

in a conversation with Mr. Olivier this day, that gentleman intimated that Mr. Hawdon, a merchant of Melbourne, had authorized Messrs Miles & Co., his agents here, to transfer to the Mechanics Institute, a Quarter acre section in Tream Street, Christchurch as a building site for the Institution.

Notice was given by the Secretary that he intended to give in his resignation at the next quarterly meeting. The Secretary handed to the Committee a letter he had received from the Provincial Secretary dated 22nd February 1860 - upon the subject of the site for a building for the Mechanics Institute: stating that the government are taking the subject of an eligible site into their consideration.

Moved by the Rev. J. Fraser seconded by Mr. Rar - That Mr. C. W. Bishop be nominated to the next quarterly meeting, as Secretary - carried unanimously.

Resolved That Mr. Rar be appointed a member of the Committee.

The Committee then proceeded to the consideration of the amendment of the Laws, and the following recommendations of alterations and additions were severally resolved.

That in Law No. 7 - after the words "house-management" to insert "including the appointment and dismissal of the paid officers and servants of the Institute."

To enact as fundamental laws - all the Treasurer's by-laws as amended below, ~~last quarterly meeting~~ except No. 7, to insert them in this place and number them respectively 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

No. 4 - That this by-law be repealed.

No. 5 - That the word "Bye" be omitted.

No. 7 - That all words after "with" be omitted.

No. 8 - That the words "paid officers and" be inserted after the word "the" and before the word "servants."

That Law No. 8 be numbered 22.

That in Law No. 9 - to omit from the word "order" to

to the end of the rule, and insert - "and order all Books, newspapers, and other periodicals" - and be numbered 16.

That the Librarian's by-laws with the following amendments be enacted as fundamental Laws and inserted in this place; and numbered respectively 17, 18, 19, 20, 21.

No. 3 to omit all words after "New Books" and insert "all periodicals" in lieu thereof.

No. 5 to omit from the word "purchase" to the word "newspapers" inclusively - and insert in lieu thereof - "make no purchases for the Library" - and also after the word "Books" and before the word "for" to insert - " &c."

That the Secretary's by-laws with the following amendments be enacted as fundamental Laws, and inserted in this place and numbered respectively 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28.

No. 3 To omit the word "thereat" - and insert the words "at the latter" in lieu thereof;

and that the alterations as now recommended in the by-laws, shall not take effect till the annual general meeting in June next, nor then, unless inserted in the fundamental laws.

That in Law No. 10 - to omit all after the word "until" - and insert in lieu thereof, "repealed by the Committee or a general meeting of the members of the Institute." & be numbered 29.

That the following Law be inserted here & numbered 30: viz: "That the Committee shall report their proceedings and the position and affairs of the Institute to each quarterly general meeting."

That Law No. 11 be amended by inserting - "and committee-men" after the word "officers" - and be numbered 31.

That in Law No. 12 - after the word "Institute" to insert the words - "having been members for not less than