

Monthly Meeting of  
Committee

Thursday 10 Sept<sup>r</sup> 1868  
Present: Mr E. B. Bishop in the Chair  
Mr Preston  
Wood  
and the Secretary.

The Minutes of the last Monthly Meeting were read  
and confirmed.

The following Bill was passed for payment viz: - City Council  
No. S. C. 878.

Read and confirmed this 8 day of Oct<sup>r</sup> 1868  
Geo. Bishop, Chairman

Special Meeting of the Committee

Thursday 17 Sept<sup>r</sup> 1868

Present: The Vice President in the Chair  
Mr E. B. Bishop Mr Preston  
Alport Jones  
The Treasurer and the Secretary.

The Secretary mentioned that Mr Mc Lardel had proposed that  
the Members of the late Musical Society should give a concert to pay the  
rent due by them to the Institute.

Resolved. That the Institute will readily accept the offer of the Musical  
Society to give a concert and will accept the proceeds thereof as payment  
of rent provided the Society guarantee the Institute against any further  
loss.

Resolved That a committee to carry out the arrangements for the  
concert in conjunction with the Musical Society be appointed to consist  
of Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hawkes, Alport, Bishop and Durham.

Resolved. That Mr Stansell's offer to engage the Reading Room  
for one night in the week at the rate of £10 per annum be accepted.  
3 months notice to determine <sup>the term</sup> to be given by either side. Mr Stansell also  
offered to render occasional assistance with his class at entertainments to be

given by the Institute.

Resolved - That the Clerk be at once requested to discontinue using the  
ground floor of the Institute for domestic purposes.

Resolved That with the view of ascertaining what means may best be  
employed for rendering the advantages afforded by the Institute more widely  
accessible to the public, by obtaining an increase of subscribers, a grant from  
the Provincial Government and also what alterations and improvements may be  
introduced into the general management and conduct of its affairs a committee  
be appointed consisting of the President, Treasurer, Librarian, Mr Alport, Mr E. B.  
Bishop & the Secretary also Mess<sup>rs</sup> Brown, Olivier, Gould, Montgomery & St. Quentin  
with power to add to their number.

Resolved. That the committee be requested specially to consider whether the  
terms of subscription might not at an early date be reduced to ten shillings  
per annum for persons reading on the premises, but not taking away books  
or papers such subscribers not to vote on the affairs of the Institute.

Resolved. That the committee be further requested to bring before the  
public the very liberal terms on which the Proprietors of the Institute offered  
to hand over to the Provincial Government the Buildings and property for  
the purposes of a Public Library.

Resolved That Mess<sup>rs</sup> Puri, Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hawkes, Alport, and Durham be appointed to  
act as a committee for the purpose of introducing certain improvements in the  
manner in which the rooms and library are kept, especially an increase to the  
carpet of the rooms, the throwing open of the library, and the removal of all  
offensive articles, or other articles: also as to the necessity of a careful surveillance  
of the condition of the books when given out and taken in - The committee  
to report at next monthly meeting.

Read and confirmed this 8 day of October 1868.  
Geo. Bishop, Chairman