

Monday 16 Jan<sup>y</sup> 1865

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present—  
 The President—in the Chair  
 Mess: Liston            Gibbs  
           Benjamin        Dinwoodie  
           Barto             Godfrey  
           Gillbee          Alston

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

It was moved by Mr Alston seconded by Mr Gibbs that Henry Budge Esq<sup>r</sup> be requested to act as Auditor in conjunction with Mr Swift. The said appointment to be submitted to the General meeting for confirmation

Carried John Edwards  
President

It was moved by Dr Gillbee seconded by Mr Liston that the items for classes be expunged from the Abstract of the Treasurers a/c current for 1864

Carried W. M. Gibbs

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1865

A Special Meeting of the General Committee of Management met this evening

Present—The President—in the Chair  
 Mess: Liston            Godfrey  
           Rintal             Dinwoodie  
           Gibbs              Benjamin

It was moved by Mr Gibbs seconded by Mr Benjamin that the Report and Balance Sheet as read and altered in pencil be approved as the Report and Balance of the year 1864 for submission to the General Meeting and that a fair copy be prepared for the perusal of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Rintal

Carried W. M. Gibbs

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> ~~1865~~ Jan<sup>y</sup> 1865

The Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Melbourne Mechanics Institution took place this evening

The President John Edwards Esq<sup>r</sup> in the Chair

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting ~~made~~ of the Members of the Institution held Jan<sup>y</sup> 26-1864 were read and confirmed also

The Minutes of the meetings of Committee held last 4. and last 16. appointing Mess: J. Swift and Henry Budge, Auditors in the room of Mess: Cook and Barnett were read and confirmed

(Mr Barnett absent from the Colony and Mr Cook declining to act.)

The Secretary read the report of the General Committee of Management for 1864

It was moved by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Moses Rintal seconded by Dr Gillbee and supported by Mr Muir

that the report as read be received and adopted and printed for circulation Carried

The following members were unanimously elected Scrutineers viz Mess: Henry Harris and Geo Lush

It was moved by Dr Gillbee seconded by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Rintal that Edward M. Gibbs Esq<sup>r</sup> be elected President for the year 1865 Carried unanimously

It was moved by Mr Liston seconded by Mr Godfrey that the Rev<sup>d</sup> Moses Rintal be elected Vice President for the year 1865 Carried

It was moved by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Moses Rintal seconded by Dr Gillbee that Charles Steape Esq<sup>r</sup> be elected Trustee in the room of the Hon. Richard Steales deceased and that Tho<sup>s Monbray Esq<sup>r</sup> and W. J. Sumner Esq<sup>r</sup> be elected Trustees for 1865 Carried</sup>

Jan<sup>y</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1865 Annual Meeting - Continued

It was moved by Mr. Henry J. Hart - seconded by Mr. Muir  
that Dr. Pitkin be re-elected Treasurer for the  
ensuing year Carried

It was moved by Mr. Alston seconded by Mr. Muir  
that Mr. Henry Budge and Mr. Richard Steeles sen.  
be elected Auditors for the ensuing year  
Carried

It was moved by Mr. D. Benjamin seconded by Mr. Muir  
that the Rev. Alex. Morrison, Dr. Horvill, Mr. W. Ford  
Dr. Coates and Dr. Hearn be re-elected Surators for  
the year 1866

The Chairman stated that there were 9 vacancies in  
the Committee of Management and that the scrutineers  
would proceed to receive the nominations

The following gentlemen were nominated viz  
Messrs Edwards, Liston, Gilber, Benjamin, Muir,  
Hart, Rollings, Biers, Turner

There being only 9 members nominated the scrutineers  
ascertained by show of hands who should serve for one  
year in room of Messrs Gibbs and Stephens when the  
following result was announced

J. Edwards	} for two years
W. Liston	
W. Gilber	
D. Benjamin	
W. P. Muir	
H. J. Hart	
W. Rollings	
H. Biers	} for one year
J. Turner	

It was moved by Mr. Alston seconded by Mr. Godfrey -  
that a vote of thanks be given to the Chairman which  
was Carried unanimously after which the meeting separated  
Chas. Rowland Chairman

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1865

The General Committee of Management met this  
evening

Present

The President in the Chair	
The Vice President	
Messrs Edwards	Rollings
Alston	Hart
Muir	Biers
Benjamin	Liston

The Minutes of the meetings of the General Committee of  
Management - held Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> were read and confirmed

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

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

It was moved by Mr. Alston seconded by Mr. Rollings  
that the Books selected by the Library Committee be  
admitted Carried

It was moved by Mr. Alston seconded by Mr. Liston  
that the following a/c be passed and paid Carried

The Secretary	20 - 0 - 0
The Assistant	6 - 5 - 0

It was moved by Mr. Alston seconded by Mr. Liston  
that the Annual report be printed by Messrs  
Hanson, 400 Copies for about £3, in printed cover  
Carried

It was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Liston  
that the sub-committees for 1865 be as follows  
viz Finance The President, Messrs Alston, Biers, Edwards  
Dunwoodie, Godfrey

Library	The President, Vice President, Messrs Gilber Greaves, Benjamin, Biers
House	The President Messrs Edwards, Hart Liston Rollings Muir,

Meeting of Committee 6<sup>th</sup> Feb: 1865 continued

The Secretary reported that Charles Meade Esq<sup>r</sup> had consented to <sup>act</sup> as Trustee with Mess<sup>rs</sup> Murray and Susman

It was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Rintel that the meetings of the General Committee of Management be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 7.30 pm. during the ensuing year as heretofore Carried

The Secretary reported that the following gentlemen whose names appear in the printed reports as being dead viz The Hon. Richard Stables, Charles Vanyhan Esq as Life members and W. S. M<sup>r</sup>: Leay Esq as Honorary Member The Committee instructed that the above names be omitted from the List for 1865

The Secretary reported that the two following names should be added to the List of Life Members for 1865 viz Sir Charles Darling K. C. B. Governor James Butchart Esq.

*W. M. Webb*

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb: 1865

The General Committee of Management met this evening present - The President in the Chair  
The Vice President -  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Edwards Liston  
Benjamin Dinwoodie  
Rollings Gillbe  
Hart Biers

The Minutes of the General Committee of Management meeting held Feb. 6. were read and confirmed

It was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Hart - that the Minutes and recommendations of the House Committee be passed and carried into effect - Carried

It was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Liston - that the a/c as recommended for payment - by the Finance Committee

be passed and paid Carried  
viz Mess<sup>rs</sup> Gillbarron on a/c of 1864 46-0-0  
Gas Company Nov. Dec/64 11-11-0  
Reid Melbourne Newspaper 7-14-0  
Laud and Mr. Dougall 9-7-6

Moved by Dr. Gillbe seconded by Mr. Biers that the new Books as now read from the Service as under be admitted into the Library Carried  
viz Mullen Feb. 14 4-1-0  
Stephens Feb. 13. 13-10-0  
7-11-0

Moved by Mr. Rintel seconded by Mr. Hart - that the 2<sup>nd</sup> hand Books as now read from Service as under be admitted into the Library Carried  
viz Mullen Feb. 14. 11-3-6.

Moved by Mr. Rintel seconded by Mr. Rollings that a conveyance of the fee-simple be made so as to vest the Institution premises in the present Trustees and new Trustees Carried

Moved by Mr. Hart seconded by Mr. Biers that the following American works be added to the List of Periodicals for 1865 Carried  
The Scientific American  
Frank Lesley's Illustrated Paper  
Harpers Weekly, Illustrated

Moved by Mr. Hart seconded by Mr. Benjamin that the List of Newspapers and Periodicals as now revised be adopted for the current year. Carried

*W. M. Webb*

Monday 6 March 1865

The meeting of the General Committee of Management was held this evening present

The President in the Chair  
 Mess.<sup>r</sup> Hart      Dinwoodie  
           Edward      Rollings  
           Liston        Gillbee  
           Biers        Benjamin  
           Gillbee

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting held Feb. 20. were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read and approved

It was moved by Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Liston that the following a/c recommended for payment by the Finance Committee be passed and paid

Carried

A/c; viz			
The Secretary	20-0-0	Sundries/Petty Cash, 1864	11-0-0
The Assistant	6-5-0	Sundry a/c	
The Age Proprietors	18-12-0	Andrew Murray	1-0-0
City Rates	7-10-0	Victorian	1-4-0
Stephens	7-13-0	Wimpster	1-5-3
Murray	2-1-3	Wilson & Co	1-0-0
Alliance Susaram	1-10-0	Weekly Review	2-0-0
Dike	6-1-11	Thomas	1-0-0
Blundell & Ford	6-3-9	The Secretary	2-0-0
			9-9-3
		Gas Company Jan	6-16-6

£ 103 - 2 - 8

Mr. Liston gave notice of motion for next meeting

That a discretionary power be allowed the Secretary as to taking deposits - under the rule to reverse

\*\* See particulars at end of minute - remarks of the President respecting the ~~rule~~

Mr. Edwards gave notice of motion that the subject be discussed at the next meeting <sup>the desirability of</sup> as to bringing the property of the Institution under the real property Act.

It was moved by Mr. Liston seconded by Mr. Rollings that the Secretary ascertain the proportionate part of the expense payable by the Institution on a/c of the Light - of way names of contributors amount paid by each

\*\* omitted to be entered in proper place

The President reported that the Release directed to be made at the previous meeting had not as yet been carried out for the reason that he - the President - was desirous of seeing the property of the Institution brought under the real property Act and requested some members of Committee to give the necessary notice of motion on the subject when Mr. Edwards took <sup>up</sup> the matter and gave notice for next meeting

Edw. M. Gill

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 1865

The General Committee of Management met this evening present.

The President in the Chair  
 The Vice President -  
 Mr. Liston    Mr. Dinwoodie  
 Mr. Hart    Mr. Rollings  
 Mr. Edwards

The Minutes of the General Committee Meeting held on the evening of March 6<sup>th</sup> were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Library Sub-Committee were read

It was moved by Mr. Hart seconded by Mr. Muir that the Books as named in Mullens a/c Feb. 14. being 2<sup>nd</sup> Books amounting to the sum of £11-3-6 recommended by the sub-committee be admitted, carried that the Books as named in Mullens a/c of March 20<sup>th</sup> amounting to £1-0-0. and Stephens a/c of March 21<sup>st</sup> amounting to 9/6, be admitted, Carried

It was moved by Mr. Liston seconded by Mr. Muir that the Secretary for a time and with a view of experiment - have a discretionary power in demanding the Library Deposit - from the Members of the Institution and

March 20/65

that a report of the names of such parties as excepted be reported once every quarter to the Committee  
Carried

Mr. Edwards declined to press his notice of motion it was therefore allowed to lapse

It was moved by Mr. Rintel seconded by Mr. Liston that an application be made to the City Council requesting them to waive payment of the claims made on behalf of the Right-of-Way on the ground of the Institution being a public one

It was moved by Mr. Rintel seconded by Mr. Morebray that the copy of Memoirs of Stephen Pallet Nov. 80. presented by Mr. W. Rasche be received and acknowledged by the Secretary with thanks

Notice of Motion by the President

That the Secretary, under the direction of the President and Vice President, be empowered and is hereby directed to take such steps as may be necessary to place the real estate of the Institution under the provisions of the Real Property Act and obtain a Certificate of Title therefor. And the Trustees are hereby requested to sign such documents as may be required to carry out the matter

Monaghan  
Chairman

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1865

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - Mr. Alston in the Chair

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Liston Benjamin  
Hinwood Biers  
Gibbs Burt  
Morebray Rintel  
Godpey " Rollings

In consequence of a notice of motion standing in the President's name he requested that the Committee would appoint a Chairman for the evening in his stead

The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee of Management held March 20. were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee were read and approved when the following a/cs were submitted as recommended by the sub-committees for payment and passed

The Secretary	20-0-0	Portland Guardian	1-16-6
The Assistant	6-5-0	Harwood	1-8-0
Gas Company, Feb.	5-8-6	Stephens	2-5-5
Mullen Jan.	8-0-4	Water Rates	3-15-0
Powceby Dec 31	7-6-4	Geo Robertson	3-12-0
Green & Gatch, Dec 31	11-5-0		
Contn	8-11-6		
			2-13-6

£ 62-10-7

The Secretary reported that he had written to the Council with reference to the a/c for making the Right of Way behind the Institution, as instructed at last meeting and that he had been informed the a/c was referred to their Finance Committee for consideration

Selection of Books from Harwood's stock had been made and were now submitted as per invoice dated April 3.

It was moved by Mr. Burt seconded by Mr. Liston - that the Books as now exhibited be admitted  
Carried forward

April 3<sup>rd</sup> continued

Mr Jennings Application for the room free for the Melbourne Servants Home meeting

It was moved by Mr. Leston seconded by Mr. Reintzel that the usual sum viz 10/6 be charged for the above meeting  
Carried

Application from the "Literary Society of Victoria" for the Terms for the use of the "Hall" for one evening in the week for 12 months.

It was moved by Mr. Grapey seconded by Mr. Leston that the following reply be given to above Society that the use of the Hall be guaranteed one evening each week during the year for £50. That any single engagement be charged £2-2-0  
Carried

A Letter from Mr. Edwards was read referring to the Presidents notice of Motion and other matters and requesting that the same be entered on the Minutes

Resolved - That the letter from Mr. Edwards be read but not entered on the Minutes  
Carried unanimously

The President brought forward his notice of Motion as given at last meeting respecting the placing "Real Estate" of the Institution under the "Real Property Act" when after full information being given in answer to Questions put by members on the subject. It was moved by Mr. Gibb seconded by Mr. Burt that immediate application be made to carry the above into effect

Carried unanimously

Edw. M. Gibb.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 1865

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present:-

The President - in the Chair

Mr. Hart - Mr. Burt

Mr. Dewarrie - Mr. Rollings

Mr. Biers

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

The President reported that the application for having the property of the Institution placed under the Real Property Act will be ready in a few days

The Secretary reported that he had received no communication from the Melbourne Corporation respecting the application for the formation of the Right-of-Way

It was moved by Mr. Rollings seconded by Mr. Hart that the sum of £41-8-0 be forwarded to Mr. Guillaume of London being the balance of a/c against the Institution to the close of 1864  
Carried

Edw. M. Gibb.  
Chairman

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 1865

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - The President  
" Vice President  
Mr. Leston Mr. Meier  
" Deuwoodie " Benjamin  
" Rollings " Burt  
~~Dr. Gillbe~~

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

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held April 29<sup>th</sup> were read and approved

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

The Secretary, Salary 1 Mo. 20-0-0  
The Assistant do 6-5-0  
Gas Company 6-5

The President reported that the application respecting the property of the Institution had been lodged with the Real Property Commissioners

John Leston chairman

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1865

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - Mr. Leston in the Chair  
Messrs Burt Deuwoodie  
Bier Gillbe  
Rollings

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

It was moved by Dr. Gillbe seconded by Mr. Bier that the Books now exhibited for the approval of the Committee be passed carried

*[Signature]*

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 1865

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

Dr. Gillbe Mr. Hart  
Mr. Leston Mr. Godfrey  
Mr. Rollings Mr. Bier

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

The Minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee were read and approved shewing a Balance in the Bank to the credit of the Institution of £65-2-9.

The following aces were on the motion of Mr. Rollings seconded by Mr. Leston passed

viz  
The Secretary 20-0-0  
The Assistant 6-5-0  
The Gas Company 6-16-6  
Mullen 15-12-"  
Harwood Estate 9-16-6  
Stephens 4-3-"  
Lo. of Commerce Law - June 2- "- "  
Punch " 1-4-"  
£65-17-"

The following new Works were presented to the Library of the Institution viz

- 1 Copy - Ancient ones of the Earth presented by the President
- 2 Copies - Papers and reports by J. C. Rawlinson, C. B. presented by the Author

It was moved by Mr. Leston seconded by Mr. Rollings that the above new Works be received and acknowledged with thanks

Carried  
*[Signature]*

Monday June 19<sup>th</sup> 1865

The General Committee of Management met this evening

present  
The President

Messrs Hart, Burto  
Benjamin, Edwards  
Rollings, Biers  
Liston

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of Management held June 5<sup>th</sup> were read and confirmed

*Edw M. Goble*  
Chairman

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1865

*M. G.* The General Committee of Management met this evening

present The President in the Chair  
The Vice President  
Messrs Hart Muir

Liston Benjamin  
Gillbee Rollings  
Dunwoodie Biers

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 were on the Motion of Mr. Muir - seconded by Mr. Benjamin passed

viz	The Secretary	20 - 0 - 0
	The Assistant	6 - 5 - 0
	The Gas Company May	9 - 7 - 3
	Victoria Insurance	4 - 10 - 0
	Corporation for Right-of-Way	15 - 10 - 3
	Powceby	7 - 8 - 11
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		£ 63 - 1 - 5

It was moved by Mr. Muir seconded by Mr. Liston that the Books now exhibited be received

*Edw M. Goble*  
Chairman

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 1865

The General Committee of Management met this evening

present - The President in the Chair

The Vice President  
Messrs Benjamin, Liston  
Biers Hart

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

The Rev. Mr. Rintal moved and Mr. Benjamin seconded the Motion "that the Books exhibited for the approval of the Committee, the Titles of which having been read over from the Minute Book of the Library Committee, be now passed" Carried

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

"that a letter be written to the Real Property Commissioners requesting his attention to the fact that the title of the Institution has been in the Office for some time and that it would be a matter of great convenience to the Committee of Management to pass the title through the Office as quickly as possible as other arrangements are waiting the issue of the Certificate" Carried

*Edw M. Goble*  
Chairman

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 1865

Special Meeting of the General Committee of Management met this evening

present - The Vice President in the Chair

Messrs Rollings Alston  
Hart Benjamin  
Biers Dunwoodie  
Liston Goochey  
Greenes

The Special <sup>meeting</sup> was called for the purpose of considering the proceedings brought against the Secretary, Mr. Thompson by Mr. Maitland, charging Mr. T. with taking illegal possession of the Office occupied by Mr. Maitland



July 26<sup>th</sup> 1865

Minutes continued

Mr. Thompson explained that in consequence of representations made to him by Mrs. Matear he had allowed her time but she had failed in keeping her promise and he found it necessary to press for payment, promising if peaceable possession was given of the Office, her case would I had no doubt be more favorably considered than if legal proceedings were resorted to.

On Saturday evening <sup>July 8<sup>th</sup></sup> about 6 o'clock Mrs. Matear locked the Office door but left the key in the door and drew Mr. Thompson's attention to the fact of it being there, at the same time stating that she would call on Monday and make if possible an offer to the Committee for the Furniture

1. Resolved that the proceedings commenced against Mr. Thompson in the County Court be defended by Mr. Thompson on behalf of the Institution Carried unanimously

2. That in the event of the Goods seized not realizing the full amount due, proceedings be taken against Mrs. Matear in the district Court Carried unanimously

3. That the President be instructed to take the necessary steps in this matter Carried unanimously

John Liston  
Chairman

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 1865

The General Committee of Management met this evening present - The President in the Chair  
the Vice President  
Messrs Hart ~~Burt~~  
Gillies Biers  
Rollings

The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee of Management held 17<sup>th</sup> July were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee held August 5<sup>th</sup> were read and approved

The following a/c recommended for payment by the Finance

~~Committee were read over and passed in the usual manner~~

It was moved by Mr. Hart seconded by Mr. Rollings that the Minutes of the Special Meeting held July 26 be confirmed at the next meeting of the General Committee of Management - as the minutes of said meeting had not been entered in the Minute Book

Carried

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

The Secretary 1 Mo. July	20-0-0
The Assistant	6-5-0
Petty Cash Jan to July /65	4-18-4
Title a/c	3-14-0
Stephens Book Feb.	3-10-0
Gas June	8-9-9
Mowry Coal	2-2-3
Mullen	5-13-7
Sundry a/c	1-18-0
Herald to June 30/65	2-9-6
Blundell & Ford	7-8-6
Johnson	£66-8-11

The sum of £19-9-0 being the amount still remaining to the Cr of the Institution in the Bank

John Liston  
Chairman

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August 1865

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present -

Mr. Liston in the Chair  
Messrs Hart Burt  
Benjamin Godfrey  
Biers Rollings

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held July 26 were read and confirmed also

The Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the General Committee of Management held August 7 were read and confirmed

Carried

Minutes continued August 21<sup>st</sup>

The Minutes of the meeting of the Library Sub Committee held August 19. were read and approved

For list of Books see Minutes of Sub Committee

The Secretary reported that the case *Matear* against the Secretary was still unsettled. Judge *Wolman* had given *Matear* one week to consider as to a settlement of the Question and allow the rent and costs as a set off

The Secretary read a letter from a *Mrs Briscoe* offering to rent the Office lately occupied by *Mrs Matear*

The Secretary was instructed to make the necessary enquiries and report to the House Committee

The Secretary brought under the notice of the Committee the state of *Mrs Guillaumes* a/c and suggested the advisability of forwarding the sum of £40 by first mail

The Secretary was instructed to summon the Finance Committee and submit the a/c to them and if satisfactory the Chairman of this meeting to sign the warrant for payment

Carried  
*M. W. G. G.*

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Sep. 1865

The General Committee of Management met this evening  
Present -

The President in the Chair

The Vice President -

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hart Biers

Liston Benjamin

Rollings

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of Management held August 20 were read and confirmed

Minutes of Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Sep. continued

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

The following a/c were passed in the usual manner

The Secretary 20-0-0  
The Assistant - 6-5-0

The Secretary reported that in accordance with the resolution passed at last meeting respecting the amount due to *Mrs Guillaumes* the sum of £40. was remitted by last out-going mail

The Secretary reported that the case *Matear* against the Secretary was still unsettled the President said the Judge would not sign Judgment for a month in over that time he given to arrange the a/c as a set off

*Mr. P. R. f. Pringle's* application for the use of the Hall for a Quarter for a singing class for £7-10-0 for one Quarter, should the *Mr. Pringle* succeed with the class he will be prepared to offer better terms the second Quarter that the class be held on the evening of Wednesday in each week

It was moved by *Mr. Liston* seconded by *Mr. Runtel* that the offer of *Mr. Pringle* be accepted

Carried

The Secretary reported that he had received from *Mr. Roger* a written notice of his intention to leave the Office he now occupies, on the last day of present month

Resolved that the Rent of the Offices be continued at same rate as during the past year and that the Secretary previous to arranging with any applicant for the Office he confer with the House Committee

*M. W. G. G.*  
Chairman

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Sep<sup>r</sup> 1865

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

The President in the Chair  
 Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hart Biers  
 Burt Rollings  
 Liston Edward

The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee of Management held Sep<sup>r</sup> 4 were read and confirmed

The Secretary reported that the case Matiear against the Secretary was now settled and the ap<sup>s</sup> connected with the case would be presented at next meeting

The Secretary reported that he hoped to be able to place on the table at the next meeting of the Committee "the Certificate of Title" of the real property of the Institution but would require a Warrant signed for the sum of £14-9-8. The President was instructed to sign the same, on the motion of Mr Hart seconded by Mr Biers

Total costs out for the placing the title of the Institution under the real Property Act

Assurance on £4000	8-6-8
Application	2-10-0
Assuring deposit on title of piece of land purchased from Crook	2-0-0
Advertising	1-4-0
Certificate of title	1-0-0
	<u>15-10-8</u>

Charges in procuring declaration from Mrs Crook of New South Wales	3-3
	<u>18-3-8</u>

*Edw. M. Gibb*

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1865

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

The President in the Chair  
 Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hart Liston  
 Burt Biers  
 Benjamin Muir  
 The Vice President

The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee of Management held Sep<sup>r</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance subcommittee held Sep<sup>r</sup> 30 were read and approved

The following ap<sup>s</sup> examined and recommended for payment were passed on the motion of Mr Hart seconded by Mr Benjamin Muir

The Secretary	20-0-0
The Assistant	8-5-0

It was moved by Mr Burt seconded by Mr Rintel that as soon as sufficient funds were at the credit of the Institution in the Bank the following ap<sup>s</sup> be paid

	Carried
The Gas Company	8-5-0
Victoria Insurance Company	3-0-0

The Secretary reported that the Victoria Building & Company had refused to pay their ap<sup>s</sup> for an engagement of the Hall (£22-0)

It was moved by Mr Biers seconded by Mr Liston that the Secretary write to the Committee of the above by demanding immediate settlement of the ap<sup>s</sup>

The Secretary laid on the table the Bill of Costs in the case of Matiear ag<sup>t</sup> the Secretary amounting to £26-4-8

It was moved by Mr Burt seconded by Mr Hart that the amount be paid less any deductions that allowances made by Mess<sup>rs</sup> Wise would

Carried

Minutes 2<sup>o</sup> October continued

The Secretary ~~has~~ produced as promised at last meeting, the Certificate of Title to the property of the Institution. The Committee instructed the Secretary to deposit the Certificate in the Tin Box deposited for safe custody in the Bank of New South Wales and to inform the Trustees of the same.

It was moved by Mr. Biers seconded by Mr. Hart that the thanks of this Committee be presented to the Sub-committee (consisting of the President and Vice President) for their labors in procuring the "Certificate of Title" of the real property of the Institution and for the very moderate sum of £18-3-8. Carried unanimously.

Notice of motion by Mr. Hart

That a sub-committee consisting of the President the Vice President, Messrs Godfrey, Hart, Rollings, Biers, Muir and Benjamin be appointed to take into consideration the question as to the desirability of introducing as a part of the objects of the Institution those of Recreation and Amusement and to bring up a full report thereon and also at the same time indicate the best mode of carrying the same into effect. Three to form quorum.

Augustus A. Reeves

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 1865

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

Mr. Green, M. L. A. in the Chair  
Messrs Liston Rollings  
Biers Burtt  
Gillbee Muir  
Secy President

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

Minutes October 16/65 continued

The Minutes of the House Sub-Committee were read and approved viz that the Office No. 3. lately occupied by Mr. Rogers, should be let to Mr. Oltner at a weekly rental of £1.10.0. per week and that the necessary repairs should be carried into effect immediately under the superintendance of Mr. Rollings and the Secretary.

The Secretary reported that an offer had been made for £ of £1.5.0 per week for Office No. 2. for a period of 6 months certain by Mr. Blazey - piano forte, Manufacturer, Richmond.

It was moved by Mr. Burt seconded by Mr. Muir that the offer of Mr. Blazey be accepted. Carried.

The Secretary reported that the Lord Victoria Building <sup>Committee</sup> by an reply to the letter forward to them by order of this Committee at the meeting held October 2<sup>o</sup> paid the amount of the fee rendered viz £2-2-0.

The Secretary stated, that as directed by the Committee at their last meeting, the Certificate of Title of Property of the Institution has been deposited in the Tin Box belonging to the Institution placed for safe custody in the Bank of New South Wales and the Trustees have been informed ~~that~~ the same.

Mr. Hart being absent the notice of motion standing in his name was taken up and explained by Mr. Gibbs.

It was moved by Mr. Gibbs seconded by Mr. Gillbee and supported by Mr. Muir that the motion be agreed to and that a report be brought up at next meeting carried with the addition of Mr. Gibbs name to be added to the sub-committee.

In consequence of numerous complaints against several members <sup>examining</sup> the Morning News papers in their hands for ~~sentences~~ an hour at one time particularly on

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the morning of publication, It was resolved that the following notice be posted in the Reading Room and to take effect on and after the 24<sup>th</sup> instant

Notice

It is particularly requested that no member retain in his hands any daily newspaper on the morning of publication, longer than 10 minutes after it is bespoken by another member - This rule to be in force between the hours of 8 and 11 am. only

By order of the Committee

W. Thompson, Secretary

*W. M. Gibbs*

Monday 6 Nov<sup>r</sup> 1865

The General Committee of management met this evening present

The President in the Chair  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Rollings Benjamin  
Biers Peers  
Sinwoodie Alston  
Hart Gibbs

The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Committee of Management held Oct 16 were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance - subcommittee were read and approved

On the motion of Mr Sinwoodie seconded by Mr Biers that the following a/c as now read being examined and recommended for payment by the sub-committee be passed carried

rs	The Secretary	20-0-0
	The Assistant	6-5-0
	The Gas Company	7-11-6
	Water Supply	3-15-0
	Corporation rates	13-10-0
		<u>£ 50-1-6</u>

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The Improvement Committee appointed (Oct 14/65) at last meeting brought up their report once after some discussion on the subject

It was moved by Mr Biers seconded by Mr Hart that the Report be adopted subject to the approval of the Members assembled a special general meeting being brought before a special meeting of the Subscribers and their approval of the same.

Carried unanimously

Resolved that a special general meeting of the Subscribers be called in order to lay before them the above report of the subcommittee

*W. M. Gibbs*

The Improvement Committee

The above Committee held four meetings as follows

1<sup>st</sup> Meeting Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 1865  
present Mr. Muir in the chair  
Mr. Rollings Mr. Biers  
Mr. Benjamin

2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 1865  
present Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hart (in the chair)  
Biers, Rollings, Benjamin

3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 1865  
present  
The President in the chair  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hart, Biers, Rollings

4<sup>th</sup> Meeting Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 1865  
present  
The President in the chair  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hart, Biers, Rollings

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov: 1865

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

Miss <sup>rs</sup> Sinwoodie	-	Alston
Godfrey		Rintel
Burt		Benjamin
Rollings		Greaves
Biers	"	Gilbee

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee of Management held Nov: 6<sup>th</sup> were read and confirmed

The Secretary reported that he had let to the Master Manufacturers the new office for the 1<sup>st</sup> and third Wednesday every month at the rate of 7/6. each meeting and to the Council of the Protection League each Friday evening for £1. 5. 0. per month

Manufacturers	9-0-0	per wk.
Council prot.	15-0-0	
	24-0-0	

Wm. Rintel Chairman

### Special General Meeting

of the Members of the Institution  
27<sup>th</sup> Dec: 1865

The President - in the Chair.

The following members of Committee were present -

Miss <sup>rs</sup> Gilbee	Biers	Godfrey
Benjamin	Burt	Liston
Alston	Sinwoodie	Edwards
Moubray	Muir	Rollings

The Secretary read the advertisement - calling the meeting after which the President - introduced the subject and read the Report of the sub-committee recommending the introduction of amusements as one of the objects of the Institution

It was moved by Mr. Godfrey seconded by Mr. Biers that the report of the sub-committee now read be adopted by this meeting and the Committee are hereby requested and empowered to erect the buildings - mentioned and to carry out the suggestions of the report.

in such way as they may think proper and also the raising the necessary funds for the same

The following Amendment - was proposed by Mr. Jamieson seconded by Mr. Harris.

No. 1. That it is not expedient to introduce any other games of Amusement into this Institution than Chess and that it would be desirable to encourage the formation of Debating and ~~gymnastic~~ ~~gymnastic~~ classes

A second Amendment was proposed by Mr. H. Williams seconded by Mr. Miers

No. 2. That the question of the erection of a Billiard Room to be remitted to the Annual meeting

The Amendments on being put to the meeting the second was declared carried

Wm. Rintel  
Chairman

Monday Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 1865.

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

Miss <sup>rs</sup> Benjamin,	Edwards
Gilbee	Liston
Rollings	Biers
Sinwoodie	

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

The Minutes of the Special General Meeting held November 27<sup>th</sup> were read and approved

The Minutes of the Finance sub-committee were read and approved

The following a/c having been examined and recommended for payment were on the motion of Mr. Biers seconded

Minutes Dec: 4<sup>th</sup> continued  
by Mr. Rollings passed for payment

The Secretary	20-0-0
The Assistant	6-5-0
Mr. Reid (newspapers)	7-9-0
Gas Company Sep.	7-11-6
	<u>£41-5-6</u>

A letter from Mr. R. Service was read, being an application for the use of the Hall on every Sunday morning and evenings and also on Wednesday evenings and offering the sum of 10/- per week, the minutes notice in either side to quit

It was moved by Mr. Edward seconded by Mr. Liston - that the Secretary be empowered to let the Hall to Mr. Service for £40. per An<sup>o</sup> and to have the use of the small room once a week if required and for one year certain

Carried

*W. M. W. G. S.*

Monday Dec: 18<sup>th</sup> 1865

The General Committee of Management met this evening present

The President in the Chair  
Mess<sup>rs</sup> Burt Benjamin  
Biers Edwards

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

A letter from Mr. Service was read, requesting the committee to reconsider their former resolution fixing £40. as the rent of the Hall and offering £30. per An<sup>o</sup> - The Secretary was instructed to communicate to Mr. Service that the committee adhered to their former resolution

Mr. Thos. J. V.P. Chairman

Wednesday  
~~Monday~~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1866

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

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Liston Burt  
Edward Gapey  
Biers Mr. Wilkie  
Mr. Gilber

The Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee held Dec: 18/65 were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Finance Committee held Jan 2. were read and approved

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

The Secretary	20-0-0	Dike	4-11-0
" Assistant	6-5-0	Williams	2-10-0
" Gas	6-4-6	Andrew Murray	1-0-0
Stephens	9-19-6	Heralce	1-19-0
F. Guillaume	50-0-0	Dickers M Reed	2-14-"
Dempster	2-13-"		

It was moved by Mr. Edward seconded by Mr. Liston that the Finance Committee prepare the Report for 1865 and bring it up to the meeting of the General Committee on Monday Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Carried

It was moved by Mr. Biers seconded by Mr. Burt that in future the Library be closed on Saturday afternoons from 2 P.M. to 7 P.M. Carried

It was moved by Mr. Edward seconded by Mr. Liston that Mr. Henry Harris be invited to act with Mr. Heales as Auditor of the Treasurers a/c for 1865 in room of Mr. Budge, unable to attend from sickness

*W. M. W. G. S.*