beg to request Mr. Gibbons to make the statement in writing" was carried

Mr. Mowbray
Vice President

Monday June 18th 1860

~~The Minutes of Meeting held June 4th were read and confirmed~~

The General Committee of Management met this evening present-

The Vice-President - in the Chair
Mr. Hann. Kerr, Mr. Thomson,
" Burt, Rev. St. Higginson,
Dr. Murray, Mr. Gibbs,
The President.

The Minutes of previous Meeting held June 4th were read and confirmed

The Secretary reported that Mr. Michie's Lecture produced the sum of £27.7-0 and that the total proceeds of the course amounted to £50-15-0. The expenses would be about £20.

Mr. Higginson brought under the notice of the Committee that the price of admission to Mr. Michie's Lecture had been altered and he wished to know by whose authority. The Secretary stated that he had the authority from the Committee to increase or otherwise the accommodation for the reserved seats and on this occasion he had only done so. He was not aware that any had left the building because they could not get admission for 1/2 before the Lecture commenced, he had sold 47 tickets at 1/2 @

After some discussion on the omission of the 1/2 from the advertisement announcing the Lecture it was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Burt

"That the price of admission to the Lecture, be not in future altered unless with the special concurrence of the Committee" carried

The Secretary stated that in consequence of the smallness of the number who had responded to the advertisement respecting the classes, the gentlemen recommended at

last meeting to take charge of the classes deemed doing so unless a larger number could be procured. The sub-Committee recommended that the classes should be advertised a few more times agreed to

The following were submitted to the meeting, the Secretary stating the reasons for introducing them at this meeting the Committee agreed to order the payment of the same

The Corporation vote £22-10-0
Newman 3-10-0

The Secretary brought under the notice of the Committee the desirability of having a series of 5 Concerts in connection with the Institution to commence about the 1st week in August and that a Lecture and a Concert be given every alternate week. He thought if about 100 tickets @ 10/- for the series of 5 concerts could be sold that would be a guaranteed fund to protect the Committee against loss in carrying out the concert and in all probability there might be a surplus to aid the reduction of the debt.

The Committee recommended that a report of the whole matter be brought up to the next meeting of the Committee

The Letter from Mr. Gibbons was read, referring to his letter of 31st May, after considerable discussion on the subject it was moved by Mr. Gibbs seconded by Mr. Burt

"That the Committee pass on to the next Business" An Amendment moved by Mr. Higginson seconded by Dr. Gibbs "That Mr. Gibbons be heard in support of his complaint"

The Amendment being put to the meeting was voted for and 4 against it. The motion was then put when 4 voted for and 3 against it. The motion was declared carried.

The Secretary reported that he had let the hall for seven Lectures to be given by the Sabbath Observance Society for the sum of £14-14-0. On the occasion of the last Lecture the Committee urged a reduction from that sum, as that amount had been agreed to at the commencement he thought it might be carried out and he wished the opinion of the meeting. The Committee declined making any reduction from the above sum.

Tuesday 3rd July 1860

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

The Hon President in the Chair
 Mr. Burt Mr. Edwards
 Mr. Ham Kerr Dr. Wilkie
 Rev. H. Higginson Mr. Rollings
 Dr. Mackinnon (Dr. Gillies 8. O'clock)

The minutes of previous meeting held June 18th were read and confirmed

The Minutes of Meeting of the Finance sub Committee held June 30th were also read shewing a Balance in the Bank to the credit of the Institution of £97-17-3

The following votes examined and recommended for payment by the Finance Committee were passed in the usual manner

The Assistant	5 weeks	12-10-0
The Porter	"	7-10-0
The Secretary	1 Month	25-0-0
Water Commissioners		5-12-6
Agree. to & D. "Agri" for 1859		10-16-0
on Adm. "		5-12-0
Charles Webb		14-6-7
George Robertson		8-13-6
Victoria Insurance, Premium on		
£3,000 @ 5% July/60 to Dec/61		7-10-0
Mortimer & Co		2-15-0
Walter Powell		"-8-6
Dr. Puckey & Leigh		"-7-6
Gordon & Gotch		"-10-"
Advertising in Argus (Letters & Papers)		"-18-"
Surplies		4-4-6
		£ 102-14-1

The Secretary stated that he had ^{not} been able to bring up for this meeting a report of the proposed concert, but that he would be prepared for next meeting

A Letter from Mr. Rodney Gibbons was read wherein he stated that the expenses in preparing the Lecture on Light & Color given at the Institution on the evening of May 26th cost him £4 amounting to £4.

On the motion of Mr. Edwards seconded by Dr. Mackinnon the Committee agreed to repay Mr. Gibbons the sum of £4 for his expenses as stated in his note.

On the recommendation of Rev. H. Higginson the Committee instructed the Secretary to enquire the cost of a stand for a copy of the Argus to be placed in the Reading Room and report to the next meeting of the Committee.

David J. Wilkie
 Chairman

Monday 16th July 1860

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

The Hon. D. J. Wilkie
 in the Chair
 Mr. John Edwards
 " John Thomson
 " J. G. Burt
 " G. M. Gibbs

The Minutes of Meeting held July 3rd were read and confirmed

The Secretary reported that he had succeeded in getting a Newspaper stand for the Reading Room. Having an old one on hand, he had ~~been~~ given it to the workman to make use of such portions of it as would suit and to furnish what new material was required and the whole to be completed for £3.

On the motion of Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Burt it was moved that a stand be got made to hold the Argus or any other paper equally to the above estimate. The Secretary read to Meeting the letter from H. H. Milligan.

Monday 3rd Sep^r 1860

The General Committee of Management met this evening
Present

The Vice President in the Chair

Mr Burt Dr Murray
" Thomson Dr Mackenna
" Rollings Dr Wilkie

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee and Library Committee were also read

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

James Park, Carpenter	4-9-11
Saw Company, July	7-7-
Sundry a/cs	9-10-9
Mason & Fort	4-7-
The Secretary	25- " "
" Assistant	10- " "
" Messenger	4- " "
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	£ 64-14-8

The Secretary reported that he had received the sum of £10-10 from W. H. Mackenzie jun. as a Life Subscription

The following contributions were laid on the table viz
Coles' Gardener from the Author
Smith & Adamsons, Gardener from the Author

The New Books for the Library selected by the Library Committee were laid on the Table and approved

The Secretary stated that application had been made for the Hall by the Welsh United Protestants - for their Sunday Services the sum they agreed to give was £2-14-0 per month

John Edwards

Monday 17th September 1860

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - Mr Edwards in the Chair

" Thomson
" Ch. Hall
" Burt
" Gibb
" Moubray
Dr Mackenna

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Secretary stated that he had received £10-10-0 from W. H. Mackenzie jun. as a Life Subscription to the Institution and the Life Members Card had been signed by the President - and forwarded to W. Mackenzie

John Edwards

Monday 1st Oct. 1860

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - Mr Edwards in the Chair

Mr Thomson
" Alston
" Rollings
Dr Mackenna

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read and approved

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

1st Oct. 1860

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The Secretary	25-0-0
" Assistant	12-10-0
" Messenger	5- " - "
" Sundries	1-10-6
Gas Company	7-15-9

A Letter from Mr. Horne requesting a reduction of the rent for the ^{office} which he now occupies, was read. The Secretary stated that Mr. Horne paid £8 per week for the two offices (No. 1. & 2.) and that Mr. Horne had on entering on the premises agreed to continue at that rent for one year. It was therefore moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Rollings

That the Secretary be instructed to apply to Mr. Horne and say at the end of the twelve months from the time of his entering into possession the Committee may then take any proposition into consideration that he make here to make was carried

The Secretary laid on the table a copy of "McClintock's Fate of Franklin and his Discoveries Vol 8^o" presented by Lady Franklin per favor of the Mayor of Melbourne. The Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the same with ^{the} thanks of the Committee

Monaf Astor
Chairman

Monday 15 October 1860

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - Mr. Alston in the Chair
 " Burt
 Dr. Murray Mr. Edwards
 Mr. Thomson " Rollings
 " Gibbs

General Committee Meeting
 15. October 1860

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee of Management were read and confirmed

A Letter from Mr. Horne was read urging a decisive answer to a former application for a reduction of rent on the portion of Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Gibbs.

That the Secretary be instructed to reply to Mr. Horne, and say that the Committee of the Mechanics Institution consider their tenant until the 14th Decr. at which time they will take ^{into} any consideration any proposal he may make in reference to a reduction of rent - Carried

A Letter from the Secretary of the Philharmonic Society applying for a reduction in the rent paid that Society to the Institution

On the Motion of Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Rollings
 "That the Committee of the Institution cannot at present agree to any reduction of rent for the accommodation furnished to the Philharmonic Society" -

Monaf Astor
Chairman

Monday Nov^r 1st 1860

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - Mr. Alston in the Chair
 Mr. Burt Dr. Murray
 " Thomson Mr. Mombay
 " Rollings " Gibbs

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the General Committee of Management were read and confirmed

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

The following afes recommended for payment by the Finance Committee were passed in the usual manner viz

Guillaume	20-0-0	Sundries	1-2-3	Messenger	4-0-0
Assistant	10-0-0	Secretary	25-0-0	Gas	8-4-6
Geo. Robertson	5-16-0	Printing, newspapers	7-6-0		

(Mr. Mombay)

Monday 19th Nov^r 1860

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present—

The Vice president in the Chair

Mr. Edwards Mr. Gibb

" Thomson Dr. Murray

" Alston Mr. Burt

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee of Management held Nov. 1st were read and confirmed

John Edwards
Chairman

Monday 3rd Dec^r 1860

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present—

Mr. Edwards in the Chair

" Burt

" Rollings Mr. Thomson

Dr. Murray " Alston

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee of Management were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read and approved

The following accounts having been examined by the Finance Committee and found correct were recommended for payment, were passed in the usual manner

By The Secretary	25-0-0
" Assistant	10-0-0
" Messengers	4-0-0
Renting	18-4-6
Gas	8-2-9

3rd Dec^r 1860

A Letter from Mr. Henry, Secretary of the New Church Society, requesting a reduction of the rent paid by that Society, for the use of the Reading Room on Sundays

On the motion of Mr. Thomson seconded by Dr. Murray and carried

That the room be let to the members of the New Church for the sum of £25 per annum but that the Secretary be empowered to accept £20 if the former sum is not acceptably objected to—

Thos. Moubray
Vice President

Monday 17 Dec^r 1861

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present—

The Vice President in the Chair

Mr. Burt Mr. Rollings

Dr. Murray " Gibb

Mr. Alston

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee of Management were read and confirmed

Mr. Horne's application for a reduction of rent was considered after which Mr. Gibb moved and Mr. Alston seconded the following motion " That the Secretary be instructed to write to Mr. Horne and inform him that unless the rent be paid within three days proceedings will be taken to recover it " Carried

The Secretary stated that with reference to the New Church Society which meet in the front room on Sundays he found that not more than £20 can be got from them for rent

Thos. Moubray
Vice President