

12th January 1870.

Present Mr J. Tass, Messrs, King, Martin and the Secretary.
The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.
The Treasurer reported a balance on hand of £31:14:10 and the following accounts were passed for payment viz
Killing for Independent, and Messrs, Haghe, and Bradwells Esq
Plan of a cabinet to be placed in the Reading Room to hold
Newspapers, Periodicals, &c was submitted and the Clerk was
instructed to have same proceeded with the expense being limited
to fifty five shillings.

Read and Confirmed the 16th February 1870
Spedale Chairman

Wednesday 16th Feb. 1870

Present Mr. Pale in the Chair Messrs, Martin
and King (Secy).

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.
The Treasurer's statements were submitted showing a balance
in hand of £28:7:0 and the following accounts were
ordered to be cleared of viz J. Haghe, and R. J. White
Resolved to engage the services of Mr Newman to canvass
the Town for subscribers on commission not to
exceed ten per cent.
The Clerk reported that he detected Mr S. R. Mather removing
papers, &c from the Reading Room and it was moved
by Mr Martin seconded by Secy that the Secretary
be instructed to communicate with Mr Mather on the
subject of removing newspapers, and Journals from the
Institute and to caution him against any repetition of
the practice.
The Clerk was authorized to order Berdine (40 gallons
rate not to exceed 3/3. Term 3 months.
The Secretary reported the receipt of Journals and
appendix of Legislative Council for 1869 from the
General Government.
Resolved that the motion tabled on 27th October is

to visit, book v^c be confirmed and book for the
purpose of signature obtained

Read and confirmed the 9th day of March 1870

Charles Straker
Chairman

9th March 1870

Present Mr J. Tass in the Chair, Mr J. Follwell,
Messrs, Fockie, Martin, Thomson and Secretary.
The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.
The Treasurer's statement was submitted showing a balance of
£15:12:4 and the following accounts were passed for payment
viz Stage daily time postage 2/- Southland Times^{no} of evening
mail 5/3 Book fee 5/-
Resolved that owing to the miscarriage of the English order for
books, five pounds be immediately expended in the purchase
of eight more. Resolution to deal with the library Committee
Resolved that a sum not exceeding £2 be set aside for
the purpose of finding card number of the next
Journal. Mr Follwell to enquire and report at next meeting
if the cost should be in excess of 1/6 and if so to purchase a volume.
Moved by Mr Fockie seconded by Mr Thomson and carried that it
be intimated to the Collector that he will be expected to
report his doings to each monthly meeting thro. the
Treasurer.

A letter from Mr Pale intimating his resignation was then
put in and read when it was resolved on the motion
of Mr Fockie seconded by Mr Thomson that the
same be accepted and that the thanks of the meeting
be tendered to him for his past services.
The Secretary reported that Mr Mather had applied for a life
membership ticket and that the same had been issued in respect
of his connection with the library. ^{The full application was read} resolution of
Feb 21st 69. and also the receipt from the General Government
of Government annuity table and rules and appendix to the
proceedings of the House of Representatives.
The Chairman reported that a surplus was being in the hands
of the Trustees of the Lyttelton Savings Bank and mentioned
that it was likely such would be made over to the