

Wednesday 7th Dec^r 1864

Monthly Meeting of the Committee

No Quorum

Present Mess^{rs} V. B. Bishop, Bowman, Clephane, Smith and the Treasurer
Committee therefore stands adjourned until Wednesday next at 7 o'clock

Wednesday 14th Dec^r 1864

No Quorum. the Committee therefore stands adjourned until January 14th.

G. W. Bishop

Wednesday 14th Jan^y 1865

Monthly Meeting of Committee

Present:

The Treasurer

Mr Phillips

Bowman

Mr. E. B. Bishop in the Chair

Mr. Clephane

Mr. North

the Secretary

Minutes of the Executive meeting, 2nd Nov^r 1864 were read and confirmed

The Treasurer reported that he had sent a claim to the Fire Brigade for £1 for the use of the Committee Room for one night

Resolved that the claim be remitted to the Brigade

The Treasurer stated that the Chamber of Commerce had paid the Rent asked for. Also that he had received a year's Rent from Savings Bank

The Clerk reported that he had let the Room lately occupied by the Chamber of Commerce to Mr Fraser for one night in each month for 12 months, and £5.

The Librarian reported the receipt of "Centenary Ordinances 1861-22" inclusive from the Provincial Government and Proceedings of the Provincial Government of Otago from the Provincial Government of that Province.

Secretary read a letter from Mr. Frank Major tendering his resignation as a Member of the Committee, and offering to supply the Institute with the Tainui Herald in exchange for the Press.

Resolved that Mr Major's resignation be accepted, and that he be informed the Committee decline his offer as too much of the Clerk's time would be taken up in carrying out the terms.

Read and confirmed this 14th day of March 1865

G. W. Bishop Chairman

Wednesday 1st February 1865

Monthly Meeting of the Committee

No Quorum

Present Mr. J. G. Hawkes, D^r Prins, & the Secy

Wednesday 1st March 1865

Monthly Meeting of the Committee

Present Mr. C. W. Bishop in the Chair

Mr. V. B. Bishop

D^r Prins

Mr. Smith

Mr. Bowman

Mr. North

Secy

The Minutes of Monthly Meeting 14th Jan^y 1865 were read and confirmed

The Treasurer mentioned application made to him by the Serg^t Major of Volunteers as to lighting the Institute with Gas.

Moved by D^r Prins seconded by Mr Bowman

That after consideration and calculation on the subject the Committee are of opinion that it would be premature at present to have Gas at the Mechanics Institute, besides the first cost of fittings, the annual cost for the Gas itself being nearly double the present cost of lighting the Institute

Treasurer reported the receipt of a Annual Sub^s of £2.20 from Mr^r Josh. Dann paid through Mess^{rs} C & F. Bishop

Resolved that this Institute desires to record its acknowledgements for the timely and very acceptable gift of two Guineas per annum from Mr Joseph Dann, and that the Secretary be requested to make such acknowledgements to Mr. Dann in writing through Mr. Dann's Agents here. Moved Mr Smith seconded D^r Prins

Treasurer reported the letting of the Room lately occupied by Chamber of Commerce, terms as entered in Diary 1st Jan^y 1865

Librarian reported an exchange made with the Secy of the Auckland Mec. Institute of a Copy of the Lyttelton Times for a copy of the Southern Cross, arrangement sanctioned and to continue until further orders.

Librarian reported the following donations

From the Hon^{ble} Gov^r South Australian Institute Reports 1862-3 & 1863-4

Doyle, H^{on} Map of the route to the West Coast Gold Fields

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Marshman in reply to one addressed