

The attendance in the Reading Rooms still continues to increase while the use made of the circulating portion of the Library Books has been 2654 Vols. amongst 284 Members.

Your Committee may report favourably upon these Rooms having been thrown open during the day, a great many members avail themselves of them in the day time to whom it would be inconvenient to attend in the evening: It has been arranged that Forms of Acceptances, a cheque Book of each of the Banks and writing materials should be kept for the use of Members.

Your Committee have to report that a favourable site consisting of half an acre of land adjoining what commonly known as Mr. Cudland's late residence has been purchased for the Institute for the sum of £202. 10/- payable now in about 4 Months, that Messrs. Mills Esq^r & W. D. Wood Esq^r and Edward Rees Esq^r have jointly made themselves liable for the payment of this amount upon the security of the section itself.

Your Committee rely upon the Provincial Government to fulfil its promise to provide the means to this Institute for purchasing a Site in lieu of the one the Government has appropriated to its own uses, and your Committee recommend that Funds for a Building should be raised by shares and subscriptions.

Your Committee hope and believe that when all these particulars are candidly laid before the Public that there will exist no great difficulty in inducing the inhabitants of Christchurch, who have hitherto always shown so much readiness to support every good cause to lend their aid in the purchase of the Land and in the erection of a permanent Mechanics Institute and so release the gentlemen before named from the liability they have incurred in the purchase of the site in question.

Your Committee cannot close this Report without taking the opportunity of thus publicly expressing their thanks and the thanks of the Institution generally to those gentlemen who have contributed to the advancement of this useful work by their donations; and also to J. Oliver Esq^r and his assistants at readings and concerts. J. Haast Esq^r

J. Dobson Esq^r & J. E. Fitzgerald Esq^r Mr. Bradwell and the Rev^d J. Butler & Co. Fryer for the valuable assistance rendered by the delivery of their Lectures readings &c

Town Hall Christchurch
25th June 1862

By order of the Committee

Joshua Cuff

Hon: Secy.

Treasurer's Account

Treasurer in ac ^t with the Christchurch Mechanics Institute	
Cr. From July 1 st 1861 to June 30 th 1862	£ 8 0
Balance owing to Treasurer	11. 12. 9
By Cash paid to Clerk (Salary)	82. 10. 0
" Rent of Rooms	20. 0. 0
" Firewood 4/1 candles 2/6/11	5. 5. 10
" Timber	15. 7. 7
" Plastering	10. 19. 0
" Carpenter	11. 13. 0
" Books	26. 13. 10
" Newspapers & Magazines	14. 16. 11
" Stationery	1. 7. 9
" Lamps	5. 8. 6
" Advertising	4. 19. 11
" Rebinding Books and Journals	4. 6. 3
	<u>£ 217. 1. 4</u>

Library Fund

1861: 2 By Cash paid Books purchased	
By Auction	24. 10. 0
Remitted to London	120. 0. 0
Balance in hand	38. 0. 3
	<u>£ 182. 10. 3</u>

Building Fund

1862 June 30 th By Balance in hand	£ 3. 0. 0
Dr. From July 1 st 1861 to June 30 th 1862	£ 0. 0. 0
Library Fines	7. 11. 0
Visitors	1. 5. 0
Copies of Rules	10. 6
	<u>£ 9. 6. 6</u>

carried forward