

The Accounts amounting to £377. 9. 9 examined and certified by the Finance Committee were passed for payment on the motion of C^o Caselli seconded by C^o Bechewaize.

Report of Sub-Committee appointed to consider Prof. Strauss's application for an increase of stipend was read and C^o Bechewaize moved C^o Rosenblum seconded and it was carried 'That it be submitted for consideration of the Council.'

The Vice-President stated that a letter had been received from Prof. Straus re mechanical models and it was agreed on the motion of C^o Caselli seconded by C^o Williams that a sum not exceeding £15 be expended at the discretion of the Vice-President on such as might be useful to this Institution.

C^o Bechewaize moved and C^o Rosenblum seconded a motion having reference to alteration of Fees but it was decided that the matter be referred to the Council.

The Visiting Committee's Reports were read and adopted and C^o Martell and Nicholls appointed for the ensuing month.

A motion by C^o Rosenblum to change the hour of meeting was also referred to the Council.

A communication from Mr. Dempster announced that an extra Fly Wheel had been forwarded with the Gas Engine the purchase of which at a cost of £13.10/- additional was optional as it had not been ordered. - C^o Bechewaize explained that it was requisite for steadiness in working the engine and moved that it be purchased - seconded by C^o Martell and carried.

C^o Bechewaize and Nicholls with the Honorary Treasurer were deputed to wait on the Manager of the Union Bank with a view to obtaining interest on the sum of £700 to be treated as a fixed deposit for the current half-year ending 31st Dec. next.

It was decided that the offer of Mr. Figgis submitted on 30th May last be now accepted and the articles, including spectroscope and other useful Laboratory apparatus be purchased at the price named £23.

A requisition for some material necessary for Class in Telegraphy was submitted and left to the discretion of C^o Bechewaize and Figgis to have supplied if requisite. C^o Martell stated that a gentleman was willing to give instruction in taxidermy at The School and half a dozen students were ready to join if a Class-room could be found for their accommodation. - It was decided to allow the use of the Club-room on the S. side of the main building for this Class.

A communication from Mr. Serjeant, Hon. Correspondent, now in England, pointing out the special advantages for mining purposes of the Compound Differential Steam Engine accompanied by a large drawing and pamphlet in explanation together with a lucid description of a new process for the treatment of auriferous pyrites patented by Messrs Huntington and Koch was received and acknowledged with special thanks.

The special thanks of the Council were also voted to Mr. Luplan for his donation of a Gas Furnace with large Gasholder and fittings.

Confirmed

James O'Sullivan.
Sept. 5. 1883.