

The School of Mines - Ballarat
Special Meeting of Administrative Council
Tuesday 4th Sept. 1877
3.30 P.M.

Present H.N. Cullis Esq. in the Chair
and Messrs. Usher Esq., Hoelscher, Fildes,
Sergeant A.C. St. B. and Barnard.

Business - To consider Report of the Registrar
re " theft of Articles from the Chem. Laboratory "

The Registrar motioned. Moved

That a Platinum Crucible of the value of
£5 a spirit lamp and some tubes having been
missed, an enquiry was instituted which
resulted in suspicion resting on a Visitor.

2. The 'Suspect' having arranged to visit
the school on a subsequent occasion, viz 1st Sept^r
arrangements were made for a Constable
in plain clothes to be in attendance.

3. After this visit, it was discovered
that a Thermometer seen in the hands of
the 'Suspect' on the 1st Sept, had disappeared.

4. The 'Suspect' had been communicated
with but denied all knowledge of the theft.

It was resolved

That the advice of the Hon. Solicitor be
obtained and steps taken in accordance with
advice: but that if possible the 'suspect'
be saved from prosecution, provided
restitution of the articles be made and

steps taken to secure the school from further
loss by the removal of the 'suspect' from
Ballarat.

Carried

August Maclecker

* News. Extract from the Argus of Nov. 3rd 1877

" A young man named Edwin Gardner
(alias Martin) said to have been until recently
a school teacher at Ballarat was charged at
the City Police Court yesterday, with having on
the 25th ult. stolen a cash box containing papers
and cheques as also several other articles from the
shop of Mr J. J. Ballin's medical book dealer in
Colliers Street East. The papers and cheques were
recovered by Detective Berrill, the arresting officer
who informed the Bench that at the time of
Gardner's lodgings he found the proceeds of a
number of other larcenies which had been
committed both in Ballarat and Melbourne.
Gardner pleaded guilty and was sent to
Gaol for 2 months."