

Resolved That an effort be made to provide funds for improving the Reading Rooms.

Resolved. That an addition to the foliage be made not to exceed in cost £ as soon as funds are in hand

Resolved. That at the earliest possible date the two upper rooms be devoted to the purposes of Reading Rooms with the present furniture and the promised chairs.

Resolved That Mr St. Quentin's offer to paper and whitewash the upper rooms be accepted at the cost of not more than £5-10-0

Resolved. That the Library be thrown open to regular subscribers with the use of the adjoining room.

Resolved. That Dr. Paris Messrs. Hawkes Alport & Deham be requested to see to the carrying out of these arrangements.

Friday 23 Oct 1868

Present: The Vice President in the Chair
Messrs. Olivier, Gould, Paris, Alport, Bishop & the Secretary

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed

The Report of the sub-committee appointed to carry out the arrangements mentioned in the last Minutes were read and confirmed

The Committee approved of the proposal of the Sub-Committee to raise a fund to effect the necessary improvements by giving a series of popular entertainments.

Mr. Fuser read a letter from the Provincial Secretary requesting to be supplied with more definite information with respect to the proposed transfer of the Institute to the Government.

Resolved. That a circular be sent by to the Shareholders by Mr. Gould requesting to be informed on what terms they would agree to surrender their shares in the event of the Government taking over the Institute and establishing a free library.

Resolved. That the further consideration of this matter be deferred until after the receipt of the replies from the Shareholders.

Resolved. That the Committee request the Clerk to withdraw his family from the Rooms to the Cottage within one week