

Monday Jan^y 5th 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening present -

The Vice President in the Chair
 Mr. Edwards Mr. Burt
 " Leston " Rollings
 " Lush

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of Management held Dec. 15. were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the meeting of Finance Committee held Jan 3. were read and approved.

The amount in the Bank as shown by the Bank pass-Book was £73-5-10 on Saturday Jan 3.

The following a/c were examined and recommended for payment viz

The Secretary 1 ^{mo.}	20-0-0
" Assistant 1 ^{mo.}	6-5-0
" Messenger 4 ^{week}	4-0-0
" Post Oct	8-12-0
Mount - 4 ^{to}	2-13-10
Co. of Commerce	2-0-0
Mullen	15-16-6
Clason	3-2-6
Smith Binder	11-2-3
	<u>71-12-1</u>

The Secretary handed in a notice from the Insurance Com^{rs} intimating that the premium on £1000 amounting to £2-10-0 was now due It was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Burt that the same be paid
 Carried

The Abstract of the Treasurers a/c current for the year 1862 was presented and after being read to the meeting the Secretary was instructed to summon the Auditors to examine the a/c, and have the same prepared for the meeting of the Finance Committee

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The Secretary informed the Committee that Mr. Overton one of the Auditors was out of the Colony and that it would be necessary to ~~another~~ ~~to~~ appoint another to fill the vacancy

It was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Burt that Mr. Swift be requested to join Mr. Smith in auditing the a/c,
 Carried

It was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Burt that so soon as the a/c are audited they be handed to the Finance Committee with instructions to prepare the report for the Annual Meeting, the same a draft of the report to be submitted if possible to next meeting of the General Committee

W. M. Moulton

Monday 19th Jan^y 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - The President in the Chair
 The Vice President
 Mr. Leston Dr. Reeves
 Rev. Mr. Pintel Mr. Burt
 Mr. Lush " Gibb
 " Rollings Dr. Piller
 " Edwards

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee held Jan 5. were read and confirmed

The Secretary reported that a special meeting of the Finance Committee was held on the 16th when the annual statements of accounts were carefully examined and ordered to be submitted to the first meeting of the General Committee
 The following statements were laid on the table

The abstract of the Treasurers a/c current for the year 1862
 The Balance Sheet showing the liabilities of the Institution at 31 Dec/62
 The Statement Income and Expenditure for 1862

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It was moved by Rev. Mr. Rintel seconded by Mr. Linton that - "the abstract of the Treasurers acct. current for the year 1862" as signed by the Auditors be received and adopted
Carried

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Rintel seconded by Mr. Gibbs that the Balance Sheet as now submitted be received and adopted and signed by the President and Vice-President as Members of the Finance Committee
Carried

After some discussion as to the amount named for new Books in the Estimated Income and Expenditure

It was moved by Dr. Reeves seconded by Mr. Gibbs that the amount be £200 ~~was~~ was lost

An Amendment moved by Mr. Linton seconded by Mr. Burt that the amount remain at £100 and that the statement be received and adopted
was Carried

The Secretary stated that the Bill for £50 due to the Bank of New South Wales would fall due before the next meeting of the Committee he would therefore suggest that the President sign the warrant for the payment of the whole amount
agreed

The Secretary stated that he summoned the Library Committee in the usual manner to be held on the 15th but only one member viz Dr. Reeves attended there not being a Quorum the meeting was not constituted

A number of new works by ^{mail} and several 2nd hand books from Mr. Mullens Library were laid on the table for approval It was moved by Dr. Reeves seconded by the Rev. Mr. Rintel that the books now submitted be passed
Carried

The Special meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on Friday at 7.30 to draw up a report of the proceedings of the Institution for 1862 and a Special meeting of the General Committee to be summoned for Monday Jan 26th
Murray Chairman

Monday 26th Jan^y 1863

A Special meeting of the General Committee of Management met this evening
Present

The Vice President - in the Chair	
The President - Mr. Rollings	
Mr. Burt	" Linton
" Thomson	" Gibbs
" Edward	Dr. Reeves
Dr. Murray	Mr. Linton

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read at which meeting the Draft Report for the Annual meeting was revised and adopted and ordered to be brought up to the Special meeting of the General Committee to be held on Monday Jan 26th

The Secretary having read over the report as adopted ^{by} the Finance Committee it was carefully considered and after some amendments it was adopted by the meeting of the General Committee of Management

Murray
Chairman

Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution

Tuesday 27th Jan^y 1863

A. F. A. Reeves Esq^r (as one of the Patrons) occupied the Chair

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Jan^y 28th 1862 and

The Minutes Jan 5th 1863, appointing Mr. J. Swift - an Auditor in the room of Mr. Orenton who was at the present time out of the Colony, were read confirmed

The Secretary read the report of the General Committee of management for 1862

It was moved by Thomas Mowbray Esq^r seconded by Mr. David Blair

"That the Report now read ~~be~~ received and printed for circulation"

After some remarks on various topics touched on in the Reports, the motion was put to the meeting and Carried

It was moved by Mr. Bra. seconded by Mr. Kellett

"That it be suggested by this meeting to the Committee that the Salary of the Assistant Librarian be not less than two pounds per week"

An Amendment was moved by Mr. Dempster seconded by Mr. M^r Pher

"That the matter be left in the hands of the Committee" Carried by a large majority

It was moved by Mr. Burt seconded by Mr. Bra

"That Mess^{rs} J. Swift and W. H. Williams be elected Scrutineers to assist at the Election of Office-bearers for the ensuing year" Carried

Annual Meeting 27th Jan^y 1863

It was moved by Mr. John Edwards seconded by Mr. Gilbert
"That John Alston Esq^r be elected President of the Institution for the ensuing year"

Carried unanimously

It was moved Mr. Mowbray seconded by Mr. Hollings

"That John Edwards Esq^r City Councillor be elected Vice President of the Institution for the ensuing year" Carried

It was moved by Mr. Cook seconded by Mr. Barnett

"That Henry Langland Esq^r, Thomas Mowbray Esq^r, and Theodotus J. Sumner Esq^r be elected Trustees of the Institution for the ensuing year"

Carried unanimously

It was moved by Mr. Dempster seconded by Mr. D. Benjamin

"That the Hon. D. S. Welkie M.D., M.L.C. be re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year"

Carried unanimously

It was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Mowbray

"That Mess^{rs} John Smith and John Stevenson be elected Auditors for the ensuing year"

Carried

It was moved by Mr. Lyall seconded by Mr. Harris

"That the following gentlemen be elected the Curators for the ensuing year" viz

Rev^d Alex. Morrison

Dr. Howitt

Mr. W^m Ford

Dr. Sades

Professor Hearn

Carried unanimously

The names of the seven members of Committee who retire by rotation at this meeting were read over with their attendance at the General Committee meetings viz

Mess^{rs} Barnick (9) Gilbert, Lister, Baward, 15, Lusk 15
Murray 17. Thomson 17.

The above were eligible for re-election with the exception of Mr. Edwards who has been elected Vice President.

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Two vacancies have also occurred in consequence of the resignation of Messrs J. C. Baldwin and J. Munson

The Chairman announced that the election of seven members to serve on the Committee of Management for two years would take place first when the following were proposed viz

John Langland	J. Thomson
J. W. Barnett	D. Moffatt
D. Benjamin	Geo Godfrey
Charles M. Phee	Henry Harris
D. Blair	W. Gilbee
J. Leston	A. Dempster
J. Swift	J. Kellett

Mr. Swift having been proposed as a candidate for the Committee he retired from the office of Scrutiner and Mr. Meeks was elected in his stead

The Chairman announced the following gentlemen as duly elected members of Committee for two years

viz

Mr. David Blair
" W. Gilbee
" J. Thomson
" J. Leston
" J. Swift
" J. Langland
" D. Benjamin

The election of two members in the room of Messrs Baldwin and Munson resigned next took place, with the following result viz

Mr. John Lush
Dr. John Murray

for one year only

It was moved by Mr. Alston, seconded by "That this meeting approve of the Estimates for the ensuing year Carried

Mr. Williams proposed that a ^{the} vote of thanks of this

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meeting be given to the Committee for their services during the past year Carried

It was proposed that a vote of thanks be given to A. F. A. Greaves Esq. for his conduct in the Chair Carried unanimously After which the meeting closed

Wm. J. Alston
Chairman

Monday 2nd Feb^y 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present The President in the Chair

Dr. Murray	Mr. Gibb
Mr. Benjamin	" Burt
" Lush	Dr. Gilbee
" Swift	Rev. Mr. Keitel
" Thomson	Mr. Edwards
" Rollings	" Blair
" Leston	

The Secretary read the minutes of the General Committee meetings held Jan 19. and 26th for confirmation

The minutes of the Annual General meeting were also read

A discussion took place as to the report of the Scrutiner on the election of seven members of Committee and why the numbers for each candidate were not given the Secretary was instructed to make enquiries and report to next meeting

The Committee proceeded to the election of the sub-Committee for the ensuing year

2nd Feb^y 1863

It was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Rollings

That the following members form the Finance sub-Committee for the ensuing year

- The President
- The Vice President
- Mr. Mowbray
- Mr. Burt
- Dr. Greaves
- Mr. Swift

Carried

It was moved by Mr. Pitts seconded by Mr. Edwards
"That the following form the Library sub-Committee for the ensuing year"

- Dr. Greaves
- Dr. Pillsbee
- Rev. M. Reibel
- Mr. Blair
- Mr. Benjamin
- Mr. Pitts

Carried

It was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by
"That the following form the House sub-Committee for the ensuing year"

- The President
- The Vice President
- Mr. Rollings
- " Liston
- " Lusk
- " Hornston

Carried

It was moved by Mr. Pitts seconded by Mr. Rollings
"That the Assistant-Librarian be requested to make a declaration before a Magistrate to the effect that he is not the writer of those Anonymous advertisements, or any one of them, lately inserted in the "Argus" referring to the Annual Meeting, and that he knows nothing about them"

Carried

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That the following be the form of the letter to be sent to the Assistant-Librarian by the Secretary

Si
I am instructed by the Committee to furnish you with the following resolution passed by them last evening

"See Resolution" ~~at the foot~~ on the page opposite

Will you therefore please to inform me within a week from this date whether you are disposed to accede to their request

I am Sir

W. St. Secretary

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

The Secretary (over month)	Jan ^y	20-0-0
The Assistant	do do	6-5-0
The Messenger 5 weeks (to Jan 31)		5-0-0
Signes ad of to Dec 31/61		11-9-6
Gordon & Solch to Dec 31/62		8-0-0
Gas Nov		9-4-0
Mason & Firth to Dec 31/62		7-15-0
Wilson & Mackinnon to Dec 31/62		10-2-0
Geo Robertson	1/61. 1/62	10-4-0
City Rates		5-0-0
Wm Edwards the yr		1-2-6
		<u>£ 94-2-0</u>

Notice of Motion by the Rev. M. Reibel
That rule 40 be altered by inserting the words
ten shillings in the place of one pound (see Law 54)

Wm St. Secretary
Chairman

Monday 16th Feb^y 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening
Present

The President in the Chair

Dr. Greaves Dr. Murray

Mr. Libb Mr. Burt

" Thomson " Rollings

" Benjamin " Monbray

Rev. Mr. Rintell Dr. Filleter

Mr. Blair Mr. Leston

Mr. Swift The Vice President

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Management held 2nd Feb^y were read and confirmed

A warrant for a remittance of £45. to Messrs Pullaun of London, recommended by the Finance Committee, was passed

The correspondence from the Assistant Librarian ^{arrangements} respecting the advertisements which appeared in the "Argus" Newspapers in Jan^y last referring to the Annual meeting was read after which

It was moved by Dr. Greaves seconded by Rev. Mr. Rintell "That the Committee proceed to the next business" Carried

Application from the Philharmonic Society for a reduction of rent. The financial difficulties of the Society were so great that they were unable to pay the same rent which they had hitherto done. They now offer £30 for the year

It was moved by Dr. Greaves seconded by Rev. Mr. Rintell "That considering the representation made as to the condition of the Philharmonic Society the Committee are willing to accept for this year only the sum of thirty pounds as rent" Carried

The Secretary was asked as to the number of Lights which the Philharmonic Society would require in the Hall for that rent and he stated that he would ^{give} them only one sure Light in the room

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HONORARY MEMBERS.

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

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

Nicholson, Sir Charles
Saunders, Rev. J.
Sturt, Captain
Strzelecki, Count
Theoty, Judge
Wilson, Edward

LIFE MEMBERS.

Agg, A. J.
Ashley, E.
Balmain, T. C.
Barkly, James
Barkly, Sir Henry
Barwick, James
Bell, Wm. M.
Bennet, J. B.
Baxter, Rev. W.
Blow, W. W.
Blundell, J. J.
Bowie, R.
Brewster, 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.
Chirside T.
Chisholm, J. M.
Clay, F. L.
Clowes, Henry
Clowes, R.
Coates, W.
Cook, C. W.
Cole, G. W.
Cocks, H.
Cope, T. S.
Cosgrave, John
Dalgety, J. A.
Dallachy, J.
Davis, F.
Dickson, T.
Dinwoodie, J.
Dow, F.
Duncan, D.
Eassey, W.
Eases, Dr.
Fallenstein, Captain

Foxton, J. G.
Gill, J.
Gillbee, W.
Goldsborough, R.
Groves, A. F. A.
Gibbs, Edw. M.
Gibbs, James H.
Hart, Lewis
Heales, R., sen.
Heales, R., jun.
Hewitt, B.
Hewitt, C.
Hill, R.
Hoddie, R.
Hood, J.
Herring, D.
Howitt, D.
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'Crean, 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.
Rose, J. H.
Ross, Alfred
Rusden, 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.
Tusket, W. H.
Turner, Geo.
Vaughan, C.
Vivian, G. W.
Walsh, F.
Walsh, H.
Walsh, P. W.
Westgarth, Wm.
Wharton, G.
Wylie, Dr.
Williams, Joseph
Williams, B.
Williamson, Charles
Wiswold, J.

WILSON AND MACKINNON, PRINTERS, COLLINS STREET EAST

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Application was made by the "Musical Union" for the use of the Hall for each Thursday evening during the year offering the sum of £30 per Annum and in addition to give their services in a concert for the benefit of the Institution and also that they would retire for that evening should the room be required for some special engagement

It was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Murray "That the Musical Union have the use of the Hall of the Institution one night each week for the sum of £30. for the present year, contingent on their giving way to any other pressing engagement and on the further understanding of their giving the Institution a concert at the end of the year

Carried

The Minutes of the Library Committee were read and approved

The new Books now exhibited on the Table selected by the Library ^{Committee} a list of the Titles of which was read over in the Minutes of the Library Committee were on the motion of Mr. Murray seconded by Mr. Benjamin passed unanimously

The annexed list of Periodicals & Newspapers having been read over, the following additions were ordered to be procured to commence with Jan^r 1863 viz

1 Public Opinion	1 Fraser
1 Jewish Chronicle	1 Cornhill
1 Melviora	1 All the Year Round
1 Blackwood	1 St. James'

Resolved. - That all periodicals shall lie on the reading room table for three clear days after arrival and with the exception of one copy of each may be circulated - four days being allowed for Quarterly and two days for Monthly and other publications

Mr. Rintel's notice of motion tabled at last meeting viz that rule 40 be altered by inserting the words

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COLONIAL NEWSPAPERS.

Melbourne Argus (daily) 4	Williamstown Chronicle	Ovens Constitution
Melbourne Herald " 3	Geelong Advertiser (daily)	Ovens & Murray Advertiser
Melbourne Age " 4	Geelong Chronicle	Castlemaine Daily News
Melbourne Leader " 2	Ballarat Star (daily)	Bendigo Evening News
Melbourne Examiner	Ararat Advertiser	Greenville Advocate
Melbourne Punch	Creswick and Clunes Advertiser	Dunolly and Burnt Creek Express
Melb. Journal of Commerce	Daylesford Express	Murray Gazette
Melbourne Economist	M'lvor News	Albury Banner
Melbourne Weekly Review	Bendigo Advertiser	Federal Standard
Melbourne Farmers' Journal	Mount Alexander Mail	Sydney Morning Herald
Melbourne Yeoman	Kyneton Observer	Hobart Town Mercury
Melbourne Victorian	Kyneton Guardian	Launceston Examiner
Melbourne Illustrated Post	Kilmore Examiner	South Australian Register
Bells Life in Victoria	Banner of Belfast	New Zealander (Auckland)
Dicker's Mining Record	Portland Guardian	New Zealand Advertiser (Wellington)
Melb. Government Gazette	Talbot Leader	Otago Witness
Public Lands Circular	Warrnambool Examiner	Queensland Courier
Melbourne Police Gazette	Gipps Land Guardian	Queensland Guardian
Richmond Australian	Tarngower Times	Queensland Times
St. Kilda Chronicle	Maryborough and Dunolly Advertiser	
Collingwood Observer		
Brunswick and Pentridge Press		

BRITISH AND OTHER NEWSPAPERS.

London Times	Scotsman	Mining Journal
Saturday Review	Dublin Evening Mail	Home News 4 copies
Critic	Belfast Weekly News	Gardeners' Chronicle
Nonconformist	London Record	British Workman
Examiner	Illustrated Lon. News, 2 cps.	Band of Hope Review
Liverpool Albion	Spectator	L'Illustration Journal Universal
Glasgow Herald	Economist	

BRITISH AND COLONIAL PERIODICALS.

(ORDERED FOR READING ROOM.)

Edinburgh Review, 2 copies	Navy List	Once a Week 2 copies
Quarterly do. 2 "	Civil Engineers' and Architect's Magazine	London Society 2 "
North British do. 2 "	Frazer's Magazine, 2 copies	Barrington, by Lever 2 "
Westminster do.	Athenaeum	Harper's Magazine
British Quarterly do.	Lancet	Temple Bar
London Quarterly do.	Builder	Exchange
National do.	Punch, 3 copies	St. James' Magazine
Philosophical Journal, Edin.	Law Times	Journal of the Society of Arts
Blackwood's Magazine, 2 cps.	Magazine of Natural History	Intellectual Observer
Bentley's Miscellany, 2 "	Family Herald, 3 copies	Wood's Illust. Nat. History
Colburn's New Monthly	Philosophical Mag., London	Austri. Phonographic News
Do. United Service	Eclectic	Melbourne Directory, 1863
Dub. Univer. Magazine, 2 "	Bankers' Magazine	Bradshaw's Guide
Chamber's Edinburgh Journal	M'Millan's Monthly Magazine	Dietrichsen and Hannay's Almanac, 1863
Art Journal	Notes and Queries	British Almanac and Companion, 1863
Practical Mechanic's Journal	Australian Medical Journal	Year Book of Facts, 1863
Mechanics' Magazine	Cornhill Magazine 3 copies	Queensland Almanac, 1863
Army List	All the Year Round 3 "	

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two shillings in the place of one pound"
Mr Kintell introduced the subject - but there not
being a seconder to the motion, the matter drop^d

Mon of Astor
Chairman

Monday 2nd March 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening
Present

The President in the Chair	
Mr. Gibb	Mr. Leston
" Benjamin	" Rollings
" Swift	The Vice President
Dr Murray	Dr. Greaves
Mr. Leston	Mr. Mowbray
" Blair	Mr. Gilbee

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The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Management held 18th Feb: were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were held Feb: 28th were read and approved

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

The Secretary	through	20-0-0
" Assistant	"	6-5-0
" Messenger	weekly	4-0-0
Mullen, Books had in Jan/13		13-10-6
Reke repairs in /62		8-12-3
Gas dec:		7-16-0
Water rate Jan to June /63		6-5-0
		<u>£ 66-8-9</u>

The amount of Cash in the Bank to meet the above a/c is £66-11-7.

March 2nd 1863

The Minutes of the House Committee were read when it was moved by Mr. Greaves seconded by Mr. Benjamin that Mr. Webb be instructed to examine the Building and to report to next Committee as to the repairs necessary to be done Carried

A letter from Mr. J. Wallace Barnett addressed to the President was read. The Committee resolved that no notice be taken of the letter further than the Secretary acknowledge the receipt of the same

Mr. Edward enquired what steps had been taken towards having a new Catalogue compiled the ^{Secretary} explained what had been done at the last Library Committee meeting. On the suggestion of the Vice President the Committee resolved that the Secretary be instructed to engage a person to assist him in compiling the Catalogue and making an inventory of the property of the Institution

John Edward
Chairman

Monday 16th March 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening
Present

The Vice President in the Chair	
Mr. Burt	Mr. Gibb
Mr. Rollings	Mr. Leston
Mr. Leston	Mr. Lash

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of Management held March 2/63 were read and confirmed

In accordance with the resolution passed at last meeting Mr. Webb had inspected the Building and prepared his report - which was now read recommending repairs which he estimated would cost £120.

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It was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Burt
"That Estimates be called for to perform the work
recommended by Mr. Webb as necessary to the outside
of the Building" Carried

Mr. John Thomson brought before the Committee the subject
of the declaration made by the Assistant-Librarian as
only referring to two of the advertisements instead of
three

It was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Gibb
"That a letter be written by the Secretary to Mr. Allen the
Assistant-Librarian asking him if he is prepared to
make a declaration before a magistrate that he is not
the writer of the paper marked A and signed by the Vice-
President" Carried

Augustus Stephens Chairman

Monday 6th April 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present Mr. Greaves in the Chair
Rev. Moses Rintel Mr. Thomson
Mr. Mowbray Mr. Burt
Mr. Murray Mr. Rollings
Mr. Gibb Mr. Liston
Mr. D. Benjamin
The President
The Vice President

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of
Management held March 16th were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Library Committee were read and
approved

The Secretary reported in consequence of the Mail
Steamer not arriving until the 21st last month
the Library Committee recommended that the Books

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selected should be put into circulation at once as the
next meeting of the General Committee would not meet
until the 6th day of April next

It was moved by Mr. Gibb seconded by Mr. Liston
"That this Committee approve of the Books purchased by
the Library Committee" Carried

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read and
approved

The amount of Cash in the Bank at this date being
£137-0-0. The Committee recommended that the sum
of £119-14-4 be appropriated to the payment of the
following a/c which had been examined and found
correct viz

The Secretary salary for March	20-0-0
The Assistant "	6-5-0
The Messenger 4 weeks	4-0-0
Blindfold Ho (1862)	13-9-6
Detinole (1862)	22-15-0
Sundries look to Dec /62	9-11-2
Gas Crup & Jan. Feb.	15-10-0
Mullen (Book had in Feb)	11-7-0
So of Commerce Jan to June	2-0-0
Clarson Ho	1-5-0
Roberts (repairs to Forns &c)	3-12-0
Proprietors Law List	1-15-0
Insolvency Circular (100 cloth (nobel Wilsons)	1-1-0
James Allen, Advertising	1-0-0
Smith, Binder Jan.	6-3-8
	£ 119-14-4

The above a/c were put to the meeting and passed in
the usual manner

The Secretary ^{stated} that it would be necessary to send a
remittance to Mr. Guillaume by next mail and he
hoped to be able to send £46.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Webb had advertised for
Tenders for the repairs recommended to be done to the
roof, he had only received 3 tenders but would advise that

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That no steps be taken in the matter for a few weeks as the plumbers were fully engaged at present
The Committee resolved that the matter be referred back to Mr. Webb and an answer brought up to next meeting of Committee

The Committee approve of the sale of the newspapers and periodicals as recommended by the Library sub-committee the arrangements to be left in the hands of the sub-committee

A letter from the Assistant Librarian was read in reply to the resolution of last meeting. The Committee did not think the answer satisfactory and resolved that the President and Vice President should put the question to him privately as to that one advertisement the M.S. of which is marked A and signed by the Vice President

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Pritchard seconded by Mr. Gibb that the tenders called for, for repairs to the Mechanic's Institution be for the future opened by the Committee

Carried
Motion of Mr. Pritchard
Chairman

Monday 20th April 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening
Present -

- The President - in the chair
- The Vice President -
- Mr. Bartle Mr. Rollings
- " D Benjamin " Gibb
- " Leston " Moubrey
- " Blair " Lush
- " Thomson Rev. Mr. Morrison
- D^r Gilber

The Minutes of the General Committee meeting held April 6th were read and confirmed
Cont^d

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The list of new Books was read over from the Minutes of the Library Committee at the same time the Books were exhibited for the approval of the Committee which were passed in the usual manner

A Warrant for a remittance to Messrs Phillimore of London for £45-3-3 the sum of £5-5-3 being the balance of last years a/c and £40-0-0 on a/c of present year. Resolved, that the Chairman sign the warrant for the above amount to be forwarded by first mail

The Secretary reported that he waited on Mr. Webb with reference to the repairs to the roof of the Institution he considered it inadvisable to advertise for fresh tenders at present and if the Committee thought that the lowest tender viz £88-0-0. received was too much, he would recommend that the roof be made water tight for the winter

It was moved by Mr. Gibb seconded by Mr. Thomson that the sum of £5. be appropriated for the payment of repairs to the roof of the Institution
Carried

In accordance with the resolution of last meeting with reference to the Assistant Librarian and the anonymous advertisements the President, the Vice President and Mr. Moubrey stated that they presented the M.S. of the advertisement marked A, to the Assistant Librarian and his answer was that he did not write the advertisement

The Secretary drew the attention of the Committee to the alteration necessary in the deed in consequence of the change in the Trustees

It was moved moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by the Rev. Mr. Morrison that the Secretary be instructed to procure the deeds belonging to the Institution at present deposited in the Bank and that a new deed be

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drawn up in terms of a previous resolution in reference thereto and for this end that the Vice President - assisted by Mr. Gibb, be solicited to have the same drawn up at as little expense to the Institution as possible

Garned
Morrison
Chairman

Monday May 4th 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

The President in the Chair

The Vice President

Mr. Gibb Mr. Leston
" Benjamin " Monbray
" Rollings " Morrison
" Rintell " Swift
" Gilbee

The Minutes of the General Committee meeting held April 20. 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 recommended for payment were passed in the usual manner

The Secretary 1 Month	20-0-0
" Assesant "	6-5-0
" Messenger 4 week	4-0-0
" Gas Company March	8-10-0
Mullen (Booths had in March	7-12-0
Bailaire a/c to March 31 st	9-16-0
Sundry Booth	1-19-0
Giles nightman	1-15-0

cont^d

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a/c continued

Smith Binder /Feb.	8-6-0
Franklyn (Herald a/c /62)	12-0-0
Sydney Newspaper /62)	7-6-0
Sundry a/c /62 viz	
Portland Guardian 1-6-0	
Banner of Belfast 1-1-0	
Walker 1-1-0	
	3-7-0
	£ 85-16-0

The amount at the credit of the Institution in the Bank at this date is £85-8-9.

The Secretary reported that Mr Webb had given instructions to him to say that he thought ^{it} inadvisable to advertise for tenders for the repairs to the roof, further at the present time, but would recommend that the work be made watertight so as to last over the winter, if the Committee approved of that suggestion he would order that to be done

The Committee after considering the suggestions from Mr Webb recommended that the sum of £50 be voted for that purpose

The Vice President reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Committee at a previous meeting respecting a Trust Deed, the same was being prepared and hoped to have it ready before next meeting of the Committee

Morrison
Chairman

Monday 18th May 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present The President in the Chair
The Vice President
Mr. Thomson
" Benjamin
" Moubrey
" Rollings
" Swift
" Gibb

The Minutes of the General Committee meeting held May 14th were read and confirmed

The Secretary reported that the roof of the Building had been repaired under the inspection of Mr. Webb that the sum of £5 voted at last meeting for that object was not sufficient. The a/c now presented amounted £15-4-0 was certified by Mr. Webb as correct.

It was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Swift that the account sent in by Mr. Marston & Co be paid in due course providing a guarantee be obtained from them to keep the roof of the Institution water tight for twelve months
Carried

The Vice President reported that ~~at~~ he had received the Draft of the Trust Deed from Mr. Gibb and that no time would be lost in examining the same.

The subject relating to the Illumination was brought forward but was deferred to next meeting when the Secretary was instructed to bring up a report of the expense of the same.

Mon of M^r Marston
Chairman.

Monday 1st June 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present The President in the Chair
D^r Greene Mr. Burt
Mr. Liston " Gibb
" Rollings " Lute
" Thomson " Moubrey

The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee of Management held May 18th 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 passed in the usual manner

The Secretary salary 1 month	20-0-0
" Assistant (do)	6-5-0
" Messenger 5 weeks	5-0-0
Mess ^{rs} Lyne (for newspapers)	8-1-0
" Franklin	6-11-0

^{as agreed at} The guarantee given by Mr. Marston that he would keep the roof of the Institution in good repair for twelve months was considered not in legal form. The Committee left the matter in the hands of Mr. Gibb requesting him to see that the form was properly drawn up.

Mr. Gibb informed the Committee that he had not received the Draft of the Trust deed from Mr. Edwards. The Secretary was instructed to see to it before next meeting.

The Secretary informed the Committee that Mr. Dyke had not been able to remove the gas pipe &c but

would do so in a few days when the app would be rendered and a statement laid before the Committee at their next meeting

The Secretary draw the attention of the Committee to the ~~great~~ importance of having a new prospectus of the Institution printed

It was moved by Mr. Burt seconded by Mr. Rollings that the matter be referred to the Library Committee to draw up the same and that there be 5000 printed Carries

This undermentioned is the form of the Guarantee drawn up by Mr. Gibb at the request of the Committee to be signed by H. Marsh & Co

To the Trustees of the
Melbourne Mechanics Institution

In consideration of your now paying us the sum of £15-4/ for certain repairs done by us to the roof of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution building up to the date hereof and for repairs to be performed if required for the further space of 12 months - We hereby guarantee to do make and perform free of any further charge all such repairs that may be so required to the said roof for the said further space of 12 months from the said date hereof

Dated this day of June A.D. 1863

signed

"H. Marsh & Co"
Messrs of Messrs
Christman

Monday 15th June 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

The President in the Chair

Mr. Thomson M. L. C.

D^r. Greaves Mr. Lush

Mr. Monbray Mr. Blair

" Liston " Burt

" Benjamin " Gibb

" Rollings

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the General Committee of Management held June 1st were read and confirmed

The Secretary laid on the Table a statement of the expenses incurred in the illumination of the Building on the 19th May, refer to the Finance Committee

The Secretary stated that he had received the ^{draft of} Deed as drawn up by Mr. Gibb from Mr. Edwards and approved by him

It was moved by D^r. Greaves seconded by Mr. Thomson "that the Draft be approved and accepted and handed to Mr. Gibb for completion" Carried

The Secretary's attention was called to the fact that some members had been in the habit of getting out more than a reasonable supply of Volumes from the Library and a request made that he should contact the issue within a reasonable bound

Messrs of Messrs
Christman

Monday July 6th 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present-

The President in the Chair

The Vice President-

Mr. Mowbray Mr. Rollings

Mr. Thomson M.L.W.

Mr. Gibb Mr. Pintel

D^r. Gilbee at 1/4 past 8 o'clock

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the General Committee of Management held May 15th were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the meeting of the Library Sub-Committee held June 19th were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee were read and confirmed

The following a/cs examined and recommended for payment by the Finance Committee were passed on the motion of Mr. Gibb seconded by Mr. Pintel

viz

The Secretary	20-0-0
" Assistant	6-5-0
" Messenger	4-0-0
Mr. Mullen	14-9-2
Gas Company	20-18-0
P. Mowitz	2-11-3
Franklyn	3-0-0
Weekly Review	2-13-0
Herald 1 a/c to 27 June	19-6
R Mackie	"-10-6
R Cole	1-6-0
D. Puckey & Leiph	"-7-6
W. Powell	"-6-0
	<u>3-9-6</u>
	<u>£ 77-5-11</u>

After payment of the above a/cs there will be a balance in the Bank to the credit of the Institution of the sum of

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£3-13-4

The Secretary reported that a policy for £3000 in the Victoria Insurance Office would expire on the 14th. That the premium for the past year was 5% per cent but on an application for a reduction the company consented to reduce it to 4%/- The Secretary further stated that he had applied to the Imperial and to the Northern Insurance Companies ^{and} was under the impression that it could be done for 3/6

The Committee instructed the Secretary to have the policy renewed without delay

The Secretary reported that he received from Mr. Gibb the Trust Deed, on the 17 June with instructions to procure the signatures of the Old and the present Trustees but on enquiring he found Mr. Langlands confined to his Bed-room and unable to sign

The Secretary stated that in consequence of the decease of Henry Langlands Esq^r a new Trustee would have to be elected in his room

The following gentlemen were nominated and the election to take place on the 20th inst. viz

A. F. A. Reeves Esq^r &
Richard Steales Esq^r

A Letter from the Melbourne Young Men Association was read applying for the use of the new Committee room and the charge for the same for one evening in the week and stating that they would place their own table and forms in the room and the Committee could have the use of them &c &c

It was moved by Rev^d Mr. Pintel seconded by Mr. Edw. Gibb that the Young Men Association be offered the use of the room behind the Library for the period of 12 months at the rate of £1 per calendar month payable at the end of every month. Carried

Monday July 20th 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

The President in the Chair

the Vice President

Rev. Moses Rintel

Mr. Thomson M. L. A.

Mr. Blair

Mr. Rollings

Mr. Gibbs

Mr. Swift

Mr. Mowbray

Mr. Benjamin

Mr. Bartt

Mr. Leston

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

The Minutes of the Library Committee were read and confirmed
on the Motion of the Mr. Gibbs seconded by Mr. Blair

The Books selected by the Library Sub-Committee were passed unanimously

The Secretary reported that the Victorian Assurance Company had renewed the Policy on the Building for £3000 @ 5/6 p.c.

The Election of a Trustee in the room of the late Henry Langlands Esq. was postponed until the 3rd day of August. In the meantime the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. A. F. A. Reeves Esq. and Richard Heales Esq. informing them that they had been nominated and enquiring if they were elected whether they would act.

A Letter from Mr. Poppey was read offering to give a course of six Lectures on Law in a popular and instructive style. The Secretary was instructed to reply to Mr. Poppey informing him that the Committee declined his offer with thanks.

The Secretary was instructed to see Mr. Carter with reference to bringing the Property of the Institution under the real property Act.

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The Secretary was requested to communicate with the Rev. Mr. Taylor and invite him to deliver his Lectures on California for the benefit of the Institution also to communicate with Professor Halpord and request him to receive his Lecture in reply to Professor Huxley

Moses Rintel

Chairman

Monday August 3rd 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

The President in the Chair

Rev. A. Marison Mr. Rollings

Mr. Leston Mr. Benjamin

Rev. Moses Rintel Mr. Mowbray

Mr. Gibbs Mr. Bartt

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of Management held July 20/63 were read and confirmed

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

The following a/c. examined by the Finance Committee and recommended for payment were on the Motion of Mr. Gibbs seconded by Mr. Leston passed

It was moved by the Rev. Moses Rintel seconded by Mr. Gibbs that Richard Heales Esq. be elected a Trustee in the room of the late Henry Langlands Esq. subject to the approval of the annual General Meeting Carried

The Secretary reported that he had seen Mr. Carter with reference to having the Property of the Institution registered under the real property Act and that Mr. Carter

August 23rd 1863

Recommended in the first place that a stout conveyance from the Old Trustees to the New Trustees and by the time that was completed be fully expected the amendments to the Act will have passed through the House and the expense of registration will be much reduced

A letter from the Rev^d Mr Taylor stating his inability to comply with the request of the Committee to deliver a Lecture on California

The Secretary stated that he had received a verbal ^{answer} to the letter sent to Professor Halford and he will have much pleasure in complying with the request of the Committee to deliver his Lecture, in the course of a few weeks

The following is the list of a/c passed

The Secretary	20-0-0
" Assistant	6-5-0
" Messenger	4-0-0
" Gas Company	10-0-0
Wilson & Mackinnon	5-15-0
Mullen	6-15-0
Stephens	7-9-0
Blundell	6-19-6
Smith, Binder	4-9-0
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	\$ 71-12-6

Resolved - that Mr Gibb ^{and Mr Beeward} proceed at their earliest convenience to complete the conveyance from the Old to the New Trustees

The Rev^d Moses Rintel gave notice that he would at the next meeting of Committee move for a sub-Com. consisting of five Gentlemen three to form a quorum to alter and amend the existing laws of the Institution and submit their report to some future Committee meeting

Moses Rintel
Chairman

Monday 17th August 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present The President in the Chair
 Rev^d Mr Morrison Mr Rollings
 Mr Gibb Mr Benjamin
 Mr Thomson M. L. A.
 Mr Lidow Mr Bunt

The Minutes of the meeting held August 3. were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Library Committee held August 14th were read and approved

The New Books selected by the Library Committee and presented for the approval of the General Committee were on the motion of the Rev^d Mr Morrison seconded by Mr Rollings passed unanimously

The Secretary reported that he had procured the signatures of the New Trustees to the conveyance and that Mr Black had promised to sign after he had procured Mr Fortnes signature

A warrant for the sum of £30 to be forwarded to St. Guillaume to pay on a/c of Magazines and Newspapers furnished for 1863, was presented and signed by the Chairman

The Rev^d Moses Rintel's notice of motion was allowed to stand over till next meeting of Committee in consequence of it being omitted in the circulars summoning this meeting of the General Committee

The Secretary reported

Moses Rintel
Chairman

Monday 7th Sept: 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present, the President in the Chair
The Vice President
Mr Thomson. M. L. A.
Mr. Moulbray Mr. H. Benjamin
Mr. Barts Mr. Gibbs
Rev. A. Morison

The Minutes of the General Committee meeting held August-17th were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held September 4th were read and approved

The following ~~ages~~ ^{accounts} recommended for payment by the Finance Committee were passed in the usual manner

The Secretary / 1 mo.	20-0-0
" Assistant - / 1 mo.	6-5-0
" Messenger / 5 weeks	5-0-0
" Gas Company / July, Oct /	10-12-0
	<u>£ 41-17-</u>

The Amount in the Bank as shown by the Pass Book is £41-0-1 to the credit of the Institution

The Secretary reported that the conveyance from the Old to the New Trustees was now completed. The cost of which amounted to £1-17-6

The Chairman presented the thanks of the Committee to Messrs. Edwards and Gibbs for their valuable services rendered to the Institution in completing the above conveyance and at costs out of pocket only

The Rev. Mr. Reitel not being present his notice of motion, lapse

Mon. A. Astor
Chairman

Monday 21st Sept: 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present-

The President in the Chair
Mr Benjamin
Mr Thomson M. L. A.
Mr. Moulbray Mr. Rollings
Mr Blair Mr. Gibbs
Rev. Alex. Morison

The Minutes of the General Committee meeting held 7th Sept: were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Library Committee were read and approved

On the motion of the Rev. A. Morison seconded by Mr. Rollings - The Books selected by the Library Committee were received

The Secretary reported that Mr. C. J. Mills a subscriber had been detected carrying off a newspaper from the Reading Room, that on various occasions of late, newspapers had been missing from the room which led to a strict watch being kept for several days, during that period a circumstance occurred which led to Mr. Mills being suspected as the individual who was carrying off the paper on Thursday Evening about 10.15 (Sept: 10th) he was caught in the act, having concealed a paper about his person he left the room, when he was met by the Secretary in the passage and ordered to return into the Reading Room and replace the paper he had brought out, which was done in the presence of the Secretary W. Thompson, Mr. Wessel & Henry Thompson

It was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Rollings - that Mr. Mills be requested to be written to requesting him to absent himself from the reading room ^{carried}

Mon. A. Astor
Chairman

Monday October 5th 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present The President in the Chair
Mr. Monbray Mr. Gibber
Mr. Gibb Mr. Leston
Mr. Thomson, M.L.A.
Mr. Burt M. Rollings

The Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held the 21st Sept. were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read and approved

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

Mr. Mullen Book	8-18-7.
Victoria Insurance	3-10-0
prem on 2000	2-6-6
Mowitz & Co	2-8-6
Books	9-12-0
Gas August	2-8-6
Boullier	4-0-0
Messenger	6-5-0
Assistant	20-0-0
Secretary	
Mason & Co	1-0-0
Williams	1-8-0
Smith	4-18-6
Herald	1-18-0
Dickers Record	12-0
Stationery	0-7-0
adv in Argus	1-3-0
Reading Room	1-0-1
	7-6-7

Law charges, (Expenses out) £ 1-17-6
£ 68-13-2

The Secretary was instructed to write to the His Excellency's private Secretary requesting him to inform His Excellency that the Committee are desirous

that permission ~~should~~ should be given to place his name as patron of the Institution in the room of His Excellency Sir Henry Barkly, who has left the Colony, and for that object the Committee respectfully request an interview with His Excellency Sir Charles Darling

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the President when an answer was received to the above application

Mr. Gibb gave notice that he would move the following motion at the next monthly meeting viz that the General Committee of Management meeting be held once in every month (viz on the first Monday in the month) and extraordinary meetings for special purposes to be called in accordance with Rule 18.

Memo of Motion
Chairman

Monday 19th Oct. 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present
The President in the Chair
Mr. Monbray Mr. Gibb
" Rollings " Burt
" Leston Rev. A. Morrison
Dr. Reeves

The Minutes of the General Committee of Management Meeting held October 5th were read and confirmed

The Secretary presented a warrant for Water Rate July to Dec 1863 which was due and must be paid on the 20th. The warrant was ordered by the Committee to be signed by the Chairman and paid

The Secretary reported that in accordance with the Instructions of last meeting he wrote to the Private Secretary

informing him of the desire of the Committee to have an interview with His Excellency and received an answer dated Oct. 14/63 appointing Monday 19th at 12 O'clock. The whole Committee were summoned to meet at the Institution on the 19th at 11.30 Am. A number of the members ~~assumed~~ attended met and arranged themselves into a Deputation to the Treasury but on arrival there, the Private Secretary informed the Deputation that His Excellency was suffering from a severe indisposition and unable to attend to the duties of his office.

The private Secretary further stated that he would communicate with the Secretary of the Institution naming a day as soon as His Excellency was able to attend at his office.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Rogers had applied to him for a reduction in Rent - paid by him. The Committee unanimously declined to make any reduction in the Rent now paid viz 57. per month.

An application from Mrs. Benjamin to have the back worn of the Office now occupied by her papered and painted. The Committee declined to accede to the request, at the same time allowing Mrs. Benjamin liberty to do so if she thought proper at her own expense.

The Secretary applied on behalf of Mr. Shew, drawing Master for permission to name his Class, a class of the Institution, he engaging to pay all expenses connected with the said Class. agreed

It having been suggested in Committee that the piece of Land within the Fence at the bottom of the yard might be let. The Secretary was instructed to advertise the same.

Monmouth
Chairman

Monday Nov^r 2nd 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present-

The President in the Chair
Mr. Gibb. Mr. Monbray
Mr. Thomson M.L.C. Mr. Benjamin
Mr. Rollings Mr. Leston
Rev^d Mr. Rintel Mr. Blair
Mr. Burt

The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee of Management - held Oct. 19. were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held Oct 31st 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 viz

The Secretary (1 Mo.)	20-0-0
The Assistant (1 Mo.)	6-5-0
The Messenger (5 Weeks)	5-0-0

Mr. Gibb's motion, notice of which was given at a previous meeting was brought forward and received by Mr. Leston viz "That the General Committee of Management meet once in every month for ordinary Business. That special meetings if necessary be called by the President"

On the motion being put 3 voted for it and 4 against it. The motion was declared Lost.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the Orpheus Union had arranged to give "The Concert" for the benefit of the Institution, on Monday Nov. 30.

Resolved that "The Concert" be held on Monday Nov. 30. that the ticket for admission be 2/6 each that the Free list be suspended for the occasion. Monmouth
Chairman

Monday 16th Nov^r 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening

present

The President in the Chair
Mr Thomson M. L. A.
Rev^d Mr Reibel
Rev^d Mr Morrison
Mr H. Benjamin
Mr Rollings
Mr Burt
Mr Gibb
Mr Liston

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of Management held on the 2nd Nov^r were read and confirmed

The Secretary stated that Capt. Cyles, Aid-de-Camp to His Excellency the Governor had that afternoon called at the Institution to say that if Thursday 12 O'clock would suit the Committee, ~~the~~ His Excellency would be most happy to receive the Deputation on that day

The Committee instructed the Secretary to summon the whole of the Committee for 11.30. Am. on Thursday next and proceed to the Treasury

The New Books exhibited on the table were on the motion of Mr Thomson seconded by Mr Liston, passed

The Secretary explained that in consequence of the Mail steamer not reaching Hobsons Bay until Saturday 14th there was not time to call the Library Committee together previous to this meeting

Mon^g of ^{the} ~~the~~
Chairman

Monday Dec^r 7th 1863

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

The President in the Chair
The Vice President
Mr Thomson M. L. A.
" Rollings Mr H. Benjamin
Rev^d Mr Morrison Mr Gibb
Mr Burt Mr Liston

The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee of Management held 16th day of November were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee 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

The Secretary	20-0-0
" Assistant	6-5-0
" Messenger	4-0-0
Reid for Newspapers	
Jan to June	7-19-0
Gas Company	9-14-0
Sundries (petty costs)	
5-Jan to 30 Sep	7-7-6
	£ 55-5-6

The President reported ^{that} the deputation from the Committee waited on His Excellency according to appointment that His Excellency made particular enquiries respecting the working of the Institution and acknowledged the beneficial influence such Institutions had on the rising generation where ever advantage had been taken of them

His Excellency granted permission to allow his name to be inserted as patron of the Institution, he also

