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O'Saunders and F. I. Ferguson, and the statement of Receipts and expenditure and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1922, were

received and adopted.

W. H. Middleton President
27/4/23

23rd March 1923

At the close of the ordinary business the committee formed to consider the establishment of a scholarship in recognition of Professor Mica Smith's distinguished career, met to further discuss the proposal.

Present: The members of the School Council as at the ordinary meeting, The Principal (Mr A. F. Heselwood) the AM Principal (Mr H. W. Smith) the headmaster of the Junior Technical School (Mr A. W. Shave) and Messrs Andrew Cant, W. H. Fleay, J. Scott, Colonel Brazenor, and His Worship the Mayor (Mr W. Elsworth). The Ballarat Courier's report of the meeting is attached.

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Members of the committee recently formed to organise the making of some public recognition of the services of Professor Mica Smith to the School of Mines and to Ballarat generally met the members of the School of Mines Council at the school last night after the council business had been disposed of. The president, Mr W. H. Middleton, reported what had been done up to date in the matter, and the decision arrived at to establish a Professor Mica Smith scholarship. It was intended to get into touch with as many old boys as possible and to give a notification through the Press. It was expected to raise at least £1500. The professor had stated that he wanted no fuss made over his leaving, but when his opinion had been asked of the present proposal he was delighted. Mr W. Baragwanath (Director of the Geological Survey) said that the Old Students' Association in Melbourne had met and decided to assist the committee in every way. Mr H. Fleay said he had felt it an honor to be under Professor Smith. Such men as Professors Smith and Walker and the late Professor Krause had meant a great deal to the Ballarat School of Mines. How much did the old boys who occupied high positions through holding the certificate of that wonderful school owe the school? He thought the sum mentioned could be raised. "The Courier" would give a subscription and would also help in giving space. Mr H. Berry said the idea was a fine one and he would do anything he could to assist. Mr L. Lederman observed that the Professor was one of the most worthy citizens Ballarat had ever had. He would take nothing for himself but if in his lifetime a scholarship in his name could be established he would feel it would be a monument more enduring than stone. The president remarked that the Professor had done much work for the City Council and for the Water Commission free of charge. No motion was carried, but all present agreed to join the committee and to work for the carrying of the proposal into effect.