

12. 3. 1918

Meeting of the special Committee held on Tuesday, 12th March, 1918 at 7.30 p.m.
Present: Vice-President J.S. Vickery (in the chair)
Councillors F. Barrow, J.J. Brokenshire and
the Principals Messrs M. Copland and Herbert
H. Smelt.

An apology was received from the President (Mr. W. H. Middleton).

As a result of the resolution adopted on the 30th November, 1917, consideration was given as to the best means to be adopted to secure public interest in the School with a view to increasing subscriptions.

The following recommendations were adopted. That a circular be prepared for distribution among business men in the district soliciting donations, showing the ^{and expenditure} needs of the Institution and pointing out that, in view of the large number of students drawn not only from this district but from all over the state, that the Institution was worthy of public support.

It was also recommended that the public be informed in the circular that although largely subsidized by the Government, the Institution existed for Ballarat & interests.

After further discussion it was decided that the circular be followed up by another stating that a meeting of citizens would be held to place the matter more fully before the public, and to organize the Council into committees for this purpose. Other proposals referred to the extension of the School's public analytical work to country districts, with a view to providing employment for a larger number

of analysts who were at present very scarce. It was also decided that the Mines Department be informed about the activities of the School, & to suggest that in return for a special grant the School would undertake free assays for prospectors. A suggestion was added that the assistance of a local member of Parliament and Sir A. J. Peacock should be obtained when ~~communicating~~ submitting this matter to the Mines Department.

Reference was made to a meeting of the local branch of the Victorian Institute of Industries when Mr F. Brown had promised to inform the Government of the valuable work that could be done by the School for the development of local industries.

It was recommended that the circular letter first discussed by this meeting, be dealt with by an advertising expert & that copies of the letter be sent to past students.

The establishment of vocational scholarships was suggested as a further means of securing public support.

Mr Copland's recommendation for the establishment of Research Scholarships was considered and the following resolutions were adopted for consideration by the Council:

J. J. Brokenshire } That one Scholarship be founded in
F. Barrow } "Industrial Chemical Research" to applied
in the first instance for Pottery work & that
a sum of £20 be allocated for travelling
purposes in connexion with the Scholarship.
That one Scholarship, to be termed
a "Student Teachership in Experimental