

Memo

Pupils

23 January 1871

- No 1 Newry Richards age 15 Nominated
- 2 L. W. J. Brum
- 3 J. Barrell (working Miner) 31-
- 4 Martin Jollard
- 5 Robert C. Brown

by  
 W. H. Cuselli  
 Harry Wood  
 J. M. Bickett  
 A. Anderson  
 R. C. Browne

MR C. E. JONES AND MR J. BAKER.  
 TO THE EDITOR OF THE STAR.  
 SIR,—Mr C. E. Jones is reported to have made a very stupid, to say the least, attack upon me at his meeting at the Alfred Hall on Friday evening last, and accused me of having sent him an insolent letter relative to the School of Mines. I pass by his garbled play upon the initial letters J.P., which, by the way, did not appear in the letter, and simply ask you to publish a copy of the letter itself, which I enclose, with Mr Jones' endorsement thereon, so that you may satisfy yourself that it is the veritable letter referred to, and that the public may judge of its character for themselves. I may say, however, that I sent to Messrs Michie, Dyte, and Humfray each a counterpart or copy of the letter by the same post as that which conveyed the one to Mr Jones; that if I insulted Mr Jones I must also have insulted the other gentlemen named, and that in writing those letters I neither deserved praise nor blame, as I merely did as I was instructed by a resolution of the governors.—I am, Sir, yours &c.,  
 JAMES BAKER.

Copy of the so-called insolent letter, and of Mr Jones' endorsement thereon:—  
 "Office of the School of Mines,  
 Ballarat, 20th December, 1870.  
 "SIR,—I have the honor, by direction of the governors, to respectfully request you, as one of the representatives of this district, to support a vote for placing a sum of money on the Supplementary Estimates in aid of the school. The governors feel sure that you will do what you can to support so valuable an institution. I have the honor to be, Sir, your most obedient servant,  
 JAMES BAKER, Sec."  
 "Mr Jones will give Mr Baker's memorandum all the attention it deserves, and will not fail to attend to his duties."  
 "The House, 21st December, '70."

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James Baker

A.B. The letter to  
 Mr Jones was  
 addressed to him thus

"C. E. Jones Esq M.A.  
 Melbourne"

on the letter itself— and on the Envelope  
 the same excepting, or rather adding, the  
 words "Parliament House" before Melbourne  
 The brevity of the letter is accounted for by the  
 fact that the writer had to send the it  
 by the Mornings post so that they may  
 be delivered in "the hour" in time before the  
 Motion of Mr Gillies "that £500 be voted &c" came  
 on for discussion.

The resolution referred to was passed by the  
 Governors on Thursday the 15th Dec. Friday

Saturday and Monday Mr Lee was busy  
 in arranging the Constitution Statutes &c  
 for printing - and with other important  
 business - and this letter - with the other  
 named - was written for first post on  
 Tuesday 20th December. As Mr Lee  
 saw by the Mornings paper that Mr  
 Gillies had on the previous evening Monday  
 given notice of Motion - that on the  
 following day (Tuesday) - more than  
 £500 &c - James Baker  
 January 27th 1871