

# The School of Mines, Ballarat.

Ordinary Meeting of Administrative Council } Wednesday 7.30 P.M.  
September 5<sup>th</sup> 1883.

Present The Vice-President in the Chair

Councillors M.R. Caselli J.P., F.S. Martell and W.H. Nicholls. A quorum was not present till C<sup>r</sup> Nicholls' arrival at 7.40 pm.

Business:- To pass Accounts and to transact ordinary business.

Minutes of Ordinary meeting of Administrative Council held 8<sup>th</sup> August ultimo were read and confirmed on the motion of C<sup>r</sup> Nicholls seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Caselli.

Correspondence for the past month was submitted including Letters Awards &c.

Donations received since last meeting were thankfully acknowledged.

Finance Last Balance C<sup>r</sup> £ 1382. 9. 5  
August - Expenditure 314. 13. 3

— " — Receipts 82. 6. 4 Debt 232. 6. 11  
Balance C<sup>r</sup> £ 1150. 2. 6

## Accounts to pass.

|                            |                                  |              |              |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Amorariums, Salaries and   | Amount                           | Post-Forward | £ 194. 6. 7  |
| Wages (August) £ 144. 1. 6 | W. H. Smith & Sons               |              | 2. 10. 0     |
| A. H. King 22. 16. 7       | John Slater & Co.                |              | 4. 0. 8      |
| P. Wrigley 1. 0. 0         | Prop <sup>r</sup> "Evening Post" |              | 1. 10. 0     |
| S. E. Figgis 23. 12. 6     | Petty Cash                       |              | 7. 2. 4      |
| Cornell & King 2. 16. 0    | J. J. Sleep                      |              | 1. 2. 0      |
|                            |                                  |              | £ 210. 11. 7 |

The Accounts certified by Finance Committee amounting to £ 210. 11. 7 were passed for payment on the motion of C<sup>r</sup> Caselli seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Nicholls.

The Registrar was instructed to write the Mining Department asking the donation of say one carat of bract (fragments from the diamond drill) for cutting rock sections.

Three letters from M<sup>r</sup> James B. Ralph of Lal Lal referring to a sample of clay submitted for determination, were read. The letters contained complaints of delay in reporting the result of examination, and suggested that "Professor Trause" had been endeavouring to utilize the information thus "obtained to his own private advantage".

It was resolved on the motion of C<sup>r</sup> Nicholls seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Caselli that the Council express regret at the delay which had occurred in forwarding the report; the explanation offered by the Professor being as follows: "owing to pressure of work in connection with the Calcutta Exhibition and partly to absence from Ballarat the examination of this sample has been delayed".

C<sup>r</sup> Martell requested that M<sup>r</sup> Demant, School Inspector, Hamilton, might be nominated at the next Council meeting for appointment as an Hon. Correspondent of The School.

The reports of the Visiting Committee for the past month were read and received and the Registrar was instructed to communicate the decision of the Council to certain Telegraphy Students with regard to a disturbance in the Class room reported by C<sup>r</sup> Martell.

C<sup>r</sup> Martell and Nicholls were appointed Visiting Committee for the ensuing month; also, as a sub-committee to frame a special Curriculum for each of the Courses for Student Assistants; and also to enquire respecting the publication of G<sup>r</sup> Fisher's Tables, with power to order or otherwise.

A letter from C<sup>r</sup> Beckenaise tendering his resignation was submitted on the motion of C<sup>r</sup> Martell seconded by C<sup>r</sup> Nicholls it was resolved that consideration of the same be postponed; in the meantime the two Councillors named to wait upon M<sup>r</sup>