

Monthly Meeting of Committee  
July 11<sup>th</sup> 1863

Present  
Mr. E. B. Bishop                      E. B. Bishop  
E. Paritt                                  S. Daymond  
J. Johnston                               W. Telephone  
J. Foley                                    J. Hawthorne  
Secretary  
Mr. E. B. Bishop in the Chair

Minutes of Meeting of Committee June 11<sup>th</sup> /63 read  
and confirmed

Resolved that as soon as the Title Deeds are completed  
a Mortgage of £500 be effected upon the property and  
said Mortgage to be effected in the most favourable Market  
and for a period not exceeding three years.

Resolved that a Subcommittee consisting of the  
Chairman, Mr. E. B. Bishop and Mr. Miles be appointed  
with power to arrange the most favourable way of  
carrying into effect the previous Resolution

Resolved that the Secretary be instructed to write  
to Messrs. Harman & Stevens to request a copy  
immediately of the Will of the late Mr. Maunsell to  
enable the Institute Deeds to be completed the detention  
of which copy is causing the Institute great in-  
convenience.

The Librarian reported Mr. Leaf's donation of  
five of Spectator.

Read & confirmed the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August /63

E. B. Bishop  
Chairman

Fourth Annual Meeting of Members

July 29<sup>th</sup> 1863  
Present

The Treasurer Librarian Secretary and 36 Members

The Minutes of the Third Annual Meeting and  
Special General Meeting were read and confirmed

The following Report was brought up, read and  
adopted.

Christchurch Mechanics Institute  
Fourth Annual Report of the Committee

Your Committee in laying this their fourth Annual  
Report before the Members of the Institute, have great  
pleasure in being able to shew a steady increase in the  
Number of Subscribing Members and generally in the  
progress of the Institute

It will be recollectd that the Committee at  
the last Annual Meeting reported the purchase of  
a site for a Mechanics Institute situated in Hereford  
Street and Cambridge Terrace West and the Three  
Gentlemen Members of this Committee had become  
Security for the payment of the purchase money. It  
is with pleasure your Committee have to acquaint you  
that those Gentlemen who so kindly guaranteed the  
purchase money were not called upon to make any Cash  
advance, but that the Bills were met at maturity, the  
Government having, as promised paid to the Treasurer  
the sum of £250 as compensation for the site originally reserved  
but afterwards appropriated to the use of the Government  
The Provincial Council granted the liberal sum of £250  
towards the Building Fund.

Your Committee considered it expedient to  
at once commence the Building and offered a premium  
for a design, and a plan sent in by Mr. Farr of Lichfield  
Street was approved of and your Committee advertised  
for tenders for carrying out the design, and Messrs. Baleke and