

Macpherson Esq for his handsome donation

The Treasurer received authority to pay the following Bills viz Hughes £25.6 0, Press £1.12 0 W/C City Council

Resolved. That the further considerations relative to the shares offered for sale by Mr Gould be postponed until next monthly meeting

Librarian reported the following donations viz

- By. Old Government Journals of Legislative Council Statistics of N.Z. for 1864
- " Prod. Government Contending Journal of Provincial Council
- " " Otago Notes & Proceedings of Provincial Council
- " Mr. Reedham. Lectures on Writing (a pamphlet)
- " " Hughes. Trafficks Geo. Geate. Warburton's Memoirs of Prince Rupert and the Cavaliers 3. Vols.

Resolved. That the Secy do acknowledge the receipt of the above donations with the thanks of this Committee for same.

Resolved. That the Vice President and Treasurer be requested to wait upon the Members of the Provincial Council for the City of Ch. Ch. to obtain their assistance in inducing the Provincial Government to comply with the Vote of last session and obtain the £50 grant for the Christchurch Mechanics Institute.

Resolved. That the Treasurer be empowered to pursue the same course with regard to the payment of the interest now due upon the Building Shares of the Institute that was adopted last year

Read and confirmed this 5th day of September 1866

W. Bishop Chairman

Wednesday. 5th Sept. 1866

Present.

The Vice President in the Chair

The Treasurer

Mr. Alport

Mr. Commander

Mr. Raymond

Mr. Mitchell

Mr. Hoole & the Secy

Treasurer. Read a letter from the Hon. Mr. George Henry Stirling Esq. requesting permission to lodge their copy of the Encyclopaedia Britannica at the Institute for reference; also accept to the foregoing letter

Resolved. That the action taken in the matter by Mr. S. B. Bishop be approved of

The following Bills were approved for payment; Messrs 5/; Davenport, 2.12.0; Insurance, 11.5.0; 7/9 for Lamps & £1.0.0 expenses attending Mr. Hoole's Reading; Paritt 6.16.11

Librarian reported the following Donations viz: Mr. Hoole 5 Vols, Dr. Turnbull. 18 Vols

The Secretary to acknowledge the receipt of same with the thanks of the Committee

Resolved. That Mr. Montgomery be invited to attend the next monthly meeting of this Committee to explain his proposition relative to opening the Institute to the public in consideration of an annual grant to be voted by the Provincial Council

Read & confirmed this 3rd day of Oct. 1866

Edward Stretton Chairman

Wednesday 3rd Oct 1866

Monthly Meeting of the Committee

Mr. Stretton in the Chair

Mr. Raymond

Mr. Holmes

Mr. Farmer

Mr. Powell

Mr. Wood

Mr. Peiris

& the Secy.

Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed
The following payment was approved: Directors. N.Z. 15/.

The further considerations relative to purchasing Capt. Morgan's shares to stand over until next month.