

The Registrar reported:

1. That Professor Gines Smith B.Sc. was expected to visit Ballarat on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> instant to make arrangements for commencing duty at the beginning of the October Term.
2. That Mr Victor late lecturer in Mathematics at The School had asked for a testimonial of his lengthened service.
3. That Mr. Ratke had been to Melbourne to consult with Mr Cosens Newbery B.Sc. re The School and had incurred expense to the extent of £2.7/- also had subscribed to the Mechanics Institute to secure the benefit of the Library for 3 months.
4. That Mr Barton Editor of the Star had written a series of articles in the Paper tending to bring The School into good repute especially with Machinery Merchants and others.
5. That the Argenta Co. had refused to sanction the appropriation of £100 now to Gr. of Endowment Fund to any other object.

It was resolved:

That the testimonials referred to, be given.  
Mr. Ratke's expenses be refunded to him.  
Mr. Barton receive the thanks of this Council for his kind endeavors: and that steps be taken to try to persuade the Argenta Co. to sanction the expending of their donation in the completion of the Pyrites Works.

The accounts amounting to £160. 8. 3 were ordered to be paid, the Vice-President remarking that in the list of accounts he did not observe any remuneration for the Registrar. After a short conversation hereon the matter was postponed to the meeting of the Council.

The Vice-President submitted:

1. That in view of the expiry of Mr. Ratke's engagement it would be perhaps well for the Council to be recommended to renew the engagement, Mr. Ratke to devote himself to Metallurgy and Botany & Industrial Chemistry.
2. That also Mr. Oldew's services as second Assistant in the Laboratories ought to be secured.
3. That it would be advisable to render the teaching of The School of increasing interest to the Mining community and to those persons who are engaged in local industries.

4. In connection with this proposition that steps be taken to form Committees outside the Council working with the Council and the Scientific Staff of The School in the development of local industries. This was a matter of more than mere local interest, for it appeared that in consequence of the want of such knowledge as he referred to, Capt. Wagemann had by his scientific knowledge, been enabled to secure a mining property at Avoca from which he expected satisfactory results.