

Monday 4 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1864.

General Committee of Management met this evening

Present The President - in the Chair  
Mr Burt Rev. A. Morrison  
The Vice President - (Mr Edwards)  
Mr Rollings Mr Gibb  
Mr D. Benjamin Mr Thomson M. L. A.  
Mr Lister

The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee of Management held 21<sup>st</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee <sup>held Jan 2.</sup> were read and approved

The following of having been examined and recommended for payment - by the Finance Committee were read to the meeting and passed in the usual manner

Mason & Firth	4-15-0
Sundry small of	3-11-6
City Rates Jan to June/63	12-10--
Lunch for 1863	1-18--
Messenger Dec	4--"--
Assistant "	6-5--
Secretary "	20-0-0
	<u>£ 52-19-6</u>

A Letter was read from Mr. Perring requesting that the Committee would forego their claim against him for the sum of £3 - in consequence of the great want of success of his entertainment given in the Hall of the Institution

The Secretary reported that the engagement with Mr. Perring was £10. for 6 evenings. That he had received from Mr. Perring £7.

It was moved by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Gibb that the balance of 6/- due to the Institute by Mr. Perring be not enforced Carried

4 Jan 1863

A letter was read from Mr. Hill soliciting the use of the Hall for an entertainment in aid of the Flood Relief Fund

It was moved by Mr. Gibb seconded by Mr. D. Benjamin that the usual fee for the use of the room to Mr. Hill be charged on the present occasion

It was moved as an amendment by Mr. Thomson seconded by Mr. Burt

That the use of the lecture room be given to Mr. J. P. Hill for the sum of One guinea in consideration of the object for which Mr. Hill's entertainment is to be given

The original motion was carried by the casting vote of the Chairman

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

That the usual charges be made against Mr. Cairns and others for the use of Hall and Committee room in relation to the Flood Committee

Carried

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

That the Rev. Ab. Morrison and the President be appointed as a sub-committee to draw up the annual report Carried

It was moved by Mr. David Benjamin seconded by Mr. Rollings

That Mr. Allen's letter be taken into consideration when the Estimates for the ensuing year are framed Carried

The Secretary brought under the notice of the Committee the state of the East Wall of the Front Offices and urged the necessity for immediate steps being taken to remedy the damage done The matter was referred to the House Committee with power to act in such way as was considered necessary

Mon of Hill

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present-

The President in the Chair  
Mr Lister Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Morrison  
Mr Burt Mr Blair  
Mr Gibbs Dr Gillbee  
Mr Benjamin Mr Rollings

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of Management <sup>held Jan 4<sup>th</sup></sup> were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the meeting of the House Committee held Jan 7<sup>th</sup> were read approved

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held Jan 10<sup>th</sup> were read and approved

The Secretary reported that at the meeting of the Finance Committee, the several statements of a/c and that the auditors had examined the Books and found them correct

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

Guillaume on a/c of 1863.	45-0-0
Alliance Insurance	1-15-0
premium on £1000. @ 5/6	} £46-15-0

The Electoral Registrar for the Divisions of St. Pauls and Eastern Hill

The Secretary stated that on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> Mr Wragg informed him that at a meeting held the previous evening his (the Secretary's) name had been mentioned in connection with the above as being a proper person to fill the office. Mr Wragg requesting permission to say to Edward Bowen Esq. M. L. A. the member for Melbourne East that he (the Secretary) would accept the appointment

18<sup>th</sup> Jan 1864

The Secretary explained how his name had appeared in the Gazette as appointed to the Office by the Executive but declined accepting the same until he had ascertained the mind of the Committee on the subject

It was moved by Mr Ed. W. Gibb seconded by Mr Blair that the Secretary having reported his appointment to the Office of Electoral Registrar to the St. Pauls and Eastern Hill Divisions of the City, is hereby empowered to accept the office as per appointment, and take the enrolments to be received from that office  
Carried

The Secretary reported that the subcommittee appointed at last meeting to draw up the report were unable to meet that the President had requested him to prepare a rough draft of the report and submit the same at this meeting

The report after being read to the meeting <sup>and a few</sup> alterations ~~were~~ recommended It was unanimously referred to a subcommittee consisting of the President and Mr Blair with instructions that they prepare the report for the Annual meeting

The Secretary asked permission to call for tenders for printing 500 Copies of a new Catalogue of the Books in the Library

agreed  
John Edwards  
Chairman

Annual General Meeting  
of the Members of the  
Melbourne Mechanics Institution

26<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1864

The President (Thomas Aldton Esq.) took the chair  
and read the announcement which had been posted in  
the Reading Room calling the meeting

The Secretary read the Minutes of the Annual General  
meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1863 and the Minute of  
the Meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1863 Appointing the Hon.  
Richard Steales a Trustee in the room of Mr. Langlands  
deceased The Minutes were put to the Meeting  
and Confirmed

The Chairman called on the Secretary to read the Report  
of the General Committee of Management for 1863

It was moved by Mr. Muir seconded by Mr. Steales  
that the report as now read be received, adopted and  
printed for circulation Carried

On the Motion of Mr. ~~William~~ Mirams seconded by  
Mr. Muir. Mess<sup>rs</sup> Williams and Tuten were  
appointed Scrutineers

It was moved by Mr. Gibb seconded by Mr. Muir  
that Mr. Thomson M. L. A. be President for the ensuing  
year

It was moved by Mr. Gibb seconded by Mr. Aldton  
that Mr. Edwards be President for the ensuing year  
On being put to the Meeting 20 voted for Mr. Thompson and  
28 voted for Mr. Edwards

Mr. Edwards was declared duly elected President for  
1864.

It was moved by Mr. Blair seconded by Mr. Benjamin  
that Mr. Thomson M. L. A. be Vice President for the  
ensuing year Carried

It was moved by Mr. Cook seconded by Mr. Dempster  
that The Hon. Richard Steales, Thomas Moubray Esq.  
and J. J. Sumner Esq. be re-elected Trustees for the  
ensuing year Carried

It was moved by Mr. Benjamin seconded by Mr. Fenton  
that The Hon. D. C. Vicki M. D., M. L. C. be re-elected  
Treasurer for the ensuing year Carried

It was moved by Mr. Williams seconded Mr. Tuten  
that ~~Mr. Green~~ <sup>Mr. Barnett</sup> ~~Barrett~~ <sup>Charles</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>Cook</sup> be  
elected Auditors for the ensuing year Carried

It was moved by Mr. Gibb seconded by Mr. Blair  
that the <sup>following</sup> gentlemen be re-elected Curators for  
the ensuing year viz. -

The Rev. Abp. Morrison

Mr. Hewitt

Mr. Fox

Mr. Gades and

Mr. Harris

Carried

The names of those of those Members of Committee who  
were at this meeting with the number of their attendance  
were posted up viz. -

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Gibb 24. Rollings 23. Barto 19. Pintel 7. Pears 7.  
Lusk 7. Murray 4. Swift 6. Langlands -

The Chairman announced that Mr. Thomson having been  
elected Vice President, another member would have  
to be elected in his stead for one year as member  
of Committee

The Chairman stated that 10 members would be  
required to fill the vacancies in the Committee and  
the Scrutineers would proceed to take down the names  
of those gentlemen who were to be nominated viz.

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Aldton, Barto, Cronson, Dempster, Dinwoodie,  
Goppy, Guan, Gibb, Green, Kidgell, Kelleb, Lusk, Mahony, Mirams  
Pintel, Searcy, Stephens, Smith, Rollings, Sunderland (20)

26<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1864

The scrutineers reported that 20 names had been proposed and that they would proceed to Ballot for 10 members to fill up the vacancies in the Committee

The following were reported by the scrutineers as duly elected viz-

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Gibbs 45. Stephens 42. Alston 40. Burt 36. Godfrey 31. Greaves 29. Denwoodie 25. for 2 years

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rintel 24, Lush 24, Sunderland 22, for one year

Mr. Cook pursuant to notice brought forward his motion respecting the Secretarys acceptance of the Office of Electoral Registrar for St Pauls and Eastern Hill, Division seconded by Mr. Barnett.

An Amendment moved by Mr. Stephens seconded by Mr. Heales that the Secretary be permitted to hold the Office for 12 months and at the expiration of that period if it is found to interfere with his duties as Secretary of the Institution he be requested to resign the appointment. The Amendment being put to the meeting was carried. The mover and seconder of the motion only voting against it

Mr. Barnett pursuant to notice brought forward his motion for the Abolition of the Office of Paid Secretary but did not meet with a seconder

A vote of thanks was given to the Secretary for the efficient manner which he had performed his duties during the past year

A vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman for his conduct in the Chair during the meeting evening after which the meeting separated.

John Edwards  
President

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening present

The President in the Chair  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Alston, Mowbray  
Morrison, Linton  
Benjamin, Gilbee  
Godfrey, Gibbs  
Denwoodie, Lush  
Stephens

The Minutes of Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the members held 26<sup>th</sup> Jan were read

The following Tenders were received for printing the Report for 1863 were received viz

Mason & Lush	5-15-0
Ferguson & More	5-15-0
Wilson & Mackinnon	5-0-0
Clayson & Shallan	4-12-6

It was moved by Mr. Alston seconded by Mr. Gibbs that Mess<sup>rs</sup> Claysons Tender be accepted  
Carried

The following list of exp<sup>s</sup> was read over after which the Finance Committee was instructed to examine them on such day as they should fix and of course the President to sign them on behalf of this meeting

The Secretary	20-0-0
Messenger	5-0-0
Assistant	6-5-0
Gas Company, Oct. Nov. Dec.	18-0-3
Illumination	4-9-6
Red newspapers	7-19-0
Dumplings	2-13-9
Wobb	2-17-4
Services petty Cash	2-3-4
	<u>69-7-10</u>

1<sup>st</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 1864

The list of Sub-Committees ~~was~~ <sup>were approved by</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>adopted for</sup>  
1864 that two members form a quorum

Finance

The President  
" Vice President  
Lark Mr. Burt Mr. Munbray  
" Alston " Godfrey  
" Denwoodie

Library

Rev. Mr. Sinnerhouse  
" " Morison  
Mr. Blair Mr. Benjamin  
" Gibbs Mr. President  
" Mr. Stephens

House Committee

The President -  
Mr. Godfrey Mr. Stephens  
" Denwoodie " Lusk  
Lark " Burt Dr. Greener

The Secretary requested permission to have the Rules  
of the Institution reprinted  
Resolved that the matter be postponed for 3 months

John Edwards  
President

Monday Feb<sup>y</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1864

The General Committee of Management met this  
evening

Present

The President in the Chair  
Mr. Leston Mr. Lusk  
" Benjamin " Denwoodie  
" Alston " Kintel  
" Burt " Gibbs  
" Stephens " Godfrey  
" Blair " Gibb

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee  
of Management held Feb<sup>y</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> were read and  
confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were  
read and approved

Mr. Burt having requested his name to be withdrawn  
from the Finance Committee It was moved by Mr. Gibb  
seconded by Mr. Godfrey that the name be  
withdrawn carried

It was moved by Mr. Blair seconded by Mr. Alston  
that the Books now exhibited (a list of which is  
given in the Minutes of the Library Committee)  
be received carried

Resolved - That the Secretary be instructed to purchase  
the following works ~~as~~ (recommended by the Library  
Committee) as soon as they arrive in the Colony  
Williams first week of June  
Christian names by Miss Yonge  
Fowles Elizabeth

Two motions noted of which ~~was~~ <sup>were</sup> given by Mr. Godfrey  
as follows

1<sup>st</sup> That in the opinion of the Committee it is  
desirable that the Rule at present acted upon of  
requiring a Deposit in the Library Department should

be repealed as to those who are or may be members for three years and the Committee recommending that a special meeting of the members of the Institution be called for the purpose of effecting this alteration if necessary

It is also recommended that the expenses connected with the management of the Institution should be reduced, and that the Secretary should manage the affairs of the Institution at a salary of £500 per annum and out of that sum should provide himself all clerical and other assistance

Signed Geo. Gropsey  
16 Feb: 1864

John Edmunds  
President

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present -

The President in the Chair  
Mr. Burt Mr. Gropsey  
" Deirwoodie " Morison  
" Lash " Stephens  
" Gibb " Rintal  
" Leston " Benjamin  
" Aldon " Murray  
" Blair " Gilber

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

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

The tenders for printing the Library Catalogue were opened and are as follows

March 7<sup>th</sup>

	500 Copies, St. in Wrapper	1000 do do
Clarson & Skallard	5-15-0	7-17-6
Wilson & Mackinnon additional 12 1/4 p 100 for binding	4-8-0	
Williams	5-5-0	7-10-0
Mason & Smith	4-8-0	5-18-0
Walker, May & Co	4-0-0	5-18-0

It was moved by Mr. Gilber seconded by Mr. Burt that the tenders be referred to the Library Sub-Committee with instructions to report to the next meeting of the General Committee Carried

The following accounts 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
" Gas Company (Jan)		5-12-0
" Water Commissioners		6-5-0
Sundry accounts		
Bruce	"-9-6	
Dwight	"-15-0	
Wilson & Mackinnon	2-0-0	3-4-6
Clarson, Skallard & Co		2-15-0
Stephens		3-19-0
Mullen		14-10-5
	1861	
Malcolm	2-4-0	
Clarson & Co	13-9-6	
Thomas	3-8-0	
Newspapers	9-2-0	
Deputies	5-19-0	
Filly	4-9-6	
		£ 88-12-11
		£ 105-2-11

March 7/64

The subject of Ventilation of the Reading <sup>Room</sup> ~~Reading~~  
was brought up from the House Committee

It was moved by Mr. Gibb seconded by Mr. Rivett  
that the subject be postponed for the present  
Carried

Mr. Godfrey brought forward his motion No. 1. respecting  
the Library Deposits when a discussion arose as to  
whether the notices had been posted in the reading  
room, on ascertaining that they had not

It was moved by Mr. Gibb seconded by Mr. Benjamin  
that in the opinion of this meeting the respective  
motions of Mr. Godfrey are not motions of course and that  
they require to be posted in the reading room by  
Rule 24.

An Amendment was moved by Mr. Leston  
seconded by Mr. Godfrey

that the Resolutions as proposed by Mr. Godfrey  
can be entertained and discussed without posting  
the notices in the Reading Room which was carried

7 Voting for the Amendment and 6 for the motion

Mr. Godfrey moved and Rev. Mr. Morrison seconded  
The motion No. 1. respecting the Library Deposits  
when after considerable discussion was put to the  
meeting when 3 voted for and 7 against  
Lost

It was moved by Mr. Alston seconded by Mr. Gibb  
that Mr. Godfrey's Notice, No. 2. stand over until  
next meeting of the General Committee

Carried  
John Edmands  
President

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 1864

The General Committee of management met this  
evening

present  
The President in the Chair  
Messrs Alston Burto  
Gibbs Godfrey  
Greaves Stephens  
Benjamin Leston  
Lush

The Minutes of meeting of the General Committee of  
management held March 7<sup>th</sup> were read and  
confirmed

The Minutes of the Library Committee were read  
and confirmed as far as the new books recommended,  
by but the matter regarding the Catalogue to be  
discussed by the General Committee

The Secretary recommended read the report of the  
Sub Committee referring to the new Catalogue when  
it was resolved that Mason & Fisher's tender be  
accepted on the following terms viz  
The sum of £4.8-0 per sheet of 16 pages including  
printing, wrapper, stitching and to give 6 mos credit  
after delivery

It was moved by Mr. Leston seconded by Mr. Lush  
that 500 Copies of the Catalogue be printed  
Carried

It was moved by Mr. Godfrey seconded by Mr. Stephens  
that Mr. Lush be elected a member of the Finance  
Committee in room of Mr. Burto who declined to act  
Carried

It was moved by Mr. <sup>Benjamin</sup> Godfrey seconded by Mr. Godfrey  
that Mr. Leston be elected a member of the  
House Committee in room of Mr. Burto  
Carried

19<sup>th</sup> March 1864

Mr. Godfrey's notice of Motion No. 2. as given 15 Feb<sup>r</sup> was brought forward, but was not seconded

Mr. Godfrey gave notice of motions for next meeting  
"That the expenses connected with the management of the Institution should be reduced and the affairs of the Institution managed for £500 per annum"

Signed Geo. Godfrey  
21 March 1864

John Edwards  
President

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present  
The President in the Chair  
Messrs Alston Morrison  
Benjamin Leston  
Pitt Godfrey  
Blair Lusk  
Burtie Ricketts

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of Management held March 19<sup>th</sup> were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held April 1<sup>st</sup> were read and approved

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

1864  
The Secretary 20-0-0  
" Assistant 6-5-0  
" Messenger 4-0-0  
Lundies Library and R. Room 2-10-2  
forward 33-15-2

4 April 1864

Amt. Brought up 32-15-2

1863  
Lundies and Macdonald 3-11-9  
Morrish 4-3-6  
Marble 2-1-0  
So of Commerce 2-0-0 11-16-3

1861  
Mullen 32-14-1  
£ 77-5-6

The Secretary reported that he had made repeated applications to Mr. Drudge Hon. Sec<sup>y</sup> of the Philharmonic for the amount due to the Institution, but could get no satisfactory reply. The amt. due is £29-0-0

It was moved by Mr. Gibb seconded by Mr. Leston "that the Secretary be instructed to write to Mr. Drudge informing him that if the amount due was not paid immediately, the a/c would be handed to a solicitor"  
Carried

The Secretary read a letter from the Phoenix by respecting the room in which they hold their meetings offering the sum of £8 to have the use of the room one evening in the week during the year guaranteed. After some discussion it was resolved that the use of the room be guaranteed for £10. On the motion of Mr. Benjamin seconded by Mr. Burtie Carried

Mr. Godfrey moved his resolution notice of which had been given at a previous meeting seconded by Rev. Mr. Ricketts

An Amendment was moved by Mr. Pitt seconded by Mr. Benjamin that the expenses connected with the management of the Institution be reduced which was Carried  
I voted for the Amendment  
none against

Mr. Pitt gave notice of the following motion for next meeting  
That in order to reduce the expenses connected with the management of the Institution the services of the present Assistant Librarian be dispensed with at the expiration of a proper notice given him to that effect, and in lieu thereof



4<sup>th</sup> April 1864

The Ld. William Smith in addition to his present duties be required, under the direction of the Secretary to perform the work of the Library at a salary in the whole of £1-10-0 per week  
Signed Edw. M. Gibbs

*Edw. M. Gibbs*  
Secretary

Monday April 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - Mr. Barto in the Chair.  
Messrs Benjamin Gibbs  
Leston Morrison  
Gillbee Godfrey  
Denwoodie Blair

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of Management held April 4. were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Library Committee were read and approved

A Statement of the Liabilities and Assets of the Institution on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 1864 was laid on the Table. for particulars see minutes of the Finance Committee

The new Books now exhibited recommended by the Library Committee were passed unanimously for list see minutes of Library Committee

The Secretary reported that he had received from the Philharmonic Society the sum of £17-10-0 leaving the a Balance of £11-10-0 The Treasurer Mr. Blundell promising that the Balance should be paid early next month

April 18/64

The Secretary

The Secretary reported that on Saturday evening April 16<sup>th</sup> the Rev. Mr. Morrison applied to him for permission to allow Mr. J. Allan to leave his situation in the Institution that evening, another situation having been procured for him and it was necessary that he should go to it on the following Monday morning April 18<sup>th</sup> (eighteenth)

It was moved by the Rev. Mr. Morrison seconded by Mr. Godfrey "that the resignation of Mr. Allan be accepted and that he be requested to send it to the Committee in writing and that the salary up to the time of resignation be paid him" Carried

Mr. Gibbs with permission of the meeting altered his motion as under which was seconded by Mr. Leston "that for the present the services of an Assistant Librarian be dispensed with and that the Ld. Wm. Smith, in addition to his present duties, be required under the direction of the Secretary to perform the work of the Library at a salary, in the whole of £1-10-0 per week" Carried

An application from H. C. Wright for his deposit to the Library was granted on the motion of Mr. Gibbs seconded by Mr. Benjamin

An application from Mr. Motear for a reduction of rent. It was moved by Mr. Leston seconded by Mr. Blair. "that the request of Mr. Motear cannot be complied with" Carried

*John Blundell*  
President

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening  
Present

Mr. Alston in the Chair  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Greaves, Benjamin  
Burt, Leston  
Gibbs, Morrison

The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee of Management held April 18<sup>th</sup> were read

It was moved by D<sup>r</sup> Greaves seconded by Mr. Gibbs  
"That the consideration of the Minutes of April 18<sup>th</sup> be postponed till next meeting of Committee"  
Carried

It was moved by D<sup>r</sup> Greaves seconded by Mr. Benjamin  
"That a communication be made to Mr. Allan requesting him to forward in writing his resignation of office as early as possible"  
Carried

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read over and approved with the exception of the warrant signed recommending payment of Mr. Allan's salary from April 1<sup>st</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> which was to stand over till next meeting

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

The Secretary 1 Mo.	26-0-0		62-2-3
Wm Smith 3 weeks	3-0-0	Junior Library and Reading Room	1-19-3
" Ap 16 to 30	3-2-6	Williams	1-10-6
Mullen Feb. 8-17-9		Blundell	2-1-3
Mar. 4-19-0	13-16-9	City Rates	7-10-0
Howeby Reading	5-16-9	Smith, Binders	7-15-3
Gas Company Feb. 6-0-9		Off for Waste paper	2-3-4
Mar 5-15-6	11-16-3	Expenses of Concert	5-11-11
Marshe	4-10-0		10-0-11
forward	62-2-3		90-16-1

*J. Alston*  
*R. Burt*

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening  
Present

The President in the Chair  
Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
Burt, Deewoodie  
Gibbs, Godfrey  
Blain, Gilbee  
Leston, Rintel

The Minutes of the General Committee meeting held April 18<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup> were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Library Committee were read and approved  
For list of new Books passed see Minute-Book of the Library sub-Committee

The following warrants for payment were approved and passed viz  
Fred<sup>r</sup> Guillaume to £46-1-0  
W. J. Allan, Salary }  
Ap. 1. to 16 } 3-2-6

The Secretary reported that an application had been made to him by Mr. Brooks of Elgth Street for the use of the Hall on Sundays on which occasions the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Fraser will preach  
It was moved by D<sup>r</sup> Gilbee seconded by Mr. Leston  
That the Hall be let to Mr. Brooks at the rental of £1. each day for morning and evening service  
Carried

In answer to the request of W. J. Allan that a letter be given to him from the Committee  
It was moved by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Rintel seconded by D<sup>r</sup> Gilbee  
That a letter be drawn up and signed by the President on the part of the Committee  
Carried

*W. H. Gibbs*  
Chairman

Monday 6 June 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present Mr Gibbs in the Chair  
Messrs Godfrey Liston  
Benjamin Barto  
Rintel Gillbee

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of Management held May 16<sup>th</sup> were read, and confirmed

A Letter from the President was read, in which he expressed his regrets and stated in consequence of Business engagements he would not be able to attend

The Secretary reported that Mr J. Allan called at the Institution with reference to his letter

The Committee resolved with the consent of the Rev. Mr Rintel that he should join the President in drawing up a letter for Mr Allan

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read and approved

The following <sup>for payments</sup> were recommended by the Finance Committee were passed in the usual manner

The Secretary	20-0-0
" Assistant	6-5-0
" Gas Company	7-1-9
Mr S. Mallan	9-2-9
Herald	1-19-0
Clarson & Co	4-18-0
	<u>£ 49-6-6</u>

A Letter was received from Miss Lewis applying for the use of the Hall for a dancing class

It was moved by Mr Liston seconded by Mr D. Benjamin that the Committee cannot comply with the request  
Carried

John Edwards  
President

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present  
The President in the Chair  
Messrs Benjamin Barto  
Sinwoodie Liston  
Gillbee Moubray  
Gibbs Morrison  
Godfrey

The Minutes of Committee Meeting held June 6<sup>th</sup> were read and confirmed

It was moved by Mr Gibbs seconded by the Rev. Mr Morrison

"That the Books recommended by the Library Committee and now exhibited be approved and admitted to the Library" Carried

The Secretary was instructed to forward to the Editors of each Newspaper a copy of the New Catalogue

The Secretary reported that the Funeral of the Hon. Richard Heales would take place on Thursday next at 2.30 p.m., Mr Heales being a Trustee of the Institution at the time of his death. The Secretary was desirous of ascertaining the opinion of the Committee as to what should be done on that occasion

Resolved - That as most of the members of Committee were connected with some public body, they be left to act as they thought proper in the matter

Resolved - That a letter be addressed to the Rev. Mr Morrison and the Librarian -

Moved by the Rev. Mr Morrison seconded by Dr Gillbee that the Committee respectfully tender an expression of condolence to the relatives of the late Hon. Richard Heales and Hon. Charles Vaughan on the lamentable

June 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

Decease of these Gentlemen which is felt to be a loss to this Institution which has been indebted to their services and co-operation Carried

Resolved - That a letter be drawn up in accordance with the above motion, by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Morrison and the President and with the Secretary be presented to the respective parties as early after the Funerals as convenient

John Edmunds  
President

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present The President in the Chair  
Mr. Burto Mr. Dinwoodie  
" Gibbee " Gibbe  
" Benjamin " Linton  
Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Morrison

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

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read and approved

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

Victoria Insurance Comp <sup>y</sup> (1/36)	4-10-0
Mullen	5-5-1
Assistant	6-5-
The Secretary	20-0-0
Gas - Comp <sup>y</sup>	8-4-6
Smith, Binder 1861	14-8-9
Williams, Printer 1861	8-1-4
	<u>67-1-4</u>

The Secretary reports that he had received the sum of £10.0.0 from James Bullock Esq<sup>r</sup> and had forwarded to him a receipt and Life members Card

Monaf Nelson

Monday July 18<sup>th</sup> 1864

The General Committee of the Management was summoned for this evening but owing to the inclemency of the weather only four members attended. There not being a Quorum the meeting was not constituted

Mr. Gibb H. Gilber  
Mr. Burto Mr. Benjamin

Monaf Nelson

Monday August 1<sup>st</sup> 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening Present

Mr. Alston in the Chair  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Gibb Dinwoodie  
Linton Benjamin  
Burto Kintel  
Morrison Godfrey  
By Dr. Gilber Blair

The Minutes of the General Committee meeting held July 4 were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read and approved

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

	1864	
<del>£67</del>		
The Secretary, salary 1 Month	"	20-0-0
" Assistant "	"	6-5-
Stephens Bookseller Books	"	2-7-
Harwood Magazines	"	3-11-
Gas Company June	"	9-7-3
Produce by	"	3-13-6
Wilson & Macmillan	"	2-7-
Robertson Geo. Books	1863	10-11-
Water Rates	1861	13-15-
Insurance	"	15-"-
		<u>86-18-9</u>

August 1/64

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Rintel stated that the letter ordered by the Committee to be given to W. J. Allan has not yet been done. The Secretary promised to see the President and procure the said letter.

Mr. Gibbs moved that the new books mentioned by the Library Committee if not procured in the colony to be ordered from London. Carried.

Thomas Alston  
Chairman

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - Mr. Alston in the Chair

Dr. Gillbee Mr. Gibbs

Mr. Benjamin Mr. Moubray

Mr. Liston Mr. Burt

Rev. Mr. Rintel

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

The Secretary informed the Committee that the letter promised by him to W. J. Allan was procured from the President and handed to him.

The Minutes of the Library Committee were read and approved. (For list of books passed see Minutes of the Library Committee)

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

that the books now submitted by the Library Committee for approval be passed.

Carried

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

that the books, a list of which is now submitted by the Secretary, be either written for to London or obtained in Melbourne on the best terms.

Carried

John Edwards  
President

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Sep: 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - The President in the Chair

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Alston Burt

Deinwoodie Gillbee

Liston Benjamin

Gibbs Rintel

Greaves

The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee of Management held August 15<sup>th</sup> were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read and approved.

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

The Secretary	Aug.	20-0-0
" Assistant	"	6-5-0
Gas Company	July	9-2-
Mullen	June	10-9-6
City Rates	Jan to June/64	12-10-
Water Rates	July to Dec/64	6-5-
Reid, newspapers	Jan to June/64	7-19-
Dike	/63.	10-12-6
Sundries		95-6-6
		<u>£ 88-9-6</u>

The Secretary reported that the Third Victoria Building Sq meetings had been held in the Institution during the months of June, July, August. The a/c rendered amounts to £20-9-6. The Committee of the Society having refused to pay more than £15-4-6 he wished to know whether this Committee approved of this deduction from or would instruct him to apply for the balance viz 5-5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Greaves seconded by Mr. Liston

that the Secretary be instructed to apply for immediate settlement of the a/c as rendered. Carried.

An application from the Third Victoria Building Sq for offices in rebuilding the Institution was considered when

Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 1864

The following resolution was submitted

Moved by Mr Gibb seconded by Mr Rintab

That the St Andrew's Building by lease have the Office No. 2. in the front street - for the sum of £70. per annum and the use of the new Committee room of the Institution for three nights each month for the additional sum of £22 per ann<sup>m</sup> for a term of two or three years Carried

John Edward  
President

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening  
Present

The President in the Chair  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Gibb, Dinwoodie  
Liston Goochey

Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee of Management held Sept 5<sup>th</sup> were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Library Committee were read and approved

The Books as now exhibited and recommended by the Sub Committee were on the motion of Mr Gibb seconded by Mr Liston passed (see list in minutes of sub Com.)

An Application from Mr Quincy for the use of the Hall for Musical Practice every Monday evening and offering £30 per annum

On the Motion of Mr Liston seconded by Mr Goochey the offer was declined, the Committee considered the room was worth 20/- per night on an annual engagement

The Secretary reported that he had received the sum of £5-8-0 from the St Andrew's Building by as ordered at last meeting

John Edward  
President

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present The President in Chair  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Liston Gibb  
Dinwoodie Benjamin  
Mr Gilber. Alston

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

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read and approved

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

The Secretary	£ 20-0-0
" Assistant	6-5-0
Retinol	31-13-3
Mr Morrison	3-3-

The St Andrew's Building by not having a place to the offer for the permanent office for the by - the Secretary be instructed to request an answer by Thursday next - which was agreed to on the motion of Mr Gibb seconded by Mr Liston

The Secretary informed the Committee that Mr Meir had after the usual notice vacated the Office No. 4. and that he had let it to Mr Sweetman at an advance of 2/- per week. The rent now being £1.2.0. per week and the Office No. 1. is let to Mr Leah at the same Rent viz £1.2.0 per week

On the Motion of Mr Benjamin seconded by Mr Gilber that the Secretary write to the Secretary of the Philharmonic by informing him their tenancy is about to expire and desiring him to communicate as to a future tenancy or otherwise Carried

John Edward  
President

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - The President in the Chair  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Godfrey Gibb  
Burt Alston  
Kinwoodie Benjamin

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

The Secretary reported that in consequence of the late arrival of the Mail Steamer a Library Committee could not be summoned to select Books in time for this meeting

The new Books now exhibited for the approval of the General Committee are the most popular of those received by the Mail

On the motion of Mr. Gibb seconded by Mr. Benjamin the Books now exhibited were admitted. For list of names see Library Minute Book

It was moved by Mr. Gibb seconded by Mr. Alston that the Hall be let to Mr. Pringle for 42 evenings in the year such evenings being Monday in the week for the sum of £42 provided that in the event of the Committee requiring the Hall for any purpose on any one of the evenings required by Mr. Pringle, the Committee shall have the liberty of using the same, on which occasion Mr. Pringle shall not have the rent of the evening to pay - Two or three days notice to Mr. Pringle by the Secretary shall be sufficient - carried

The Secretary reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Victoria Building & Committee had procured offices and would not require accommodation the rooms offered to them in this Building

W. Burt  
Chairman

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present -  
The Rev. Mr. Rintel in the Chair  
Mr. Leston Mr. Gibb  
" Burt " Godfrey

The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee of Management held Oct. 17, were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held Nov<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> were read and approved

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

The Assistant (1 Mo.)	6-5-
The Secretary (1 Mo.)	20- - -
" God Company	9-2-
Harwood Books	3-14-
Herald (6 months)	1-19-
Mortality	2-1-3
Insurance (£2000 @ 3/)	3-0-0

The Secretary reported that Mr. Pringle was prepared to accept the Hall on the terms offered by the Com.

It was resolved that a proper agreement should be drawn up in accordance with the resolution passed at last meeting - Mr. Gibb having <sup>been asked</sup> consented to give his assistance ~~gratuitously~~ <sup>gratuitously</sup> the Committee empower him to draw up the said agreement

A letter from Mr. Leahy tenant of No. 1. Office requesting that the said office be painted, papered &c - referred to the House Committee

Resolved that letters received from Members of Committee excusing their absence be not entered on the Minutes

John Edward  
President

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup> 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present -  
 The President in the Chair  
 Mr Gibb Mr Burt  
 Mr Benjamin Mr Liston  
 Mr Godfrey Mr Greaves  
 Dr Gilbee

The Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held Nov<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> were read and confirmed

It was moved by Dr Gilbee seconded by Mr Liston that the House Committee's report recommending that the sum of £2. be allowed to Mr Leach towards the expense of Papering and painting the 2 rooms of Office No. 1. be received and adopted

*L. R. T.*  
 Chairman

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - Rev<sup>d</sup> Moses Smith, in Chair  
 Mess<sup>rs</sup> Benjamin Gibb  
 Liston Dinwoodie  
 Godfrey

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

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

The Secretary	20-0-0
" Assistant	6-5-0
" Gas Company Sep	7-7-0
Harwood	1-6-0
Stephens	7-2-6
Mullen	6-19-0
Kunch	2-8-0
So. of Commerce	4-0-0
Maria	2-0-0
	£ 57-7-6

*M. M. M. M.*  
 Chairman

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec<sup>r</sup> 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - Mr. Alston in the Chair  
 Mess<sup>rs</sup> Blair, Benjamin  
 Godfrey Liston

The Minutes of the Meeting of Committee of Management held Nov<sup>r</sup> 5. were read and confirmed

The Secretary reported that application had been made to him for the use of the reading room for one year for meetings of the New Church. The meetings to be held on the forenoon of each Sabbath during the year. The amount offered is £20 for the year

It was moved by Mr Liston seconded by Mr Blair that the offer of the New Church be accepted and that the rent be paid quarterly

*John Edwards*  
 President

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1864

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - The President in the Chair  
 Mess<sup>rs</sup> Liston Benjamin  
 Dinwoodie Rutil

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of Management held Dec<sup>r</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read and approved

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

The Secretary	20-0-0
" Assistant	6-5-0
" Gas Company	6-9-6
Mason & Co	£ 37-13-6
	£ 70-8-0

On the motion of Mr Rutil seconded by Mr Liston It was resolved that the Finance Committee be instructed to draw up the Annual Report and submit the same to the General Committee at a special meeting to be held to receive the same. In consequence of Mr Burnett being absent from the Colony Mr Wright be invited to assist Mr Cook in auditing the accounts.

*John Edwards*  
 President