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of this Committee.

McLaughlin stated that invitations were sent out by the City Clerk, and there must have been an oversight. He assured us that for future meetings we would be notified - we were however again overlooked for the meeting of September 10th. The City Clerk on being asked for the names of the Committee for the convening of today's meeting stated he had not a complete list as Mr McLaughlin was the secretary.

Mayor - I think you noticed that some of the members were missing and Sir James Barrett you suggested that we should all meet together.

Middleton - There appeared to be some feeling that the School of Mines was out to block the establishment of the University college in Ballarat. According to the way they were talking and according to an article written in the Ballarat Courier recently it appeared that the School of Mines was being blamed for trying to stop the establishment of the University College in Ballarat. That was altogether an erroneous impression to get abroad. The School Council had stated that if there was a chance to get a University College established in Ballarat they were with them to get it. If it could be brought about in the way the Committee proposed the School of Mines was prepared to act with them. The position taken up by us was this - According to our knowledge of things generally we say that we do not think you have a chance of getting a University College under a separate Institution and on the lines you propose - You have heard all that Sir James Barrett says about finance. If the Government established a college in Ballarat ^{then} ~~then~~ ~~Warrnambool~~ Geelong, ^{and} Bendigo would want one, and rightly so. You cannot expect the University to finance it, then it is a matter for the Government. Now is the Government going to supply funds to establish a separate institution in Ballarat when they already have an institution here that ~~like~~ they are heavily subsidising. If they do that, it means a duplication of their own work, and we say they are not likely to agree to an arrangement of that kind. If they do it will be quite foreign to what they have done in the past. If you want to work up a University College why not start from what we have already got. Mr McLaughlin