

Monday Dec<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening

President

The President - in the Chair

The Vice President -

Mr. Edwards

Dr. Murray

Mr. Barto

Dr. Gillbee

Mr. Gibbs

Mr. Alston

The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee of Management held Dec<sup>r</sup> 2 were read and confirmed

A Letter from the Assistant, W. J. Allan ~~propose~~ soliciting that the Committee would reconsider ~~his~~ their resolution passed at last meeting, that his services would not be required after the 31<sup>st</sup> inst.

The Committee after duly considering the reasons given in the letter agreed to extend the notice in accordance with the following motion

Moved by Dr. Murray seconded by Dr. Gillbee that the notice to Mr. Allan be extended to 3 months from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Jan. to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 1862 during that time his salary be at the sum of £2 per week.

Carried

In accordance with the resolution of last meeting respecting the Library the Secretary was called on to report as to the hours he would recommend ~~and~~ as most likely to suit the Members of the Institution after which the following system was adopted

Moved by Mr. Gibbs seconded by Dr. Murray

That the Library be open for the issuing of Books from 9 am to 2 pm. from 4 pm. to 6 pm. and from 7 pm. to 9 pm. daily ~~sundays~~ and that the Library be open from 9 am to 9 pm. for the use of Members for reference or reading on the premises, daily ~~sundays~~ excepted

Carried

Dec<sup>r</sup> 16/62

The <sup>Secretary</sup> placed on the Table a rough draft of the statement of the Estimated Income and Expenditure for 1862 showing that the sum expected as Income would be about not less than £1207 that the <sup>Expenditure</sup> liabilities for the year should not exceed £926. and that the balance of Income should go to liquidate the liabilities due at the end of the present year which would be about £350 if all the assets were paid up

The Secretary stated that on looking over the Library deposits ~~and~~ he did not expect the amount due to members would reach £200.

The Secretary after answering various questions respecting the ~~various~~ <sup>several</sup> items of Income and Expenditure in the statement - stated that after the Annual ~~and~~ were closed in Jan<sup>r</sup> a full statement would be made out and submitted to the Committee

Resolved that ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Secretary ~~shall~~ <sup>be</sup> ~~appointed~~ <sup>appointed</sup>

Monday Jan<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present The President in the Chair

Mr. Edwards, Mr. Liston

" Barto Dr. Gillbee

Dr. Murray Rev. Mr. Keble

The Vice President -

Mr. Alston Mr. Barwick

" Lusk

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read and approved

The following ~~and~~ having been examined by the Finance Committee and recommended for payment

6<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1862

|                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| were passed in the usual manner viz |         |
| Gas Oct. Nov.                       | 11-16-3 |
| Assistant Secy                      | 10-0-0  |
| Messenger "                         | 4-0-0   |
| Secretary "                         | 25-0-0  |
| Guillaume m <sup>gr</sup> of M.     | 30-0-0  |

Letter from Mr. Guillaume of London, requesting a remittance

London Sep. 24. 1861.

Sir

I regret exceedingly that you should not have received the Times for Apr. 11-19. I cannot understand how it is that parcels of papers miscarry, they must be stolen in transit or at Melbourne, every paper is entered and checked before postage, and if only one were missing it would be forwarded by next mail. of course as it was through a mis-direction you lost the paper instead of the Chamber of Commerce, I must allow the fairness of your deducting the value. It was most unfair of them to open your parcel and abstract your papers. I have received a B. of Exchange for £30 reducing my a/c to £70-2-2. I will deduct the ( $\frac{2}{2\frac{1}{2}}$ ) two shillings and two pence. There were two suncoys in the eight days you mention. I am in very great want of money, my outstanding debts in Melbourne alone amounting to over £2,000 might I request your best endeavours to send me this sum £70. by the return mail if not already sent. and by <sup>so</sup> doing you would greatly oblige

Your Obt. servant

Yours F. A. Guillaume

To Mr. W. Thompson

The Secretary stated that the balance due to Mr. Guillaume after deducting the draft of Dec. 24. is about £37.

It was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Dr. Silber that a Committee be now appointed to draw up a Report to be presented to the Annual Meeting such Committee to consist of the President, the Vice-President, Rev. Moses Rintel, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Alston, Mr. Leston and Mr. Barwick. such Report to be presented at the

6. Jan<sup>y</sup> 1862

next meeting of Committee for consideration. - Three to form a quorum Carried

It was moved by Mr. Moulbray seconded by Mr. Alston that the salary of the Secretary of the Mechanics Institution be at the rate of £20. per Cal<sup>l</sup> Month - Subject to the same terms as to notice as now exist Carried

The Committee instructed the Secretary to advertise for all outstanding a/c. to Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 1861 to be sent in

|                       |                      |             |          |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------|
| The Library Committee | to meet on Wednesday | next        | 7.30. pm |
| The Finance Committee | "                    | Friday next | 6.30 pm  |
| The Report Committee  | "                    | Friday next | 7.30     |

Augustus S. Spencer Pres<sup>t</sup>

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| The President in the Chair |            |
| The Vice President         |            |
| Mr. Edwards                | Mr. Leston |
| " Burto                    | " Alston   |
| Dr. Murray                 | Dr. Silber |

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Management held 6<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1862 were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Library, Finance and Report sub-committees were also read

The President - as chairman of the Report Committee presented a draft of his Annual Report which was read by the

20<sup>th</sup> Jan 1862

President after which it was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Alston that the report as now read be adopted

A discussion was commenced by Dr. Murray and Mr. Burt on that part of the Report referring to the Fossil specimens recommended to be sent to the Public Museum. The President fully explained his reasons for pressing this matter, when it was agreed that it should be put in the following manner viz

That that part of the Report recommending the placing in the Public Museum the Collection belonging to the Institution, subject to be restored to the Institution on demand, stands part of the Question

Messrs. Mombay, Edwards, Liston, Alston, voting for and Messrs. Murray and Burt voting against - carried

The original motion was then put viz. That the report as now read be adopted with the following result -

|                |    |         |
|----------------|----|---------|
| for the motion | 4. |         |
| against "      | 2  | Carried |

The subject of the encroachment on the Right of Way was introduced. The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Henry Miller reminding him of his promise to remove the encroachment in about 12 months from the date when the deputation from the Committee waited on him

In accordance with the request suggestion of the Report sub-Committee that the three following documents be popular for circulation among the members at the Annual General Meeting viz. The Treasurers abstract of the accounts for the year, The Balance sheet of the Liabilities and Assets on the 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 61, and the Estimated Income and Expenditure for 1862, were ordered to be printed

The Secretary was instructed to procure a Tin Box to have the words "Melbourne Mechanics Institution" painted thereon, to have all the bleed and valuable papers placed in it and deposited in the Bank of New South Wales

20<sup>th</sup> Jan 1862

The Secretary reported that the Bill at the Bank N.S.W. would fall due on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and recommended that it be renewed for \$100 agreed

Mr. Mombay  
President

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 1862

Annual General Meeting  
of the Members of the  
Melbourne Mechanics Institution  
was held this evening

The President - (Dr. Reeves) in the Chair

The Minutes of the last Annual General meeting held Jan 3 29<sup>th</sup> 1861. The Special General meeting held March 8/61 for the suspension of the Entrance Fee, and the Special General meeting held Sep 20/61 with reference to the proposed New Buildings, were read and confirmed

The Annual Report of the General Committee of Management was read by the Chairman

Mr. Gibb moved and Mr. Alston seconded the adoption of the Report

On the motion that the Report be received and adopted a discussion arose upon that part of the Report relating to the Museum, and it was moved by Mr. Palmer and seconded by Mr. Doyle to add the following words, to the Question, viz

"With the exception of that part relating to the Museum For the Amendment 7 - against it 19.  
The original motion moved by Mr. Gibb sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr. Alston

Annual Gen. Meeting Jan. 28, '62

That the report be received and adopted was their  
put 16 voting for and 1 against it  
Carried

Mr. Godfrey moved and Mr. Mowbray seconded  
the motion "That the report be printed for circu-  
lation among the members"  
21 voting for the motion and 5 against it  
Carried

### Elections

Mr. J. Andrews and Mr. W. H. Williams were proposed  
seconded and unanimously elected Scrutineers

The Rev. Moses Rintel proposed and Dr. Jelliber  
seconded "That Thos Mowbray Esq. be President  
for the ensuing year" Carried unanimously

Mr. Godfrey proposed and Mr. Linton seconded  
"That Thos Alston Esq. be Vice President for  
the ensuing year" Carried

It was moved by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr.  
Godfrey "That Henry Langland Esq., D. S. Forten Esq.,  
and Dr. Thos Black be re-elected Trustees for the  
ensuing year" Carried

It was moved by Mr. Williams seconded by Mr. Godfrey  
"That the Hon. D. S. Wilkie M.D. be re-elected  
Treasurer for the ensuing year" Carried

It was moved by Mr. Carson seconded by Mr. Rollings  
"That Messrs John Smith and William Oberton be  
re-elected Auditors for the ensuing year"  
Carried

It was moved by Mr. Musson seconded by Mr. W. H.  
Williams "That the Curators be re-elected for the  
ensuing year" Carried

The names of the seven members who were by rotation  
were read over with their attendance viz  
Messrs Alston, Burt, Gibb, Kerr, Andrews, Lusk, Rintel,

The following were nominated to fill the vacancies  
viz Messrs Greer, Gibb, Higginson, Rollings, Musson,  
Burt, Rintel, Godfrey, Balmain,

While the scrutineers were proceeding with the Ballot  
The Chairman reported that three elections had  
taken place by the Committee during the past year  
to fill up vacancies which had occurred

Mr. Edwards moved and Mr. Rollings seconded  
the confirmation of the elections of Messrs Linton  
Mr. Peger and Andrews by the Committee  
Carried

The scrutineers announced the following as elected  
members of Committee for two years viz  
Messrs. Gibb (24) Rintel (23) Burt (22) Greer (21) Balmain (15)  
Musson (15) Rollings (14)

The scrutineers next proceeded to elect a member to  
serve on the Committee in the room of Mr. M. Peger who  
by non-attendance was held to have vacated his  
seat-

Mr. John Lusk was announced as elected to serve  
in the room of Mr. M. Peger for one year

A vote of thanks to the Chairman and the meeting  
separated

Augustus Shearer Ch.

Monday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> 1862

The General Committee of Management this evening

Present - The President - in the Chair  
 The Vice President. The Treasurer  
 Mr. Gibbs M. Rollings  
 " Lush " Musson  
 " Balmain " Burt  
~~Mr. Lister~~ " Thomson  
 Mr. Reeves Dr. Murray  
 Dr. Pillsbury " 14

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of Management held Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> were read and approved

The Secretary reported that he had written to the Hon. Henry Miller in accordance with the minutes of last meeting but had not received an answer

It was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Burt that the President, the Vice President and the Secretary be requested to apply personally in reference to his letter to Mr. Miller about the encroachment  
 Carried

It was moved by Mr. Gibbs seconded by Mr. Lush that Mr. Edwards be requested to furnish the result in writing of his search and all papers in the matter of the encroachment of the right of way at the back of the Institution  
 Carried

The following tenders for printing the Report were opened vis

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Mason & Firth for 500 copies | £6-15-0 |
| Clarson & Co "               | 6-17-6  |
| Thomas "                     | 7-0-0   |
| Wilson & Macmillan "         | 5-0-0   |

Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>

It was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Musson that Wilson & Macmillans tender be accepted, vis  
 to print - 500 Copies of the report for £5.  
 Carried

It was moved by Mr. Gibbs seconded by Mr. Thomson that the following be the sub-committees for the ensuing year, viz,

Finance sub-Committee and House Business  
 Messrs - Edwards, Murray, Alston, Mowbray, Burt, Reeves,  
 Carried

Library & Lecture sub-Committee  
 Messrs - Reeves, Burt, Balmain, Musson, Pillsbury,  
 Gibbs  
 Carried

Resolved - That two members of any sub-committee form a quorum  
 Carried

The following a/s were submitted by the chairman to the meeting and passed viz

|                                                  |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| The Secretary 1 mo.                              | 20-0-0    |
| " Assistant 4 week                               | 8-0-0     |
| " Messenger 4 week                               | 4-0-0     |
| Post Company Jan/62                              | 5-16-0    |
| Mullen                                           | 6-19-0    |
| (No 27 in list of a/s) Herald ap/60 to Dec 31/60 | £ 10-13-0 |
|                                                  | £ 55-8-0  |

In answer to a letter from the second Unitarian Church

It was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Musson that the rent of the office occupied by the second Unitarian Church for their Sunday Morning Service be in future £5 per Quarter  
 Carried

J. Mowbray  
 President

Monday Feb<sup>y</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present -

The President in the Chair

The Vice President -

Dr. Geeves

Mr. Rollings

Dr. Murray

Mr. Burto

Mr. Gibbs

Mr. Thomson

Mr. Leston

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of Management held Feb<sup>y</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> were read and confirmed

The subject of the encroachment on the Right-of-Way was again brought forward when the Secretary reported that he waited on the Hon. Henry Miller and requested an answer to the letter sent to him on the 1<sup>st</sup> Jan.

Mr. Miller informs him that he had nothing further to say on the subject; he admitted the encroachment and had no objection to its being removed but referred the matter to Mr. Thomson the & Lessee of the premises.

The Secretary also informed Mr. Miller that the Committee appointed at their last meeting a Deputation (consisting of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murray and Leston) to wait on him with reference to the same subject Mr. Miller stated that it was of no use their waiting on him he could only give them the same answer as had been already given to him (the Secretary) the Deputation might therefore save themselves the trouble of calling at his office

It was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Leston that the Secretary be instructed to apply to the Solicitor again for a written copy of the search or searches made by him in reference to the encroachment at the back of the Institution and to request that the same may be furnished by next meeting and in the meantime further discussion be postponed till then

Mr. Thomson to be specially invited to attend next meeting

HONORARY MEMBERS.

A'Beckett, Wm.  
Barney, Major  
Carmichael, Rev. H.  
Cavanagh, Geo.  
Gilbert, George A.  
Hargreaves, E. H.  
Hart, Henri J.

Lang, Rev. Dr.  
Lowe, Robert, M.P.  
Mackenzie, Rev. D., M.A.  
Maguire, J. F.  
Morrison, Rev. A.  
M'Leay, W. S.  
M'Conochie, Captain

Nicholson, Sir Charles  
Saunders, Rev. J.  
Sturt, Captain  
Strzalecki, Count  
Therry, Judge  
Wilson, Edward

LIFE MEMBERS.

Agg, A. J.  
Ashley, E.  
Balmain, T. C.  
Balmain, James  
Barkly, Sir Henry  
Barwick, James  
Bell, Wm. M.  
Bennet, J. B.  
Baxter, Rev. W.  
Blow, W. W.  
Bundell, J. J.  
Bowie, R.  
Browster, E. J.  
Broadfoot, A. A.  
Brown, T., Jun.  
Budge, H.  
Burn, W. C.  
Campbell, D. S.  
Campbell, R.  
Carson, J.  
Chambers, H. J.  
Childers, H. E.  
Chirnside T.  
Chisholm, J. M.  
Clay, F. L.  
Clowes, Henry  
Clowes, R.  
Coates, W.  
Cock, C.  
Cole, G. W.  
Cooke, H.  
Cope, T. S.  
Cosgrave, John  
Dalgety, J. G.  
Dallachy, J.  
Davis, P.  
Dickson, T.  
Dinwoodie, J.  
Dow, J. F.  
Duncan, D.  
Eady, W.  
Eades, Dr.  
Fallenstein, Captain

Foxton, J. G.  
Gill, J.  
Gillbee, W.  
Goldsbrough, R.  
Groves, A. F. A.  
Gibbs, Edw. M.  
Gibbs, James H.  
Hart, Lewis  
Heales, R., sen.  
Heales, R., jun.  
Heape, B.  
Heape, C.  
Hill, A.  
Hoddl, R.  
Hood, J.  
Herring, J.  
Howitt, Dr.  
Ker, R.  
Kerr, R.  
Knox, R.  
Langlands, H.  
Langlands, J.  
Langlands, T.  
Leslie, A.  
Little, F. A.  
Lush, E.  
Lush, J.  
Mackenzie, W. H., jun.  
Melbourne, Bishop of  
Moody, L. A.  
Moor, Henry  
Mortimer, H. W.  
Mouritz, G. A.  
Murphy, J. R.  
M'Arthur, D. C.  
M'Crea, Andrew M.  
M'Ewan, J.  
M'Farlane, J.  
Milne, G.  
Moffat, D.  
Motherwell, Dr.  
Moubray, T.  
Mullaly, J.

Nicholson, G.  
Ogilvy, David  
Orme, Charles  
Oswald, J.  
Overton, W.  
O'Farrell, P. A. C.  
Palmer, Sir J. F.  
Pascoe, J. R.  
Pasley, C.  
Pohlman, R. W.  
Powell, W.  
Rae, J.  
Rae, T.  
Rose, J. H.  
Ross, Alfred  
Russdon, G. W.  
Russell, A.  
Sargood, F. J.  
Sleight, J.  
Smith, J. M.  
Smith, R.  
Snowball, J.  
Splatt, W. F.  
Stevenson, J.  
Stevens, F. P.  
Stewart, James  
Strode, Thomas  
Sumner, T. J.  
Thorp, S.  
Tuckett, W. H.  
Turner, Geo.  
Vaughan, C.  
Vivian, G. W.  
Walsh, F.  
Walsh, H.  
Welsh, P. W.  
Westgarth, Wm.  
Wharton, G.  
Wilkie, Dr.  
Wilkie, Joseph  
Williamson, Charles  
Wisewould, J.

## COLONIAL NEWSPAPERS.

|                               |                                    |                           |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Melbourne Argus (daily)       | Ballarat Star (daily)              | Ovens Constitution        |
| Melbourne Herald "            | Ararat Advertiser                  | Ovens & Murray Advertiser |
| Melbourne Age "               | Creswick and Clunes Advertiser     | Inglewood Advertiser      |
| Melbourne Leader "            | Daylesford Express                 | Albury Banner             |
| Melbourne Examiner            | M'Ivor News                        | Federal Standard          |
| Melbourne Punch               | Bendigo Advertiser                 | Pastoral Times            |
| Melb. Journal of Commerce     | Mount Alexander Mail               | Sydney Morning Herald     |
| Melbourne Economist           | Kyneton Observer                   | Hobart Town Mercury       |
| Melb. Clough's Circular       | Kilmore Examiner                   | Launceston Examiner       |
| Melbourne Christian Times     | Banner of Belfast                  | South Australian Register |
| Melb. Government Gazette      | Portland Guardian                  | New Zealand (Auckland)    |
| Melbourne Police Gazette      | Talbot Leader                      | New Zealand Advertiser    |
| Richmond Australian           | Warrnambool Examiner               | (Wellington)              |
| St. Kilda Chronicle           | Gipps Land Guardian                | Otago Witness             |
| Collingwood Observer          | Tarangower Times                   | Queensland Courier        |
| Williamstown Independent      | Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser | Queensland Guardian       |
| Brunswick and Pentridge Press |                                    | Queensland Times          |
| Geelong Advertiser (daily)    |                                    |                           |

## BRITISH AND OTHER NEWSPAPERS.

|                    |                               |                                  |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| London Times       | Glasgow Herald                | Economist                        |
| Daily News         | Scotsman                      | Mining Journal                   |
| Independence Belge | Dublin Evening Mail           | Home News                        |
| Saturday Review    | Belfast Weekly News           | Gardeners' Chronicle             |
| Critic             | British Patriot               | British Workman                  |
| Nonconformist      | London Record                 | Band of Hope Review              |
| Examiner           | Illustrated Lon. News, 2 cps. | L'Illustration Journal Universal |
| Liverpool Albion   | Spectator                     |                                  |

## BRITISH AND COLONIAL PERIODICALS

(ORDERED FOR READING ROOM).

|                              |                                           |                                        |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Edinburgh Review, 2 copies.  | Practical Mechanic's Journal              | Bankers' Magazine                      |
| Quarterly do. 2 "            | Mechanics' Magazine                       | M'Millan's Monthly Mag.                |
| North British do. 2 "        | Army List                                 | Notes and Queries                      |
| Westminster do.              | Navy List                                 | Australian Medical Journal             |
| British Quarterly do.        | Civil Engineers' and Architects' Magazine | Gornhill Magazine, 2 copies            |
| London Quarterly do.         | Frazer's Magazine, 2 copies               | All the Year Round, 3 "                |
| National do.                 | Athenaeum                                 | Once a Week, 2 "                       |
| Philosophical Journal, Edin. | Lancet                                    | Wood's Illust. Nat. History            |
| Blackwood's Magazine, 2 cps. | Builder                                   | Austri. Phonographic News              |
| Bentley's Miscellany, 2 "    | Punch, 3 copies                           | Melbourne Directory, 1862              |
| Colburn's New Monthly        | Law Times                                 | Bradshaw's Guide                       |
| Do. United Service           | Magazines of Natural History              | Dietrichsen and Hannay's Almanac, 1892 |
| Dub. Univer. Magazine, 2 "   | Family Herald, 3 copies                   | British Almanac and Companion, 1862    |
| Tait's Magazine, 2 "         | Philosophical Mag., London                | Year Book of Facts, 1862.              |
| Chamber's Edinburgh Journal  | Eclectic                                  | Queensland Almanac, 1861-2             |
| Art Journal                  | Hunt's Merchant's Mag.                    |                                        |

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Resolved that the following Periodicals be added to the list - viz

- 1 Colburns New Monthly
- 1 Cornhill
- 1 Queenslands Alth 1/61/62

That the following be discontinued

- 1 Daily News
- 1 Independence Belge
- 1 Ladies News-paper
- 1 British Patriot

That a copy of the "Bendigo Advertiser" <sup>may</sup> be procured if it can be had by payment of the postage only

It was moved by Dr. Greaves seconded by Mr. Weston

"That in consideration of the signal benefit conferred in former years on the Institution by Messrs Edward Wilson & George Cavenagh, proprietors of the "Argus" & "Herald" respectively the names of those gentlemen be entered as Honorary members" carried

The Secretary ~~request~~ requested permission "that the President might be authorized to sign the warrant for the payment of the City rates should the collector press for payment before the next monthly meeting

passed

J. W. Mowbray  
President

Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present-

The President  
 Mr. Edward M. Musson  
 " Barwick The Vice President  
 " Rollings Mr. Thomson  
 " Barto Rev. W. Rickett  
 Mr. Gibb.

The Minutes of the <sup>meeting of the</sup> General Committee of Management held Feb. 17 were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance sub-committee were read approved

The Minutes of the Library sub-committee were on the motion of Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Gibb. approved and accepted.

The Secretary reported that the Report for 1861 had been placed in the hands of the printer as directed and was to be ready in a few days

A letter from Mr. General Wilson was read acknowledging the receipt of Letters and Cards of Honorary Memberships of the Institution

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

|                    |         |                |        |
|--------------------|---------|----------------|--------|
| Wilson & Mackinnon | 2-10-0  | The Secretary  | 20-0-0 |
| Renting            | 3-0-0   | " Assistant    | 8-0-0  |
| Blundell           | 10-0-9  | " Messenger    | 4-0-0  |
| Detmold            | 12-4-6  | Lumbers        | 4-11-6 |
| City rates         | 16-0-0  | Jordan & Fitch | "-15-" |
| So. of Commerce    | 7-0-0   | Pilly          | 2-0-0  |
| Mason & Faith      | 12-12-0 |                |        |
| Mounts             | 5-12-7  |                |        |
| Mullen             | 8-0-0   |                |        |

The encroachment case on the rights-of-way was again brought forward when the Secretary reported that he had received all the documents <sup>as usual</sup> from Mr. Edwards belonging to the Institution on the Motion of the Rev. Mr. Rickett seconded by Mr. Barwick

That a sub-committee of ~~the~~ three gentlemen be appointed to enquire into the encroachment case and report as soon as possible and the following gentlemen be such committee viz Messrs - Musson, Gibb, & D. Peers  
 Carried

The name of Mr. Barto was by consent added to the above sub-committee

"Deeds"  
 1841. Jan. 30. Grant by Purchase to Mr. Hamilton Osborne  
 1842. Nov. 1. Deed of Association of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution  
 1842 Nov 30. Mr. H. Osborne to Trustees of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution

Release in Fee of the Mechanics Institution  
 1843 Jan. 2. Mr. Cross and others to James Simpson

Mortgage in Trust -  
 1847 Jan. 14. Simpson and others to Black and others  
 Conveyance of Land at Melbourne

1847 Jan. 25. Black and others to James Simpson  
 Mortgage to secure £800

1855 Feb. 8. Directions from the Committee of Management of the Mechanics, to the Land Trustees to raise money on Mortgage

1855 Feb 12. Black, Foston & Langland to W. D. Collyer  
 Mortgage

a Duplicate of the above  
 1855 March 2. Foston and others to W. D. Collyer  
 Conditional Bond

1858 Dec. 8. Collyer to Black, Foston & Langland  
 Conveyance

1846 July 24. Release Crook to Wilson

1850 June 20. same Wilson to Crook

1859 Feb. 8. Conveyance Crook to Black, Foston & Langland  
 for and



March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1862

Search paper (written in pencil) in re The Mechanics Inst.  
and The Hon. Henry Miller 1859  
Result of search in do 1859

Thos. Murray  
President

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening  
Present -

|                            |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|
| The President in the Chair |                 |
| The Vice President         |                 |
| Mr. Liston                 | Mr. Burt        |
| Dr. Greaves                | " Rollings      |
| Dr. Murray                 | " Masson        |
| Mr. Thomson                | " Barwick       |
| " Gibb                     | Rev. Mr. Rintel |

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of Management held March 3<sup>rd</sup> were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Library Sub-Committee were on the motion of Mr. Thomson seconded by Rev. Mr. Rintel approved and adopted

The books selected and recommended for by the sub-committee were exhibited on the table for the inspection of General Committee

The Secretary laid on the table copies of the printed Report of the Committee of Management for 1861

In answer to a letter received from the Assistant Librarian, it was moved by Dr. Murray seconded by the Rev. Mr. Rintel that he be continued in his office three months longer carried

Continued

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The Secretary requested permission of the Committee to forward to Mr. Guillaume £50 to use for Periodicals and newspapers supplied during 1861 and that the President sign the warrant for the same on the motion of Mr. Gibb seconded by Mr. Liston permission was granted

On the motion of Mr. Olston seconded by Dr. Greaves "The Secretary was instructed to advertise for those reports of the Committee of Management that are missing" carried

It was suggested by Mr. Masson that if an application were made to the President of the Board of the Water Commission he had no doubt a considerable reduction from the water rate would be made. It was resolved that a deputation should wait on the President <sup>of the Board</sup> consisting of the following gentlemen viz The President, <sup>of the Institution</sup> Dr. Greaves & Mr. Masson

The encroachment case was again brought forward when the sub-committee appointed at last meeting handed in their Report as follows

Thomas Murray Esq.  
President, Mechanics Institution  
March 17<sup>th</sup> 1862

Sci  
Pursuant to a resolution of the General Committee of the 3<sup>rd</sup> instant instructing a sub-committee to enquire into the encroachment on the Right of Way the Committee now begs to report that it has made an examination of the search papers forwarded by Mr. Edwards, also the title deeds of the Institution properly and the original plan and other papers in this matter and find that the real subject of dispute namely the encroachment on the right of way by Mr. Miller on part of section 2, Block 11 has not as yet been investigated by the Solicitor to the Institution. The search papers placed in the hands of the sub-committee are -

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completely silent on the subject or of any part of it and therefore the Committee has not been able to bring up any further report or to complete the investigation of the matter assigned to it to do

Signed Edw. M. Gibb  
I. J. Burto

A letter was read giving a statement of the proceedings in connection with the encroachment case on the Right-of-Way from the time it was placed in the hands of the solicitor signed James Macatsoy, for John Edwards, Esq. dated March 15/62 and addressed to the Secretary Mechanics Institution

A letter dated March 17/62 from John Edwards, Councillor and Chairman of the Legislative Committee, was read drawing the attention of the Committee to section 59 of a Bill now before the House of Assembly intitled An Act to further alter and amend the Laws relating to the Corporations of the City of Melbourne and of the Town of Geelong

Mr. Gunnison moved and Mr. Reeves seconded the following motion that the sub-committee be authorized to procure from Mr. Edwards all the papers relating to sect. 59. Block 11 Carried

That the Secretary be instructed to have procured on ~~copies~~ copies, the original plan from which the ~~allotment~~ allotments were sold by the Trustees of the Institution being ~~section 2.3 Block 11~~ Crown Allotment 2.3. Block 11

Done at Melbourne  
Chairman and  
7th April 1862

Monday 7th April 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening present -

The Vice President in the Chair  
Mr. Gibb Mr. Rollings  
" Barwick " Burto  
" Liston Dr. Reeves  
Dr. Murray the President  
Dr. Filbee

The Minutes of the General Committee of Management meeting held March 17th were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were on the motion of Mr. Gibb seconded by Mr. Rollings approved and adopted and the following a/c passed for payment -

|                              |         |
|------------------------------|---------|
| The Secretary 1 Mo.          | 20-0-0  |
| " Assistant to Man 29. Week  | 10-0-0  |
| " Messenger " "              | 5-0-0   |
| Proham repairs No. 1. Office | 2-16-8  |
| Harmer advertising           | 1-10-0  |
| Post, Feb. Mar.              | 15-6-0  |
| Books                        | 5-16-3  |
| Old a/c                      |         |
| Amos & Co                    | 10-16-0 |
| Dike                         | 10-0-0  |
| Punch to Jan 24/62           | 2-14-0  |
| Holland Guardian             | 4-4-6   |
| Sundry a/c                   |         |
| Mining Co.                   | 1-0-0   |
| Heichliff (posting)          | 0-12-0  |
| Dr. Puck & Leigh             | 0-7-0   |
| Allan, Abs.                  | 1-1-0   |
| Cable                        | 1-0-0   |
| Mr. Donald                   | 1-0-0   |
| Roff (posting)               | 1-4-0   |
| Nichols                      | 0-18-0  |
| Roulston                     | 1-0-0   |
|                              | 18-2-0  |
|                              | 96-5-5  |

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Mr. Mowbray stated that the deputation appointed at last meeting to wait on the President of the Water Commission had called twice at the office of the Board but Mr. Nash was from home on both occasions

A letter was read from George Savenagh Esq. acknowledging the receipt of the Card of Honorary Membership and thanking the Committee for the honor which they had conferred on him by placing his name on the list of Honorary Members of the Institution

A letter was received from Mr. J. C. Boland resigning his office as Member of Committee, which was accepted

The Secretary stated that he had procured the necessary search papers from Mr. Edwards, relating to the encroachment on the Right of Way and he now handed in the report of the Sub-Committee appointed at last meeting

Thomas Mowbray Esq.  
President of the  
Mechanics Institution

Sir

The Sub-Committee appointed to examine into the encroachment on the Right of Way by Mr. Miller beg further to report to you that we have examined certain search papers handed to us by the Secretary -

Mr. Thompson

Premising these papers to be correct, it appears that Allotment No 2. of Section 11 as well that of No 3. Section 11 were originally purchased from the Crown by Mr. J. H. Osborne in Trust for the Institution. Osborne or subsequent Trustees have at various times alienated the whole of the Land so purchased as delineated on the plan among the occupants of Little belonging to the Institution save as therein appears

As to Allotment No 3 of Section 11 we have already

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reported to you.

The Grant of Allotment No 2. Section 11 was made in the month of Jan 7. 1841. to Osborne, who in April of the same year sold to one Smart Lots 12 to 16 inclusive together with the rights of way subtending these Lots as marked in the said plan ~~as~~ that owners and occupiers of other Lots in the section have no rights over these ways to the extent of that sale. The search is silent as to whether the Trustees have or have not alienated any other portions of these woods save as is herein after mentioned

In the year 1842 Osborne conveyed to Mr. Fear and others the whole of the land contained in the Grant inclusive of that previously alienated to Smart.

This peculiarity is not in any way explained by the papers.

In March 1843 the Trustees of the Institution conveyed to one Dawson and others, firstly all those Lots Nos 4. 5. 6. of Allotment No 2. Section No. 11 together with the rights of way of 10 feet wide and secondly Lot No. 7. of said allotment No. 2. The dimensions of this Lot being 25 ft. north and south by 50 ft. east and West, that part of the right of way therefore of 24 ft wide subtending it is still in the Trustees and they or any other person having a right of way over the present encroachment either as owners or occupiers of any portion of the respective allotment 2 or 3. can maintain an action against Mr. Miller for trespass in the case if brought within a period of 15 years from the time when the right of action first accrued.

Dated 7 April 1862

Signed Geo<sup>l</sup> M. Pith  
J. P. Burt

It was moved by Mr. Pease, seconded by Mr. Hollings that the Secretary be instructed to inform Mr. Miller that the encroachment must be removed without further delay

Carried  
Thos. Mowbray

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening  
Present-

The President in the Chair

The Vice President

Mr. Leston Mr. Bourto

" Rollings Dr. Gilbee

" John Lush

The Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held  
April 7 were read and confirmed

The Secretary stated that in accordance with the instruction  
of last meeting he <sup>had written</sup> to the Hon. Henry Miller with  
reference to the encroachment ~~of~~ the Right of Way —  
informing him that the ~~obstruction~~ Building must be  
removed without further delay, but had received no answer

The following Donations were notified to the Committee viz  
A quantity of matting sufficient to cover the passage  
of the Institution from "The President" and two large <sup>mat</sup> mats  
for the door at the front entrance, from the Vice President

It was moved and seconded that the thanks of this  
Committee be given to the President and Vice President  
for their very useful articles which they had presented  
to the Institution Carried unanimously.

The Secretary laid on the table the tenders for painting the  
front of the Building, which had been advertised for

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Bell              | 27-10-0 |
| Cunningham        | 28-0-0  |
| Polmer            | 25-0-0  |
| Selfy             | 25-0-0  |
| Harnsworth        | 22-10-0 |
| Pilley            | 20-0-0  |
| Burgess & Russell | 20-0-0  |
| Reen              | 18-10-0 |
| Crickton          | 11-0-0  |

It was moved by Mr. Alston seconded by Mr. Rollings that  
Mr. Crickton's tender be accepted Carried

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The Secretary placed on the table a number of new  
books for the approval of the Committee a list of  
which is given in the minute book of the Library  
Committee, the Library Committee not having met  
~~at the usual hour~~ The <sup>said</sup> books being duly passed

W. Mowbray

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening  
Present-

The President in the Chair

The Vice President

Dr. Reeves Mr. Masson

Mr. Leston " Lush

" Rollings " Gibbs

Rev. Mr. Kintel

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of  
Management held 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April were read and  
confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May instant

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

|                 |                                    |          |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|----------|
| The Gas Company | April                              | 8-2-0    |
| " Secretary     | "                                  | 20-0-0   |
| " Assistant     | "                                  | 8-0-0    |
| " Messenger     | "                                  | 4-0-0    |
| James Reid      | Newspapers<br>Jan to Dec/61        | 7-16-3   |
| Mullen          |                                    | 11-11-2  |
| Sydney          | Age & Lenders<br>July/60 to Dec/61 | 16-19-6  |
|                 |                                    | £ 76-1-5 |

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After the payment of the above a/c's amounting to the sum of £76-1-5 a balance would be left in the Bank of £37-0-0. in order to prepare for the Trustees acceptance which would fall due on the 26<sup>th</sup> inst - and it would be advisable to send by next mail a remittance to Mr. Fullan

The Secretary stated that not having received an answer from Mr. Miller with reference to the encroachment he waited on Mr. Miller and requested a written answer - but he declined doing so at the same time stating that he was aware of the encroachment and wished that portion of the building encroaching on the Right of Way removed, that it was put up by the Messrs. Cocker Bros who at one time ~~were~~ occupied those premises

That the Messrs. Cocker Bros did ask of him (Mr. Miller) permission to put up that portion of the building complained of as an encroachment but he distinctly informed them that he had not the power to do so, and if they did build on that ground it must be at their own risk

Mr. Miller also stated that the present Tenant was now insolvent and his affairs were in the hands of Mr. Laing the Official Assignee

It was moved by Mr. Reeves seconded by Mr. Pintel that the Secretary having having informed the Committee that the lease of the Building which encroaches on the Right of Way is about to be offered for sale by the Official Assignee Mr. Laing, the Secretary be instructed to attend the sale and give public notice of the encroachment  
Carried

The Secretary was instructed that in future when summoning the Library Committee one clear day must be given between the date of the notice and the day of Meeting of the Committee

J. W. Mowbray

Monday May 19<sup>th</sup> 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present -

The President - in the Chair  
The Vice President -  
Mr. Seward      Mr. Lusk  
"    Burt        "    Thomson  
"    Rollings     "    Linton  
"    Gibbs

The minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of Management - held 5<sup>th</sup> day of May instant - were read and confirmed

The minutes of the meeting of the Library sub-committee held May 15 were read and approved

The Books recommended by the Library sub-committee were on the motion of the motion of Mr. Pelt, seconded by Mr. Thomson passed unanimously

The Secretary stated that he had seen Mr. Miller and he promised to have the Building encroaching on the Right of Way removed on an early day as possible

It was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Lusk that the Secretary be instructed in the Melbourne papers that Educational Classes will be formed for the members of the Institution, Applications to be made to the Secretary  
Carried

Application by letter from the Secretary (J. M. Forde) of the Amateur Benevolent - Co-educational Club for the use of the Hall for an entertainment in aid of the Benevolent - Asylum It was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Lusk that the <sup>use of</sup> Hall be granted for the occasion for the sum of 10/6

Carried

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The Secretary reported that the Trustees acceptance <sup>for £100</sup> to Bank of New South Wales would fall due on the 23<sup>rd</sup> inst and recommended that it be renewed for £75 for 4 mos agreed to

A warrant for a remittance of £40 to Messrs F. Pullam & Co London was signed by the President

Letters from Mr. A. Zeigler were read by the President - having reference to the formation of a French Class. The Secretary was instructed to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Zeigler's letters

It was moved by Mr. Alston seconded by Mr. Thomson and carried that the Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of the following letter to Messrs Black, Macadam and Haerle

I have been instructed by the Committee of the Institution to remind you that your subscription for the present year is still unpaid and seeing that your position in the Institution demands that this should be done forthwith as an example to the other members, I now make this request

W. Mowbray

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - The President in the Chair  
The Vice President  
Mr. Lister Mr. Edwards  
" Barwick Dr. Murray  
Mr. Thomson Mr. Gibb  
Rev. Mr. Rintel " Rollings  
Dr. Reeves

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The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of Management - held May 19. were read and approved

The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held May 20, were read and approved

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

|    |                        |        |
|----|------------------------|--------|
| By | The Secretary 1 Mo.    | 20-0-0 |
|    | The Assistant - 5 week | 10-0-0 |
|    | The Messenger 5 week   | 5-0-0  |

The Secretary reported that he had advertised the Educational Classes about to be formed in connexion with the Institution but very few enquiries had been made by the members - respecting them after some discussion on the subject

The following motion was moved by Mr. Gibb seconded by Mr. Rintel That any Gentleman approved of by the Committee may form a class or classes for the study of any branch of knowledge such Teachers to take all responsibility of advertising and other expenses of the class the Institution merely providing the room and fuel all pupils of such class or classes to be members of the Institution carried

It was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Alston that an advertisement be inserted in the Times Melbourne Daily papers, six insertions in each in accordance with the foregoing resolution carried

A letter from Mr. Zeigler was handed to the President having reference to the formation of a French class. It was moved by Mr. Alston seconded by Mr. Thomson that the Secretary be instructed to reply to Mr. Zeigler referring him to the answer to his former communications in the same subject. carried

The Secretary stated that he had found impossible to

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arrange for a course of Lectures & the particulars to be laid before this meeting

It was suggested by several members <sup>that</sup> a list of the names of such Gentlemen as the Committee might think it advisable to apply to for a Lecture or a Reading from some popular author and the Secretary to apply by letter in name of the Committee

The following names were taken down

Mr John Foster, Head Master, Geelong Nat. Prim. Sch.

Mr David Blair

Mr James Smith

Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr New

Hon. J. S. Duffy

Hon. J. P. Fowler

Mr Henry Edwards

Arch. Mackie Esq.

Dr. Gades

Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Cornehill

Mr C. Holt

The Lecture Committee to be summoned when the answers were received from the above Gentlemen

W. M. Mowbray

Monday June 16<sup>th</sup> 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening Present

The President in the Chair

" Vice President

Mr Edwards Mr Burt

" Liston Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Rutledge

Dr. Murray Dr. Greaves

Mr Rollings

The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee of Management held June 2<sup>o</sup> were read and confirmed

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The Secretary reported that he had ~~advertised~~ advertised the classed as instructed by the Committee he had also employed other means but was unsuccessful in procuring names of persons desirous of receiving instruction in the way proposed The Secretary was requested to continue his efforts and the matter referred back to the Library Committee

The Secretary stated that had written to the several Gentlemen named at the last meeting soliciting from each a Lecture but had received only three letters The consideration postponed until next meeting of the Committee

On the motion of Mr. Liston seconded by Dr. Murray The New Books now exhibited be passed Carried

Mr. Edwards intimated that at the next meeting of the Committee he would move for the appointment of a member to fill the vacancy in the Library Committee caused by the resignation of Mr. Burt

W. M. Mowbray

Monday July 7<sup>th</sup> 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

The President, in the Chair

" Vice President

Mr Edwards Mr Liston

" Burt " Rollings

" Thomson " Lusk

" Gibbs Dr. Murray

Dr. Gillies Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Rutledge

The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee of Management held June 16<sup>th</sup> were read and confirmed

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The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Sub-Com<sup>tee</sup> were read and approved

The following a/c<sup>s</sup> recommenced for payment by the Finance Committee were passed in the usual manner

vis

|                            |           |
|----------------------------|-----------|
| The Secretary              | 20-0-0    |
| " Assistant -              | 8-0-0     |
| " Messenger                | 4-1-0     |
| " Gas Company <u>May</u>   | 12-6-0    |
| Mullen Books               | 10-13-6   |
| Crickton Painter           | 11-0-0    |
| Beauchamp Co               | 5-2-0     |
| Bailliere                  | 1-12-6    |
| Victoria Insurance         | 7-10-0    |
| Water Commission           | 6-5-0     |
| Journal of Commerce        | 2-0-0     |
| Burstable Co (adv f.)      | 2-2-0     |
| Truck Jan 24 to July 24/62 | 1-4-0     |
|                            | £ 91-15-0 |

The Secretary reported that he had made every effort to form classes in connexion with the Institution the only one that he thought likely to succeed was for Elocution which Mr Hill would take charge of

It was moved by Mr Thomson seconded by Mr Gibb

that Mr Hill be allowed the use of a room in the Institution one night each week for the purpose of giving instruction in Elocution to the members Carried

The subject of Lectures was referred to the Library and Lectures Committee to make arrangements to commence about the close of present month

The Secretary stated that as Mr Allan's term of notice allowed by the Committee had expired the situation was now vacant and with permission of the Committee he would suggest the following arrangement vis that the Gn<sup>l</sup> be now in the employ of the Committee be <sup>promoted</sup> advanced to the situation that he should still do his present work in the morning

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and that he should receive say 25/- a week and that a Boy might be engaged at 10/- a week which would be a saving of £65 a year

A Letter was read from Mr Allan but no action was taken thereon

It was moved by Mr Thomson seconded by Mr Alston that advertisements be inserted once in each daily paper asking for applications for the office of Assistant Librarian to this Institution salary £75 per annum in the meantime the present interim assistant be retained until the appointment Carried

It was moved by Dr Murray seconded by the Rev Mr Pintel that Mr Edwards be elected a member of the Library Sub-Committee in the room of Mr Baldwin resigned Carried

W. S. Mowbray

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening Present

The President - in the Chair

The Vice President -

- |               |            |
|---------------|------------|
| Mr Barwick    | Dr Murray  |
| " Burt        | Mr Thomson |
| " Gibb        | " Lister   |
| " Edwards     | " Rollings |
| Rev M. Pintel | Dr Gilbee  |
| Dr Greaves    |            |

The Minutes of the General Committee meeting held July 7 were read and confirmed

The <sup>Secretary</sup> reported that the list of Lectures was not completed but would be on Wednesday when the Lecture Committee would be summoned to make the necessary arrangements



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A parcel of new books was placed on the table the Library sub-committee (Dr. Reeves being the only member present) not having met, to examine and report. The General Committee took up the subject and selected such books as ~~was~~ were thought desirable to purchase at present - such books are named in the sub-committee's minute book July 18<sup>th</sup> 1862

The Secretary laid on the table 31 letters in answer to the advertisement for an Assistant Librarian. The President - having opened and read each letter handed them round to each member of Committee after which a ballot was taken with the following result - Allan b. W. Smith 4; Malley 1; Skinner 1;

W. J. Allan was declared duly elected

It was moved by Dr. Reeves sec<sup>d</sup> by Mr. Leston

That Mr. W. J. Allan having been elected Assistant Librarian his salary be at the rate of seventy five pounds (£75) a year payable monthly, and the agreement to be terminable by a month's notice on either side at any time Carried

It was moved by Dr. Gibbs Mr. Edwards seconded by Dr. Gibbs That Mr. Smith be continued in his present office at one pound per week Carried

The following were appointed a sub-committee to consider as to the best mode of ventilation for the reading room viz Mr. Durrant, Dr. Murray, Mr. Barwick, Mr. Rollings, Dr. Reeves, Carried

W. J. Allen

I agree to accept the appointment of Assistant Librarian at the salary of seventy five pounds per annum payable monthly and the agreement to be terminable by a month's notice on either side at any time

W. J. Allen

Monday August 4<sup>th</sup> 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening

|         |                            |
|---------|----------------------------|
| Present | The President in the Chair |
|         | Mr. Edwards Mr. Leston     |
|         | " Barlow " Leston          |
|         | " Thomson " Rollings       |
|         | " Gibbs Dr. Reeves         |
|         | " Barwick Dr. Murray       |

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

The Minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee ~~meeting~~ <sup>meeting</sup> held August 2<sup>nd</sup> were read and approved

|                                                          |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Costs to credit of the Institution in the Bank this date | 72-9-5  |
| Revs due and payment promised in a few days              | 22-14-6 |
|                                                          | <hr/>   |
|                                                          | 95-8-11 |

Accounts examined and recommended for payment by the Finance Sub-Committee

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| The Secretary             | 20-0-0  |
| The Messenger             | 4-0-0   |
| Barton for Gas regulators | 3-18-0  |
| Puillanme                 | 30-0-0  |
| Mullen                    | 4-16-4  |
| Gas Company June          | 12-12-0 |

The following passed by the General Committee viz

|                                   |        |
|-----------------------------------|--------|
| The Messenger, for extra services | 1-1-0  |
| Stapens, Bookbinder               | 8-12-0 |
|                                   | <hr/>  |
|                                   | 95-6-4 |

The Ventilation sub-committee, Dr. Reeves stated that the sub-committee had not held a meeting but would do so in a few days and would report to the next meeting of the General Committee

The Secretary placed on the table the printed list of Lectures Readings &c when it was moved by Mr. Gibbs seconded by Mr. Rollings that the Committee approved of the List of

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Lectures &c as arranged by the Secretary"  
Carried

The Secretary reported that the Leeds Ladies' Benevolent Society held a meeting in the Institution in June last. payment of which had been delayed in consequence of a promise on the part of the Rev. Mr. Rintel to bring the subject before the Committee with the view of having the meetings of the said Society held in the Institution free of charge. The Committee resolved that the sum of 10/6 be charged the same as last year.

The subject of the encroachment on the Right-of-Way when it was resolved that the Secretary write to Mr. Miller. Copy of Letter sent to

Melbourne Mechanics Institution  
August 13-1862

Sir

The Committee of Management of the Institution understanding that the building encroaching on the Right-of-Way is now vacant and that the ground of difficulty stated by you as to removing the said building is now obviated I am instructed to apply to you to have the same removed without delay.

I am

Sir

Your Obedt. Servant

W. Thompson, Secretary

The Hon.

Henry Miller, M.C.

It was arranged by the Members of the Library sub-committee present that in future the meetings of their meetings should be held in the evening at 7.30.

W. Thompson

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

The President in the chair

" Vice President

Mr. Murray Mr. Barwick

Mr. Rollings " Bartle

" Lister " Thompson

" Lister

The Minutes of the General Committee of Management, were read and approved confirmed, of the Meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> day August.

The Minutes of the Library sub. Committee meeting held August 16<sup>th</sup> were read and approved.

The Ventilation sub-committee reported that the subject of ventilating the Reading Room had been under ~~serious~~ consideration but no definite plan had been adopted for recommendation.

It was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Lister

"that the matter be referred back to the sub-committee"

Carried

The Secretary stated that the proceeds of the Lecture by Mr. Hill amounted to £8-3-0 and he requested that the Committee would state what sum was to be given to Mr. Hill for his services.

It was moved by Mr. Alston seconded by Mr. Thomson "that the sum of £3-3-0 be given to Mr. Hill"

Carried

W. Thompson



15<sup>th</sup> Sept 1862

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of Management - held 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept: instant - were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Library Sub-Committee meeting held Sept 12<sup>th</sup> were read and approved

The new and second hand <sup>books</sup> exhibited at the meeting and recommended by the Library Committee were on the motion of Dr Murray seconded by Mr Thomson passed. A list of the books entered in the Minutes of the Library Committee

The subject of the Ventilation of the Reading Room was again brought forward when it was moved by Mr Thomson seconded by Mr Lestie "That in the meantime the alterations made by and under the direction of Dr Murray be allowed a thorough trial of say a month from this date, but that estimates be procured by the Secretary from competent tradesmen of the expense of Mr Rollings plan carried

In consequence of the absence of Mr Edward the notice of motion standing in his name ~~passed~~ for the nomination of two members to fill the vacancies in the Committee of Management, lapsed

A Letter from the Town Clerk by direction of the Mayor thanking the Committee for the use of the Hall for the public meeting for the Prince Consort Testimonial

A Letter from the Messrs Mackay, Publishers, of the "Bendigo Advertiser" informing the Secretary that their agents Mess Gordon and Polch had been instructed to leave a copy of their paper at the Institution till further notice

It was moved by Mr Thomson seconded by "That the Secretary be instructed to thank Mess Mackay & Co for the offer of the ~~advertisement~~ gratuitously until further notice

*J. W. Mansfield*

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 1862

The General Committee of Management - met this evening Present

The President - in the Chair

The Vice President:

Mr Edward                      Mr Thomson  
Mr Rollings                      Dr Murray  
Mr Lestie                          Mr Burt  
Mr Gibb

The Minutes of the General Committee of Management meeting held Sept 15<sup>th</sup> were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee meeting held Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> were read and approved

The following are recommended for payment - by the Finance Committee were passed in the usual manner

|    |                                 |        |
|----|---------------------------------|--------|
| By | The Secretary                   | 20-0-0 |
|    | " Messenger                     | 4-0-0  |
|    | " Assistant                     | 6-5-0  |
|    | " Gas Company                   | 11-16- |
|    | " Victoria Insurance            | 5-0-0  |
|    | " Rev <sup>d</sup> Mr Henderson | 2-5-0  |

The Secretary reported that in accordance with the instructions of the House sub Committee he had purchased from the Managers of "John Knox" Congregation 16 Forms with backs for the Hall of the Institution for the sum of £14-0-0 the said amount to be paid in March 1863

On the motion of Mr Alston seconded by Mr Gibb the Committee confirmed the Act of the sub House sub-Com<sup>tee</sup> in purchasing the said forms

The Secretary stated that the Hon. Henry Miller had at last complied with the instructions of the Committee and removed the Buildings encroaching on the Right of Way behind the Institution

On the motion of Mr Gibb seconded by Mr Thomson the following Gentlemen were appointed a sub-committee

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to carry out the arrangements with Miss Aitken for an entertainment for the Benefit of the Institution some evening previous to her leaving the Colony

- viz The president-
- The Vice president-
- and Mr Thomson

Mr. Liston gave notice - that at next meeting of the Committee, an account of the exact receipts and expenditure incurred by each Lecture in the course recently delivered be produced by the Secretary

Mr. Alston gave notice - that he would move at the next meeting of the Committee - that a list of <sup>the</sup> members of Committee who retired at the next Annual Meeting, be laid on the Table

*Monaf Alston*  
Chairman

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening present

- The Vice President in the Chair
- Dr Murray Mr Gibbs
  - Rev Mr Raitel Mr Lush
  - Mr Liston Mr Edwards
  - Mr Rollings Mr Thomson
  - Mr Monbray

The Minutes of the General Committee of Management meeting held Oct. 6/62 were read and confirmed

The Secretary stated that the attempt to arrange with Miss Aitken for an Entertainment for the Benefit of the Institution had fallen through in consequence of her leaving the Colony on an earlier day than was expected

Mr. Liston moved and Mr Thomson seconded that the statements now produced of the Proceeds and Expenses of the

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Course of Lectures just finished be entered in the Minutes carried "see below"  
The list of Members of Committee retiring at the next annual meeting as moved for by Mr. Alston was laid on the Table

The Secretary laid on the Table a Copy of "America Illustrated" 2 Vols & handsomely bound stating that it had been presented to the Institution by Mr. Thomson a member of Committee "The Committee resolved that a vote of thanks be given to Mr Thomson for his contribution to the Library of the Institution" Mr Thomson being present the Chairman in the name of the Committee of the thanks here conveyed to him the thanks of the Committee for the presentation

| Dr    |                                                      | Sutures    |  | Cr    |                       |
|-------|------------------------------------------------------|------------|--|-------|-----------------------|
| 1862  |                                                      | 1862       |  |       |                       |
| Aug 1 | To 1000 Programmes $\frac{1}{2}$ Stk. 4 <sup>5</sup> | 1 13 "     |  | Aug 1 | By Cash for Admission |
| "     | Cancelled                                            | " 2 10 "   |  |       | to Mr Blair's Lecture |
| "     | Mr Blair's -                                         |            |  |       | 1 16 "                |
| "     | 200 posters                                          | 2 2 "      |  | 8     | Mr Hill's             |
| "     | advertising                                          | 1 2 "      |  |       | 8 3 "                 |
| 8     | Mr Hill's -                                          |            |  | 15    | Rev Mr Henderson's    |
| "     | 200 posters 2-2-0                                    |            |  |       | " 12 "                |
| "     | advertising 2-9-0                                    |            |  | 22    | Mr Fisher             |
| "     | Cash for Mr Hill's 3-3-0                             | 7 14 "     |  |       | 1 1 "                 |
| 15    | Rev Mr Henderson                                     |            |  | 29    | Mr Smith              |
| "     | 100 posters 1-1-0                                    |            |  |       | " 17 "                |
| "     | advertising " 16-0                                   |            |  | 5     | Mr Bowrick            |
| "     | Railway Fares 2-5-0                                  | 4 2 "      |  |       | 1 " "                 |
| 22    | Mr Fisher                                            |            |  | 12    | Rev Mr Concher        |
| "     | 100 posters 1-1-0                                    |            |  |       | " 8 "                 |
| "     | advertising - 19-0                                   | 2 " "      |  |       | 13 2 6                |
| 29    | Mr Smith                                             |            |  |       | 12 9 4                |
| "     | 100 posters - 1-1-0                                  |            |  |       | 2 5 11 10             |
| "     | advertising - 18-0                                   | 1 19 "     |  |       |                       |
| seps  | Mr Bowrick                                           |            |  |       |                       |
| "     | 100 posters 1-1-0                                    |            |  |       |                       |
| "     | advertising 14-0                                     |            |  |       |                       |
| "     | Cash for Mr Hill's 1-0-0                             | 2 15 "     |  |       |                       |
| 12    | Rev Mr Concher                                       |            |  |       |                       |
| "     | 100 posters 1-1-0                                    |            |  |       |                       |
| "     | advertising - 1-1-0                                  | 2 2 "      |  |       |                       |
|       |                                                      | £ 25 11 10 |  |       |                       |
|       | Balance brought forward                              | 12 9 4     |  |       |                       |

*Monaf Alston*  
Chairman

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - The Vice President in the Chair  
 Mr. Edwards      Mr. Leston  
 Mr. Burt      Mr. Gibb  
 Mr. Rollings      Mr. Lusk  
 Mr. Monbray      The President  
 Dr. Reeves  
 Mr. Gibb

The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee of Management held October 20<sup>th</sup> were read and confirmed

The Secretary reported that he had summoned the Finance Committee but only one viz Dr. Reeves, attended and there not being a quorum no business was done

The following a/c which should have been examined by the Finance Committee were now presented when after some discussion were passed for payment - viz

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| The Secretary           | 20-0-0  |
| " Assistant             | 6-5-0   |
| " Messengers            | 4-0-0   |
| Franklin V <sup>o</sup> | 9-10-0  |
| Gas Sept                | 11-10-0 |

In answer to a question put by Mr. Edwards, the Chairman stated that the Secretary's monthly statement of Receipts to would be examined by the Finance Committee at their next meeting

The Secretary brought forward the subject of the Ventilation of the Reading Room It was resolved to continue the present system a little longer

The Secretary reported that by order of the House - sub-committee the rail of the stairs leading to the Hall had been repaired

W. Monbray

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening  
Present - The President in the Chair

The Vice President -  
 Mr. Gibb      Mr. Burt  
 " Lusk      " Rollings  
 Dr. Reeves      " Barwick

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of Management held 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 1862 were read and confirmed

The Secretary informed the Committee that Mr. Bonarch - music master proposed giving a Lecture on Music, the proceeds to be given to the "Protestant Orphanage"

The Committee resolved that the charge for the Hall for the occasion should be only 20/-

A letter from the Ladies City Mission was read - requesting permission to hold their monthly meetings in the Institution free of charge

On the Motion of Dr. Reeves seconded by Mr. Gibb - that considering the benevolent objects of the "Ladies City Mission" the Committee grant the gratuitous use of the Committee room as requested for six months this not to interfere with any arrangement for letting the room which may be made  
Carried

The following new Books were placed on the table, having been recommended for Library viz  
Owen's paleontology Vol 8<sup>o</sup> 18/-  
The Exchange Vol 1.

W. Monbray  
Chairman

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening present

The Vice President in the Chair  
 Mr. Burt Mr. Rollings  
 " Johnson " Murray  
 " Lusk " Gibbs  
 " Reeves " Edwards  
 " Linton " Warwick

The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee of Management held Nov 17. were read and approved & confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee for Oct. & Nov<sup>r</sup> -- were read and approved showing cash in the Bank on Nov<sup>r</sup> 29 42-17-5

The following sums due and to be paid on Monday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Rogers               | 7-0-0            |
| "John Kerr" Congreg. | 6-0-0            |
| Melbourne Home       | 2-2-0            |
|                      | <u>£ 57-19-5</u> |

The following exp<sup>s</sup> examined by the Finance Committee and recommended for payment were added in the usual manner

|                                |                 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| The Secretary                  | 20-0-0          |
| " Assistant                    | 6-5-0           |
| " Messengers                   | 5-0-0           |
| Books                          | 2-8-6           |
| Trunk to Jan 24/63             | 1-4-0           |
| Banquet                        | 1-0-0           |
| Allan Arthur                   | 12-5            |
| Scampston                      | 3-18-6          |
| Lauder & M <sup>r</sup> Donald | 1-14-9          |
| Reid Newspapers                | 8-9-0           |
| Water rate                     | 6-9-1           |
|                                | <u>£ 57-1-1</u> |

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Application was made by Mr. Alston for the Hall for three evenings for the benefit of the Scottish Relief Fund

The Committee consented to grant the application on the charges for lighting the Hall being paid

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

That a return showing the present number of subscribers, the amount of money spent on account of the Reading Room and of the Library during the past year be submitted at the next meeting

Carried  
 J. P. Mowbray

Monday Dec<sup>r</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1862

The General Committee of Management met this evening

present The President in the Chair  
 The Vice President -  
 Mr. Gibbs Mr. Rintell  
 Dr. Murray Mr. Burt

The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee of Management held Dec<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> were read and confirmed

The notice of motion at last meeting moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Dr. Reeves, lapsed in consequence of both mover and seconder being absent.

M. J. Alston