

The School of Mines, Ballarat.

Ordinary Meeting of } Friday 8 pm.
the Council. } February 23rd 1894.

Present - The President in the Chair, Vice-presidents F. J. Martell, and Dr Pimock, Hon. David Ham, M.L.C., R. S. Vale M.L.A., R. G. Middleton, (Hon Treasurer), J. M. Bickett, J.P., S. E. Figgis, M. Lindsay, J. Louie, J.P. and J. C. Molloy. An apology for absence was received from C^o J. N. Dunn, M.L.A.

Business: - (1) To confirm Minutes (2) To pass Accounts presented for payment (3) To grant Certificates (4) To receive and consider Progress Reports submitted by the Staff, (5) To consider applications for position of Assayer (6) General.

1.- Minutes of previous monthly meeting held on the 12th January and Special meeting held on the 31st idem were read and confirmed.

The President submitted the following report: -

"It is my painful duty to refer to the death of Mr Bland, which sad event occurred at his residence at Clunes on Sunday evening last. The deceased gentleman had been continuously connected with this Institution as a Trustee from 1st May 1870, being then associated with His Honor Sir Redmond Barry and Somerville Livingstone Learmonth Esq., and subsequently with His Honor Judge Rogers and the Hon. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., as co-trustees of The School property. - Mr Bland's long, honorable, and useful public life are matters of history with which we are all acquainted. - So far back as 1829 he was a resident of Western Australia, and held an important public position when Sir James Stirling was Governor of that Colony. - Returning to England he was offered and accepted the appointment of managing director of the Port Phillip Company Clunes where he has resided since 1852. - With the gentlemen above named his influence was exerted in the establishment of this School of Mines in which he has since always taken a lively interest in its progress."

I will therefore move - "That this Council place on record their unanimous expression of grief at the demise of the late Mr Rivett Henry Bland, with a grateful recognition of the service he rendered to The School as a Trustee of its property from its inception in 1870 up to the date of his decease."

Mr Vale moved the adoption of the report. - Dr Pimock in seconding the motion stated that he had been requested to apologise for the absence of His Lordship the Bishop through indisposition. - The Bishop also desired to testify to the high esteem and regard which he entertained for the late Mr Bland whom he had known for many years.

The motion was carried unanimously.

2.- Accounts amounting to £325.3.0 were passed for payment.

3.- Certificates were granted to the successful students at the recent examinations in accordance with the recommendations of the Examiners whose reports were submitted for approval.

4.- Progress Reports submitted by the Staff were read and received. Professor Howwood's suggestion in reference to asking the Department to recognize examinations held in June as well as December was left in the hands of the President and Vice-presidents to deal with.

5.- Two applications for the position of Assayer were not entertained as Professor Smith furnished a memorandum recommending that Mr John Matson be appointed or that the transference of his services from the Chemical to the Assaying Laboratories be confirmed. The Professor's memorandum was adopted.

6.- General - The application of Dr McDougall for increased wages was read and it was resolved to give him £1 a week. -

A recommendation from the Professorial Board that "no Certificate form shall be filled up by the Registrar before demand for such Certificate has actually been made by the successful candidate," was adopted. - The consideration of a revised Scale of Fees submitted by the Board was postponed to next meeting of the Council. - The President reported having sent a letter of condolence to the parents of the late G. G. Scott shortly after his death, and this action was cordially endorsed by the Council. Vice-president Martell as Chairman of the mining laboratory Committee reported on the steps taken to secure an improvement in the working of that department. - The report was adopted.

16 March 1894
Andrew Anderson