

Subcommittee's  
Report  
on  
Conversations

for Subscribers and the members of  
their families, and threeshillings and  
sixpence for non-subscribers.

The Subcommittee also recommended  
that no person should be considered  
a member of the Institute whose  
subscription had not been paid.

And that the Secretary should be  
empowered to present those persons  
who contributed to the entertainment  
of the evening, with tickets of admission.

Report accepted

The Report having been accepted, the  
Secretary was instructed to convey the thanks  
of the Committee to all those who had offered  
their assistance to the Institute.

College Libr.  
Secy's Report

The Secretary reported that in accordance  
with the resolution of the previous meeting  
he had communicated with the Warden  
and Fellows of Christ's College, from  
whom he had received the following  
reply.

Letter from  
the Warden &c.

Christchurch July 20<sup>th</sup> 1859  
Sir

In answer to the application of the  
mechanics Institute for the use of a portion  
of the books forming the College Library,  
I am directed by Governing body of Christ's College  
to transmit to you the following copy of a  
resolution passed by them at a meeting held  
this day.

copy  
resolved

That the Librarian be requested to answer the  
letter of the Secretary of the Mechanics Institute  
and state.

That the Governing body of the College are unable  
to devolve the Custody of any portion of the books  
on any Society which however useful only  
represents only a section of the Public.

That the portion of the Library now in the possession  
of the Lyttelton Colonists Society was placed in

Letter  
Continued

The Custody of that Institution prior to the  
actual incorporation of the College

The Governing body have in contemplation  
arrangements, which will afford the Public  
increased facilities for the use of the Library,  
so soon as it shall have been removed to  
the College Buildings

That notwithstanding, if hereafter the  
Governing body should be able to devise any  
measure by which special advantages may  
be extended to the Members of the Mechanics  
Institute without any impingement of this  
on the duties of their Trust, they would be  
very willing to meet the views of the Committee  
to that extent.

Signed &c &c.

James Wilson

Librarian

To the Secretary of the Mechanics Institute Christchurch

To be recorded

After some discussion it was resolved  
on the motion of the Rev. C. Frazer seconded  
by Mr. Joynt. That the above letter should  
be received, and recorded in the Minutes  
of the Institute.

Draft of Bye  
Laws.

Moved by the Rev. C. Alabaster and seconded  
by Mr. Lock. That the Treasurer and Librarian  
be requested to prepare a draft of Bye laws  
for the Guidance of the Officers. Conduct of  
the Reading Room during the absence, ~~members~~  
present month.

W. Moorhouse

Sept. 17 1859

President