

circulation on moderate terms ...," (40)

Once the members of the Institute had heard and approved of the proposals of the Committee there was no cause for further delay. Thus at a meeting of the Board of Governors of Canterbury College on July 17 the chairman was able to report that he had written to Dr. Turnbull, President of the Literary Institute, asking under what conditions the Institute was prepared to transfer its property to the Board for the purposes of the proposed library.

(41) In his reply, Dr. Turnbull stated, that on condition that the Board promised to consider carefully the possibility of making a portion of the proposed library a circulating library and loyally endeavoured to carry out its object, he could see no difficulty in transferring the property of the Institute to the College. With the receipt of this favourable reply it was decided to set up a committee to investigate and consider all matters relating to the establishment of a public library. (42)

At the meeting of the Board on July 24 it was disclosed that the Provincial Government's £5000 grant for a library had been placed at the Board's disposal and a letter was received asking the library committee to meet the committee of the Literary Institute with regard to the transfer. (43)

When the results of this meeting were reported to the Board on August 5 (44) it was disclosed that there was a difficulty not foreseen by Dr. Turnbull as the trustees of the

40. Minutes of Literary Institute. July 3, 1873.

41. Minutes of Board of Governors of Canterbury College, Book 1, p.13.

42. The chairman (Mr. J.S. Williams), Rev. Habens, Rev. Buller, Messrs Inglis and Montgomery.

43. Minutes of Board of Governors of Canterbury College, Book 1, pp 18-19.

44. *ibid* p. 23.