

# The School of Mines Ballarat.

Ordinary Meeting of } Friday 7.30 pm.  
the Council } January 12<sup>th</sup> 1894.

Present - The President in the chair, Vice-President Dr Finnoch, His Lordship the Bishop of Ballarat, Government Representative, R. G. Middleton, Hon. Treasurer, The Honorable David Ham, M.L.C., The Hon. E. Morey M.L.C., The Hon. J. D. Wauls M.L.C., J. N. Dunn M.L.S., R. S. Vale M.L.S., S. E. Figgis, J. Lorie J.P., and Theo. Williams J.P. - An apology for absence was received from Vice-President F. J. Cartell.

- Business: (1) - To confirm Minutes. (2) - To grant Certificates.  
(3) - To make provision for lecture courses to meet the requirements of the Departmental Syllabuses.  
(4) - To consider important correspondence.  
(5) - To receive and consider Professor Smith's report on the "Hannay electro-cyanide process".  
(6) - General.

Before proceeding with the business on the Notice-paper the President suggested that in future all members of the Council should be summoned to attend at the same hour to deal with the administrative and general business of The School. The proposal met with the concurrence of the Council and the Registrar was instructed accordingly.

1. - Minutes of previous meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> December ultimo were read and confirmed.
2. - On the reports of the Examiners certificates were granted as under Assaying including Metallurgy - Caradoc James, Benjamin St. Bennetts, and Matthew M. Sinclair (Credit); Norman G. Chancellor. Practical Mining, Quartz Mines - John V. Lake, James H. Crittenden, and George G. Lilled, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class. Applied Electricity - Charles Burbury & Thomas J. Martin, (Credit), Herbert W. Morris, Samuel W. Smith. Botany (1<sup>st</sup> year) - George Ellingsen, Adeline Greenwood, Winifred Johnson.
3. - In reference to making provision for lecture courses to meet the requirements of the Departmental syllabuses a Memorandum

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from Professor Smith was read pointing out the difficulty of carrying on two separate courses with the present Staff. It was resolved that the question be referred for discussion with Mr Inspector Dennant who is expected shortly to visit The School.

4. - A letter under date of the 15<sup>th</sup> December ult. received from the University notifying the termination of the connection between the University and The School at the expiration of twelve months from date of service of the notice was read and on the motion of Mr Vale received pro forma. - His Lordship the Bishop moved the following resolution: "That in view of the small encouragement and help found hitherto to result to the work of The School from its affiliation to the University, the trustees and governors be solicited to empower the Council, if it seem to them expedient, to negotiate for the termination of affiliation by mutual consent, or, in the event of this not proving feasible, to give notice of the termination under Section 4 of the Affiliation Statute".

Mr Vale then moved "That the correspondence be handed to The School's solicitors for advice as to the legality of the action of the University Council; and to request the Solicitors to advise this Council what steps should be taken by The School to notify the University of an intention to terminate the affiliation".

Mr Ham seconded the motion and on the understanding that a special meeting would be convened to consider the reply of the solicitors when received the Bishop withdrew his motion in favor of Mr Vale's which was then carried.

5. - Professor Smith's report on the "Hannay electro-cyanide process" was read and the necessary expenditure for a small plant authorized.
6. - A letter from Mr Dawson requesting that the Telegraphy classroom be fitted up for electric testing was read and agreed to; the work to be executed under Mr Dawson's personal supervision, the cost not to exceed £10. - It was resolved