

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

Monday 7th Jan^y 1861

The General Committee of Management met this evening present

The Vice President in the Chair
Mr. Burt Mr. Kerr
" Edwards " Gibb
Dr. Murray " Alston

The Minutes of the General Committee of Management held Dec^r 17/60 were read and confirmed

The Minutes of Finance Committee held 4th Jan were also read and approved. Recommending that the sum of One hundred pounds be paid to the Bank of New South Wales on the 11th inst towards the reduction of their claim on the Trustees and that the Trustees renew the Bill for £200 for 4 mos.

Mr. Rogers application for a reduction of rent was taken into consideration when it was moved by Mr. Burt seconded by Mr. Alston and carried

"That the rent of the Offices occupied by Mr. Rogers be reduced to seven pounds per month to commence from the 1st Jan^y inst."

The Secretary stated that he had made several applications to Mr. Home for his rent and had received for answer that he would remain in arrears until he had a satisfactory ~~answer~~ reply from the Committee to his application for a reduction of rent on the motion of Mr. Alston seconded by Dr. Murray and carried

"That the solicitor of the Institution be instructed to write to Mr. Home for an immediate settlement of his rent"

It was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Dr. Murray and carried "That it be referred to the Finance Committee to prepare a report to be submitted to the members at the

7th Jan^y 1861

The next Annual General Meeting and that such report be submitted to this Committee at the next meeting

W. Moubray
Vice President

Monday 21st Jan^y 1861

The General Committee of Management met this evening present

Mr. Moubray, Vice President, in the Chair
Mr. Edwards
" Thomson
" Alston
Dr. Murray

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

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read and approved

Mr. Edwards reported that in accordance with the instructions at last meeting with reference to Mr. Home's rent the Solicitor of the Institution wrote to him demanding payment but no notice was taken by Mr. Home of the application. The letter having been sent on Tuesday 8th proceedings were delayed until Friday 11th at 4 pm. When instructions was given to the Bailiff to levy for the amount due to that date viz £18. for weeks ending Dec 3. 10. 17. 24. 31 and Jan 7. @ £3. per week. The man remained in possession five days and on the fifth day the amount was paid. The Committee was called on to pay £2-17-0 a portion of the Bailiffs expenses which the Law did not compel Mr. Home to pay

After the above statement had been made, the following motion was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Dr. Murray

21st Jan^y 1861

and carried "That the Committee instruct the Secretary to write to Mr. Horn and say that he can only be a tenant to the Institute on a weekly payment of £3. in advance and that the expenses of repairs wanted to the premises be incurred by Mr. Horn"

The following statement of the Estimated Income and Expenditure for 1861 was read after which Mr. Edwards moved and Dr. Murray seconded a Resolution that the same be received and entered on the minutes Car^d

Estimated Income		Estimated Expenditure	
Balance in hand	79 14 2	Liabilities due on 1860	281 .. "
Donations & Fees	20 .. "	Salaries	482 .. "
Rents of Offices	250 .. "	Gas 12 Mos	75 .. "
" of Hall &c	300 .. "	Books	100 .. "
Subscriptions	600 .. "	Newspaper & Periodical	136 .. "
Entrance Fees	20 .. "	Binding	30 .. "
Lectures	50 .. "	Repairs	25 .. "
		Insurance	20 .. "
		Water Rate	22 .. "
		Corporation Rate	15 .. "
			1187 .. "
			1187 .. "
		Bal. to be applied towards the reduction of the Bank Liabilities	132 14 2
			£ 1319 14 2

The Report for the past year was brought up from the Finance Committee and ordered to be read by the Secretary after which Mr. Edwards moved and Mr. Alston seconded and carried unanimously "That the Report as now read be adopted by this Committee"

The Secretary read the list of liabilities due 31st Dec/60 which ~~amounted~~ amounted to £581-19-1 as follows:

Miscellaneous	281-19-1
Due the Bank	300-0-0
	£ 581-19-1

The above sum does not include any of the Library Deposits - now held by the Committee as security for the safe return of the Library Books. A full statement of

21 Jan^y 1861

the same is given below

To	Total amount of Deposits received up to Dec 31/60	£ 901-0-0
By	Total amount of Deposits returned up to Dec 31/60	442-0-0
"	Deposits carried to credit of the Institution Dec 31/60 for Fees & Subscribers	196-0-0
"	Less Deposits will not be called for or may be handed to the Institution as Donations	100-0-0
		738-0-0
		£ 163-0-0

The sum of £163 may be considered as the actual amount of Deposits which may be taken up by the Depositors the experience of past years shows that there has been an increase of Deposits received over Deposits returned so that it may reasonably be ~~expected~~ assumed that the balance will be always in favor of the Institution under this head

It was moved by Mr. Alston seconded by Dr. Murray & carried "That a list of the liabilities be laid on the Table at every Committee meeting"

Thomas Alston
Chairman

Monday Jan^y 28th 1861

The General Committee of Management met this evening Present—

The Vice President—in the Chair
Mr. Burto Mr. Ham. Kerr
Dr. Murray " Alston
Rev^d Mr. Higginson " Edward
Mr. Gibbs

The Secretary stated that the object of this meeting was to make arrangements for the Annual General Meeting of the Members to be held the evening of next day. The Secretary as instructed read the ^{minutes} Office-Bearers and Members of Committee of Management

On the motion of Mr. Gibbs seconded by Mr. Edward and carried "that the seats of Messrs. Langland, Rutter & Walsh as Members of this Committee be declared vacant by terms of rule No 27 and that the same be filled up at the Annual Meeting"

The names of several Gentlemen were mentioned as willing to serve on ^{the} Committee if proposed and elected

Mr. Alston
Chairman

Tuesday Jan^y 29th 1861

The Annual General Meeting of Members held this evening at 8 p.m. in accordance with Rule No 15

The President—took the Chair. (Dr. Gillies)

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held Jan 31. 1860 were read and confirmed

The Secretary read the report of the General Committee of Management for 1860 and the Treasurer's Balance Sheet for the year ending Decr 31st 1860 showing a balance in the Bank to the credit of the Institution of £79. 14. 2. while the liabilities of the Institution on the 31st Decr amounted to £581-19-1 this sum included the Trustees' M^o to the Bank of £300.

It was moved by Mr. Edward seconded by Mr. Bell "that the report as now read be received, adopted, and printed for circulation" was carried

Messrs Mr. Robinson and W. H. Williams were unanimously elected Scrutineers

It was moved by Mr. Edward seconded by D. C. McCartney Esq. that A. F. A. Greaves Esq. M. L. A. be elected President for the ensuing year carried

It was moved by Mr. Alston seconded by Mr. Godfrey and carried unanimously "that Thos. Mowbray Esq. be re-elected Vice President for the ensuing year

It was moved by Mr. John Russell seconded by Mr. Leston and carried "that Messrs. Langland, Leston & Black be re-elected Trustees for the ensuing year

It was moved by Mr. Mowbray seconded by Dr. Murray & carried "that Mr. Hon. D. J. McKie M. D. M. L. C. be re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year

Annual Meeting Jan 29/61

It was moved by Mr. Godfrey seconded by Mr. Edwards that Messrs. John Smith and Wm Overton be elected as Auditors for the ensuing year

It was moved by Mr. Godfrey seconded by Mr. Edwards & carried

that the following be elected as Curators for the ensuing year viz

- Dr. Howitt
- Dr. Bades
- Dr. Macadam
- Rev. A. Morrison
- Professor Stearn

The Secretary read over the list of names of those 7 members of Committee who retire by rotation viz

- Mr. Edwards
- " Hall
- " Rollings
- " Thomson
- Rev. Mr. Hugginson
- Dr. Mackenna
- Dr. Murray

and the following who have vacated their seats by non attendance in terms of Rule No 27. viz

- Mr. John Langland
- " Geo. O. Rutter
- " F. Walsh

The following members were proposed to fill the vacancies viz

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Mr. J. Edwards | Mr. M. C. Regor |
| Dr. Murray | Rev. M. Rintel |
| Dr. Gilbee | Mr. Fould |
| Mr. Barnwick | " Godfrey |
| " Bull | " Liston |
| " Morrison | " J. Lush |
| " Thomson | |

Annual Meeting Jan 29/61

The scrutineers proceeded in accordance with Rules to the election of 10 members to fill the vacancies with the following result

Mr. John Edwards	33	} the seven highest on the list for two years
Dr. Gilbee	32	
Mr. Liston elected in room of Mr. Bull _{June 3}	31	
Dr. Murray	30	
Mr. John Thomson	29	
Mr. M. C. Regor elected in room of Mr. Bull _{June 3}	28	
" Barnwick	26	
" Lush	24	
Rev. Moses Rintel	24	
Mr. Andrews elected in room of Mr. Liston _{June 3}	18	

It was moved by Mr. Bull and seconded by Mr. Bull and carried unanimously

" that the Thanks of this meeting be given to the Committee of Management of 1860 for their manner which they have discharged their duties during the past year"

It was moved by Mr. Bull seconded by Mr. Edwards and carried unanimously

that the Thanks of this meeting be given to the ex president for his conduct in the Chair

At the close of the meeting Mr. W. K. Bull recommended that steps be immediately taken in accordance with Rule 58 to consider the propriety of altering Rule 3 as regards the Entrance Fee which was accordingly done by the members present

Augustus D. Graves

Friday 1st Feb^y, 1861

A Special Meeting of the General Committee of Management - was held this evening for the formation of the sub-committees and to consider Mr. Horns application for a reduction of Rent - present -

The President in the Chair

The Vice President

Mr. Edwards

Dr. Murray

Dr. Gibbs

Mr. Lusk

" Alston

" Bull

It was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Dr. Murray & carried that the following be the sub-committees for the year 1861 and that two be a quorum

Finance Sub-Committee

The President -

The Vice President -

Mr. Alston

" Burt

" Gibb

" Edwards

" Thomson

Library and Lecture Sub-Committee

The President -

The Vice President -

Mr. Edwards

~~Thomson~~ (Mr. Mc. Regan)

Dr. Gibbs

" Murray

Rev. Mr. Rintel

House and Building Sub-Committee

The President -

The Vice President -

Mr. Alston

Mr. Bull

Mr. Barwick

" Edwards

" Lusk

" ~~Lusk~~ Mr. Andrews

1st Feb^y, 1861

The Secretary read a letter from the scrutineers drawing the attention of the Committee to an error which had occurred in the announcing the Elections of Members to serve on the Committee for 1861 viz that Mr. Lusk's name had been given instead of Mr. Mc. Regan. After considerable discussion the Committee decided that they had no power to alter the original announcement of the scrutineers.

On the motion of Mr. Alston seconded by Mr. Monbrey & carried that the Secretary be instructed to inform Mr. Horn that she can have the premises he now occupies at the rental of £5. per week & that all correspondence on this matter terminate.

Mon. Alston
Chairman

Monday 4 Feb^y, 1861

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - Mr. Alston in the Chair

Dr. Murray

Rev. Mr. Rintel

Mr. Burt

" Thomson

" Lusk

" Gibb

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The minutes of the Finance Committee were read and approved.

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

viz

4 Feb 9 1861

Gas Company (du)	6-7-9
The Secretary	25 - - -
" Messenger	4 - " - "
" Assistant	10 - " - "

The Secretary reported that the policy of Insurance for £3000 upon the Building of the Institution in the Melbourne Ins. Co.'s Office had expired and he now wishes instructions as to the renewal of the same after some discussion it was resolved to renew it for only £1000

The Secretary reported that the Collector of the Water Rate had called and demanded payment of the rate for Half Year ending June/60 and he found it necessary to pay the amount

At H. The Printing of the Annual Report was brought under the notice, ^{of the Committee} that ~~the notice~~ he had for the same the notice of the Committee The Secretary was instructed to call for tenders in the usual way

A Letter from Professor Hearn was read referring to his Election as one of the Curators The Committee decided that the matter should remain as it was

Mr. Thomson gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Committee move that a fuller statement of the Report of than that already considered be prepared for the next Finance Committee meeting and report to the General Committee seconded by Dr. Murray

Rev. Mr. Riebel gave notice that he would ~~move~~ at the next meeting of the Committee move "that the General Committee of Management meet only once a month viz on the third Monday, for the general dispatch of business, at half past 7 p.m." seconded by Dr. Murray
Superintendent of Presses

Monday 18th Feb^y 1861

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present The President in the Chair
The Vice President
Mr. Edwards Mr. Olston
" Thomson " Lush
" Gibb Rev. Mr. Riebel
Mr. Gilbee

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Secretary laid on the table tenders for printing the Report of the Committee for 1860

	500.	750
Clarson	5-6-0.	7-0-0
Wilson & Mackinnon	6-5-0	7-5-0
Williams	6-0-0.	7-7-0
Mason & Firth	5-4-0	6-8-0

Mason & Firth's tender for 750 £6-8-0 was accepted

The Secretary reported that the deposit account was in progress and would if possible have it ready for next meeting of the Committee

Rev. Mr. Riebel brought forward his notice of motion viz that the General Committee of Management meet only once a month for the general dispatch of business" was negatived there being 2 for and 5 against

In consequence of Mr. Slight not having answered the letter sent to him by the solicitor of the Institution respecting the window in the house occupied by Mr. Boston and overlooking the post office It was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Rev. Mr. Riebel and carried that Mr. Edwards be instructed to write to Mr. Slight and request him to return the draft agreement in reference to the window opening on the premises of the Mechanics Inst.

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within three days failing which on failing such agreement being valid and satisfactory to the solicitor of the Institution, that the committee then take the matter again into their consideration"

W. Moubray
Vice President

Monday 4 March 1861

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - The Vice President in the chair
Mr. Burt
Dr. Murray
Mr. Thomson
" Alston
" Lush
Rev. Mr. Pintel

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the General Committee of Management were read and confirmed. The Minutes of the Finance Committee were also read. The Monthly statement of a/c showed a Balance in the Bank to the credit of the Institution of £ 10-7-9.

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

The Secretary	£ 25-0-0
" Assistant	10-0-0
" Messengers	4-0-0
W. H. Williams	8-9-6
Miss Lyne	9-7-6
Gas (Jan)	4-19-9

4th March 1861

The Secretary stated that he forwarded to Mr. Edwards a copy of the resolution passed at last meeting referring to Mr. Slight and as Mr. Slight had taken no notice of the communications sent to him, the following motion was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Dr. Murray and carried viz

" That as Mr. Slight has not yet complied with the wish of the Committee that the Secretary be instructed to insert an advertisement in the 'Argus' asking for tenders to erect a large sign board before the windows looking over the Institution property"

W. Moubray
Vice President

Friday 8th March 1861

A Special General Meeting of the Members was held this evening Mr. Alston in the chair

The Chairman introduced the Business by stating that at the close of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Institution held 29th Jan^y 1861 Mr. W. K. Bull recommended that steps be immediately taken in accordance with 58 to consider the propriety of altering Rule 3 as far as regards the Entrance Fee which was accordingly done by the Members present

The Chairman read Rule 58 which sets forth the regulations for calling special meetings of the Members which had been complied with

The notice which had been posted on the reading room door since Feb. 4th was next read with the list of names of members attached thereto

Rule 3 relating to the Entrance Fee having been

8th March 1861

and Mr Godfrey moved Mr John Lush seconded the following motion viz
That the entrance fee be abolished and future members required to pay the yearly subscription only

An Amendment by Dr Murray seconded by Mr Barto was put to the Meeting

"That the entrance fee be suspended until the Annual Meeting of the Members in Jan next - with the following result -

13 for and 3 against
Two other Amendments were put to the meeting but were declared lost

The Original Motion was put with the following result -
3 for, 13 against - The Amendment by Dr Murray was declared carried

Augustus J. A. peres P.

Monday 18th March 1861

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present -

The Vice President - in the Chair
Mr Lush Dr Murray
" Gibb Rev M. Pintal
" Barto Mr Barwick
" Alston

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

The Minutes of the special General Meeting of Members held 8th day March instant - were also read

18th March 1861

In accordance with the Instructions of last meeting with reference to the large sign to be placed against the window in the adjoining house, the Secretary had advertised for Tenders and now laid on the table three Tenders as under

Wyllie	8-5-0
Graham	10-5-0
Oliver	9-10-0

It was moved by Mr Gibb seconded by Rev M. Pintal and carried "That Wyllie's Tender be accepted and that the matter be left in the hands of Mr Barwick and the Secretary"

Mr Rogers letter was read, ~~copy~~ being an application for a window shutter for front window. The Com^{tee} declined to provide the said shutter and instructed the Secretary to inform Mr Rogers of the decision of the Committee

Mrs Hancock's application for the Hall for a concert at a reduced charge was next considered. The Committee resolved that the charge should be 2/- for the evening as the concert was for her benefit to raise funds to enable her to return to England

A. P. Moulbray
Vice President

Wednesday 3rd April 1861

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - The Vice President -
Mr Edwards
Dr Murray
Mr Barto
" Lush
" Gibb Mr Alston

3 April 1861

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

The Minutes of the Finance Committee and the Lecture Committee were also read & approved

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

The Secretary	£ 25-0-0
" Assistant	12-10-0
" Messenger	5-0-0
" Gas Company (Feb.)	6-12-3
Laundries	2-5-10
McKerath, Plumber &c	22-12-10
Amos &c	36-14-3
	£ 110-15-2

A Letter from Mrs Hancock was read thanking the Committee for remitting £2. from the usual charge of the room for the evening she had her concert

An Application was made from the Philharmonic Society for a reduction of rent for the Hall for their rehearsal. The Committee after duly considering the application adopted a resolution moved by Mr Alston seconded by Mr Pidd "That the rent of the room to the Philharmonic be at the rate of £60 per annum" carried including light

Applications from Dr Reeves and Mr Ford for permission to deliver Lectures was remitted to the Lecture Committee

The Lecture Committee reported that they were preparing a list of Lectures for the Winter Session and would have it ready for the approval of the General Committee on an early day

The Secretary was instructed to advertise the classes for the Winter Session, in connection with the

3 Apr/61

Institution and report to the Lecture Committee

It was moved by Mr Edwards seconded by Mr Alston

That the Secretary do write to Mr Macadam for payment of his subscription and if not paid by next Committee night that his Office will be declared vacant - carried

W. Mowbray
Vice President

Monday 15th April 1861

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present, The Vice President

Mr Burt
Mr Edwards
Dr Murray
Mr Thomson
" Alston
Dr Gilber

The Secretary reported that the arrangements for the Lectures were progressing favorably and that by the next meeting of Committee the list would be completed and submitted for the approval of the Committee

The Secretary stated that the large sign ordered by the Committee had been put up so as to shut up the window overlooking the post-office and he now presented the a/c for the same £9-10-0. for the signature of the Chairman of the meeting

Edw St Giff's
Chairman

Monday May 6th 1861

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

Mr. Edw. M. Gibbs in the Chair

Dr. Murray Mr. Barwick

Mr. Thomson Mr. Burt

Mr. Alston Mr. Moulton

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

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read and approved

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

Gas Company (March)	7-12-2
Saunders and Kenny	4-12-9
Morris & Co	5- " - "
Publishers Punch	1-16- "
Franklyn a/c	1-16- "
New South Wales Bank	
in a/c of Trustees Note	50- " - "
The Assistant	10- " - "
" Messenger	4- " - "
" Secretary	25- " - "

The Secretary brought up the report as instructed giving an account of the services of Dr. Macadam in the Institution and the amount received by Dr. Macadam and also by the Institution

On the motion of Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Burt the report was & moved to be brought forward at next meeting for consideration and the same to be notified in the circulars announcing the meeting carried

Mr. Alston moved and Mr. Barwick seconded the following resolution viz that Mr. Forbes name be left out of the regular course of lectures but that an evening be given

May 6th 1861

him to deliver the lecture Carried

It was moved by Mr. Alston seconded by Mr. Burt that the 1st Course of Lectures be extended up to the 31st July commencing May 15 and that a syllabus be printed for general circulation Carried

The Secretary read a letter from the Medical Socy requesting permission to lodge their books in the Institution under the care of the Secretary

Permission was given by the Committee with the understanding that the sum of £10. be given to the Institution for the accommodation required

The subject of the admission of members to the lectures was brought forward when the following resolution was agreed to moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Burt that the members be admitted to all the lectures and to the conversazione free with the privilege of introducing a lady friend also free to the latter only.

Edw. M. Gibbs.
Chairman

Monday May 20th 1861

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - Mr. Edw. M. Gibbs in the Chair
" Eswards Dr. Murray
" Burt Rev. Mr. Keitel
" Thomson Mr. Lusk
" Alston " Barwick

The Minutes of the General Committee of Management held May 6th were read and confirmed

The Secretary reported that Mr. Blair delivered the first lecture in the course for 1861 on Wednesday May

~~May 20th 1861~~

Meeting of Committee 20th May 1861 Contd.

15th the attendance about 200. The Amount of Cash received at the door was £4-18-0

The Secretary presented a warrant for £40 to be forwarded to F. Guillaume & Co in part-payment of 1861 a/c which was passed in the usual manner

The following gentlemen were appointed a sub-committee to arrange for the "Conversations" to take place on Wednesday June 5. viz Messrs: Alston Burt & Thomson

A letter from Mr. Geo. Robertson was read informing the Committee that he had been instructed by Mr. Venables to forward to the Institution a presentation copy of his "Map of Victoria" was received with thanks

The Secretary laid on the Table 2 letters received from the Melbourne Gas Company announcing the reduction in the price of Gas to the Institution from 17/6 to 14/6 per 1000 cubic feet - and in future no charge will be made for the use of the Meter after reading the above Mr. Thomson moved and Mr. Alston seconded the following motion viz

"That considering the nature of the Institution the Secretary be requested to write to the Melbourne Gas Company respectfully soliciting that a rebate of say 10 to 15 per cent be made from the price charged to private firms
Carried

On the motion of Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Edwards that Messrs Bull & Morrison be held to have vacated their seats in consequence of non-attendance at Committee meetings and Mr. Leston's seat for irregularity in Election
Carried

The following gentlemen were proposed in accordance with rule 32 to fill the vacancies viz
proposed

May 20/61

Mr. Thomson moved & Mr. Alston seconded
Rev. Mr. Rintel " Mr. Thomson "
Mr. Burt " Mr. Thomson "
and that the Committee proceed to the Election at their next meeting to take place on Monday evening June 3rd

It was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Alston and carried that the report as now read with reference to the services of Dr. Macadam be placed on the Minutes

Gentlemen
In accordance with instructions given at last meeting of the General Committee of Management I examined the minutes of the Committee from 1856 and I find that Dr. Macadam has given only one Lecture for the benefit of the Institution the proceeds of which was £10-2-

In the minutes of the Lecture Committee March 17/56 the following arrangement was made, Dr. Macadam being very desirous to deliver a course of six Lectures the Hall to be lighted and protected free on condition that the Members be admitted at 20 per cent below the price the public would be charged for admission

The Lectures to come off as follows Apr 7. 14. 21. 28. & May 5. 12

The Amount rec^d by the Secretary and paid over to Dr. M.
Apr- 7. - 32-0-0
14 - 14-19-0
21 - 8-8-6
28 - 21-12-6
May 5 - 19-11-6
12 - 10-10-0
107-1-8
Tickets sold by Dr. M. 12-10-0
£119-11-6

The Amount paid to Dr. Macadam for Class Fees in 1856 was £107-2-0

July 27/57 Arrangements were made as follows for another course of six Lectures for which Dr. Macadam was guaranteed £60. From the proceeds over the £60, all the printing expenses were to be paid and if sufficient also £40 to the Institution for the room and gas &c and the balance if any to be handed

May 20/61

to Dr Macadam

Tickets of Admission for the course, Members 5/-
nonmembers 10/-, single lectures 2/-

The proceeds of this course amounted to
£111-13-6

Tickets sold by Dr M. 5-5-0
£116-18-6

The amount received for class fees in 1859 was
£65-0-0

Total amount received during the years 1856 and
1859 £408-11-6

Augustus Speeres Esq

Monday 3 June 1861

The General Committee of Management met
this evening

- Present - The president -
 " Vice president -
 Mr Edward
 " Burt
 " Barwick
 " Thomson
 Dr Gilbee
 Dr Murray
 Mr Alston

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held May 20.
were read and confirmed also
The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read
and approved

The following a/c having been examined and recom-
mended for payment by the Finance Committee
were passed in the usual manner

viz -
contd

3 June 61

a/c

Richard Bence Esq?	5-5-0
R. H. Stone Esq?	2-3-0
The Assistant -	10-0-0
" Messenger	4-0-0
" Secretary	25-0-0
Mullen	14-17-6
	£ 62-5-6

The Trustees acceptance to the Bank for £200
which fell due on the 16th May had been renewed
for £150 for 4 mos. and £40 forwarded to Mr Pullman
of London on a/c of newspapers and periodicals for
1861

The Balance in the Bank at this date as per pass
Book is £55-5-2

The notice of motion given at last meeting to fill
up the vacancies in the Committee of Management
was proceeded with as follows -

It was moved by Mr Edward seconded by Mr Pitts
and carried

"That Mr Leston be elected in room of
Mr Bull and Mr M^r Pagan be elected in room of Mr
Morrison"

It was moved by Mr Alston seconded by Mr Burt and
carried

"That Mr Andrew be elected in room of
Mr Leston whose seat was vacated in consequence of
informality of in the election at the Annual meeting"

The secretary read a letter from Mr Barker, Hon. Sec^y
of the Female Refuge Institution applying for the use
of the Hall for a Lecture for the benefit of that Institution.
The secretary was instructed to refer back to the last
occasion and charge the same

A list of the names of those gentlemen who were expected to
deliver addresses at the conversazione was read over
and other information given with respect to the arrangements

William Gilbey

Monday June 17th 1861

The General Committee of Management met this evening
Present -

Dr. Gillies in the Chair
Mr. Gibbs
Dr. Murray
Mr. Thomson
Mr. Linton

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held June 3rd
were read and confirmed

The Minutes of ^{the} Library Committee were read and
approved

A Letter from the Gas Company respectfully declining to
accede to the application of the Committee for a reduction
in the charge for Gas to the Institution

The Secretary brought under the notice of the Committee
that during the evening of the Conversazione about
sixteen stereographs were away from the rooms the property
of Mr. Thomson. Mr. Perry & Mr. Curson

The Committee instructed the Secretary to post in
the reading room a notice intimating the above and
requesting that any persons who could give information
so as to lead to the recovery of them, would do so as early
as possible

It was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Dr. Murray

that the thanks of the Committee of Management be
forwarded by the Secretary to those gentlemen who kindly
lent their services, apparatus, or other objects of interest
at the conversazione

Carried
Thomas A. Brown
Chairman

Monday July 1st 1861

The General Committee of Management met
this evening

Present -

Mr. Alston in the Chair
Dr. Murray
Mr. Burt
Mr. Gibbs
Mr. Linton

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held 1st
day of June were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Meeting held 29th
day of June were read and approved

The Balance sheet for the month shows the sum
of £101-1-8 for the payment of a/c

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

The Secretary	25-0-0
Assistant	12-10-0
" Messenger	5-0-0
City Rates 1860	15-0-0
Gas April	10-4-9
May	8-18-9
Birnie	3-3-
Smith	3-3-
Conversations	5-4-11
Surveys	5-1-6
Funeral	
Sydney Herald 1860	4-0-0
South Australian Oct/59 to Dec/60	5-0-0
New Zealand 1858-9-60	3-0-12
Geo Robertson	5-16-0

Mr. Murray
Chairman

July 17th 1861

Present Mr. Edwards
" Burt
" Barwick
" Leston

There not being a Quorum a Committee was not formed

Friday July 19th 1861

A special meeting of the Committee was summoned for this evening at the request of the President to consider as to whether any steps should be taken this season for the erection of the proposed additional buildings at the rear of the main building

present The President
Mr. Edwards
" Burt
" Barwick
Dr. Murray
Mr. Leston
Dr. Gibbs
Mr. Leston

After a lengthened discussion on the subject, the following words as under were suggested by Dr. Gibbs and drawn up in the form of a notice of motion for next meeting of the General Committee

Notice of Motion by Mr. Edwards

That a new Hall be erected at the rear of the present premises not exceeding £4,000—

That this amount be raised by Debentures

That upon £3000 being subscribed, the Secretary be authorized to collect the 1st instalment of £50 per cent, and upon that amount being received the Hall be commenced

W. Mosley
Chairman

Monday 5th August 1861

The General Committee of Management met this evening
Present

The Vice President (Mr. Mosley) in the Chair
Mr. Edwards Mr. Leston
" Thomson Rev. Moses Rintel
Dr. Murray Mr. Alston
Mr. Burt " Leston
" Gibbs

The Minutes of the General Committee meetings held July 1st and 19th were read and confirmed

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

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

Secretary (one month)	25-0-0
" Assistant (four weeks)	10-0-0
" Messenger	4-0-0
Water Rate for 1860	22-10-0
Gas for June	8-15-0
Guillaume on a/c 1861	30-0-0
Printing	7-10-0
Dr. Bowers	3-3-0

A letter was read from Mr. Andrews announcing his resignation as a member of the Committee of Management on the motion of Mr. Edwards seconded by Rev. M. Rintel his resignation was accepted

On the motion of Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Thomson Mr. Harris was declared vacant as member of the Committee of Management

Mr. Edwards moved and Mr. Thomson seconded as follows that the vacancies in the Committee be filled up at the monthly meeting in Sept. 1861

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It was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Dr. Murray that the Melbourne Gas Company having undertaken to furnish the Government with Gas @ 10/- per 1000 cubic feet - that the Secretary be requested to ask the Gas Company to supply the Institution at the same rate Carried

The Secretary handed to the Chairman the following letter from James F. Maguire Esq. United States Consul?

Consulate of the United States
Melbourne July 16th 1861

Gentlemen

I have the honor to present to the Institution under your control the accompanying seven volumes of Explorations and surveys for a railroad route from the Mississippi River to the Pacific Ocean

Trusting they may be deemed worthy your acceptance

I remain

Sirs

Your Obedt. Servant

(Signed)

James F. Maguire

Committee of Management
Melbourne Mechanics Institution }

It was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Alston that J. F. Maguire be elected an honorary member of this Institution and that he receive the thanks of this Committee for the handsome present viz 7 vols of Explorations and surveys published by the American Government and presented to the Institution Carried

The Secretary reported that a short time ago he had an interview with Mr. Duffy with the object of procuring his services in the next course of Lectures in answer to this application he had received the letter which he now reads promising to meet the wishes of the Committee during the first Parliamentary recess The Secretary stated that

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at the said interview with Mr. Duffy complained that shortly after he delivered his first at the Institution he requested Mr. Blair to have his (Mr. Duffy) name placed on the list of honorary members in consideration for the large sum realized by his lectures for the benefit of the Institution and that he might have the privilege of resiting the reading room at any time he wished, but no notice had been taken of his application

It was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Thomson the Secretary having reported as above respecting Mr. Duffy. Resolved that the committee do not deem it advisable to take any action in the matter Carried

The Notice of Motion by Mr. Edwards which had been forwarded to every member of Committee was now brought forward and after considerable discussion on the subject

It was moved by Mr. Gibbs seconded by Mr. Lusk

That a sub-Committee be appointed consisting of Messrs Edwards, Thomson, & Burt to consider the whole subject referring to the extension of the Buildings and report to the Committee at the next meeting

Agustus Johnson St

Monday 19th August 1861

The General Committee of Management met this evening Present-

The President - in the chair

" Vice President:

Mr. Edwards Rev. Mr. Moses Pintel

" Burt Mr. Linton

" Thomson " Alston

" Gibbs Dr. Murray

" Lusk Dr. Gillies

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

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The Secretary stated that he wrote to the Gas Company, as instructed by the Committee at their last meeting and handed to the Chairman the answer, which he read, stating that the Board declined to reduce the price of Gas to 10/-

The Secretary read the letter sent to the American Consul thanking him for the presentation to the Library of the Institution and informing him that he had been made an honorary member

The sub-committee appointed at last meeting to consider and report as to the proposed new Buildings brought up their report which was read

It was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Burt that the report as now read be received
Carried

It was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Burt that the report be adopted and acted upon

The following amendment - was made by Mr. Gibbs seconded by Rev. Mr. Rintel

That the consideration of the proposed new Building be postponed till the next meeting of the Committee. 7 voted for and 2 against the amendment. The amendment was declared carried

It was moved by Mr. Gibbs seconded by Mr. Alston and carried that the Secretary apply to the Collingwood Gas Company and ascertain what they would charge for supplying the Institution with Gas.

Augustus J. Stevens

Monday 2nd Sept: 1861

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

The President in the Chair
Mr. Edwards Mr. Gibbs
" Burt " Thomson
Mr. Murray " Leston
" Leston

The Minutes of the General Committee of Management meeting held 19th August 1861 were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting were read and approved

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

The Secretary	25-0-0
" Assistant	12-10-0
" Messenger	5-0-0
Gas a/c	9-7-6
Blundell (1860)	10-8-0

Mr. Rogers Letter was read being a request for certain alterations in the Window of the Office, Door &c

It was moved by Mr. Gibbs seconded by Mr. Leston and carried that Mr. Burt and the Secretary be appointed a sub-committee to enquire the cost of the said alterations and report to the Committee at their next meeting

The Secretary requested the Committee for instructions as to the amount to be given to Mr. Blair for the two Lectures he delivered at the Institution during the week - It was resolved that the sum of £8-8-0 be granted on the motion of Mr. Gibbs seconded by Mr. Burt.

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The Secretary reported that he writes on Mr. Webb and requests his opinion as to the cost of erecting the proposed New Buildings. Mr. Webb stated that the report of Messrs Sinclair & Rollings might be taken as a fair approximation, but by advertising for tenders in say a month or two, as timber is scarce, at present, the Committee might get tenders at a less sum than that named by Messrs Sinclair & Rollings

after considerable discussion on the subject the following were brought forward

On the motion of Mr. Leston seconded by Mr. Gibbs that this Committee do not deem it expedient to take any steps for the erection of additional buildings until the Institution is entirely free from debt

Amendment moved by Mr. Gibbs seconded by Mr. Thomson that the Secretary be directed to call a special General Meeting of the Members in order to obtain their direction and sanction as to the issuing of debentures and proceeding with the proposed New Hall

The Chairman having submitted the Amendment the following was the result-

Ayes	Noes
Mr. J. Edwards	Mr. Leston
" Burt	Dr. Gillies
" Thomson	Mr. Leston
" Gibbs	
Dr. Murray	

The Amendment was declared carried

A presentation copy of *Prevention of Collisions at Sea* by the Author C. J. C. Perry was accepted with thanks

J. W. Morebray
Vice Pres.

Monday 16th Sept 1861

Present Mr. Burt
" Leston
Dr. Murray

Not a Quorum

Special General Meeting of the Members

Sept 20th 1861

A special General Meeting of the Members of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution was held on the evening of Friday Sept 20th inst. in accordance with the advertisement as follows

Notice - To the Members of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution. - The following resolution was passed at the General last meeting of the General Committee of Management held 2nd Sept viz "That the Secretary be directed to call a special General Meeting of the Members in order to obtain their direction and sanction as to issuing debentures and proceeding with the proposed New Hall"

In accordance with the above resolution the special General Meeting of the Members will take place in the hall of the Institution on Friday the 20th inst. at 8 O'clock p.m. W. Thompson, Secretary
4th September 1861

The President in the Chair
The following Members of Committee were present viz
The Vice President Mr. Burt
Dr. Gillies " Thomson
Mr. Leston " Edwards
" Leston Dr. Murray
" Gibbs
" ones

Sept 25/61

The Secretary read the report of the sub-committee appointed to ^{consider} as to the best means of raising the money to build the proposed New Hall

It was proposed to raise £3,000 by the issue of debentures of £10 each, bearing 5 per cent interest any additional sum required was proposed to be raised by an overdraft from the Bank. The works to be commenced as soon as 50 per cent of that sum was paid up. The revenue for the first year was estimated at £1850, the proceeds of two conversations, a bazaar and concert &c.

The estimated annual income was stated at £950 Offers had been made for £2000 worth of debentures

After some discussion Mr. Doyle moved and Mr. Belmaine seconded the following motion

That the members of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution consider it desirable that immediate steps be taken for the erection of the proposed Hall & in connexion with this building with the distinct understanding that £4000 shall be raised by debentures to be paid up before the works are commenced, 28 voting for and 2 against

Carried

The words "with the distinct understanding" were proposed by Dr. Gillies seconded by Mr. Leston and added to the original motion before being put to the meeting. Other amendments were put to the meeting but lost

That the members of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution consider it desirable that immediate steps be taken for the erection of the proposed Hall & in connexion with this building with the distinct understanding that £4000 shall under the building fit for occupation

The following addition to the above motion was moved by Dr. Gillies seconded by Mr. Leston and carried

That the sum of £4000 be raised by debentures and that the building be not commenced until 50 per cent thereof shall be paid up

The original motion with the addition annexed having been put to the meeting was carried

Augustus J. Speares

Monday, October 7th 1861

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - The Vice President in the Chair
Mr. Edwards Mr. Burt
" Barwick Dr. Murray
" Leston Mr. Alston

The Minutes of the General Committee meeting were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read and approved

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

The Bank of New South Wales	£ 25-0-0
The Secretary 1 Mos. Salary	25-0-0
" Assistant 4 week wages	10-0-0
" Messenger "	4-0-0
" Argus Proprietors	13-16-0

A letter was read from the Collingwood Gas Corp^y informing the Committee that they could not supply the Institution with gas under 12/6 per 1000 cubic feet same rate as the Melbourne Company

The Secretary reported that enquiry had been made respecting the cost of the alterations required by Mr. Rogers. Resolved - If the said alterations do not exceed £6-10-0 the Committee do agree to pay 50 per cent of the same

The resolution passed at the special general meeting was brought up when after considerable discussion it was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Barwick

That the resolution of the last special general meeting as to the intended New Hall be taken into consideration at the next meeting of the Committee and that the

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Secretary do specially summon the members of the
Committee to attend thereat

Augustus J. Spence

Monday 21st Oct. 1861

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present-

The President in the Chair

The Vice President-

Mr. Baruch Mr. Thomson

" Baruch " Leston

" Alston " Leston

The Minutes of previous Meeting held Oct. 7 were read and confirmed

A reply from Mr. Rogers with reference to the resolution arrived at by the Committee at their last meeting respecting the alterations in his Office

The Committee declined to alter their former decision

A letter from Dr. Gilbee was read informing the Committee that he would be prevented from attending the meeting in consequence of a previous engagement but he was most anxious to see the wishes of the public meeting carried out

The resolution passed at the special Meeting of Members was brought forward when after considerable discussion the following motion was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Baruch - viz

That a subcommittee consisting of the following gentlemen be appointed to endeavour to carry out the resolution arrived at by general meeting of Members in reference to the proposed new Hall viz

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Messrs. Gilbee, Leston and Mowbray - 3 for the motion
Carried 2 against "

Messrs. Thomson, Baruch and Alston for voting for the motion
Dr. Greaves and Mr. Leston voting against the motion

Messrs. Mowbray & Leston both declined their inability to act on the sub Committee

Augustus J. Spence

Monday ~~7th October 1861~~
4th November 1861

The General Committee of Management met this evening Present-

The President in the Chair

Dr. Murray Dr. Wilkie

Mr. Gibbs

Mr. Leston

The Minutes of previous Meeting held Oct. 21st were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance sub Committee were read and approved

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

The Secretary	25-0-0
" Assistant	10-0-0
" Messengers	4-0-0
Post Company	14-15-0
J. Edwards Jun. Esq	6-11-6
Printing for Reading Room	2-15-0

Augustus J. Spence

Monday 18th Nov. 1861

No meeting.

Present Mr. Mowbray
" Alston

Monday Dec. 2nd 1861

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present The President in the chair
" Vice President
Dr. Gillbee
Rev. Mr. Kintal
Mr. Murray
Mr. Liston
Mr. Alston
Mr. Burt

The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee held 4th day of November last were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read and approved.

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

	The Secretary	25-0-0
	" Assistant	12-10-0
	Mr David Blein	8-8-0
July to Nov ^r	Sundries	7-4-0
	The Messenger	5-0-0

The subject with reference to the change in the hours which the Library is kept open was brought under the consideration of the Committee when after

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considerable discussion the matter was postponed till next meeting of the Committee and the Secretary was instructed to report thereon

The Chairman brought under the notice of the Committee as the year was drawing to a close it would be necessary to review the affairs of the Institution and see what reductions could be made and to prepare a report for the Annual Meeting. A discussion took place ~~the first subject~~ ^{the first subject} was as to the Assistant in the Library whether or not he should be continued, he being considered not so efficient as he ought to be and particularly as the Secretary complained of his want of attention in receiving books from Members in a dilapidated state and placing them on the shelves instead of reporting each case so that the fines might be charged in accordance with the Rules of the Institution.

The Committee resolved that the Assistant in the Library be informed that his services will not be required after the 31st of the present month.

The consideration of other matters connected with the Finance of the Institution was delayed until next meeting when the Secretary would lay on the table his report of the Estimated Income and Expenditure for 1862.

Angus J. Spence Pres

