

The Laws will no doubt appear voluminous but we have, as far as our judgment goes, drawn them to suit the emergency for some years to come.

The object we had in view is to make the Institute popular by conducting it upon an improved and more efficient system than heretofore, which we are sure is the hearty desire of all those connected with its management.

In addition to the Laws we have defined the Constitution which up to the present time has been, we believe, unknown to the Members.

We have also confirmed the issuing of the existing Shares and provided for dealing with them in future.

(Signed) C. B. Bishop Chairman
(Signed) J. W. Smith
(Signed) Wm. Benham

Mem. The original of the above copy is filed with the proposed Laws.

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Christchurch Mechanics Institute
18th Oct. 1866

To the Chairman of the General Committee.

The Sub-committee appointed on the 13th Oct. inst. to consider the minimum amount that should be proposed to the Government as a consideration for opening the Reading Room to the Public. beg to report that on investigation they estimate the loss sustained by subscriptions would be about

The cost of papers and periodicals at present supplied } £ 50
is about _____ }

The cost of additional papers _____ 60

The cost of lighting and firing _____ 14

together £ 174

The Sub-committee therefore consider that with other incidental expenses £200 per annum should be the minimum amount asked for, which sum should be received before incurring any expense in the matter, or altering the present arrangement.

The following is a list of the proposed additional papers:-

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| Southland Times | Melbourne Argus |
| Marlborough News | Sydney Morning Herald |
| Wanganui Times | Hobart Mercury |
| Ch. Ch. Evening Mail | Launceston Paper |