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MI/3      Records of the Hyde Mechanics Institute. Formerly deposited at  
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MI/3 Records of Hyde Mechanics' Institute.

MI/3/a Minute book 1872-1882.

MI/3/b Minute book 1884-1890.

MI/3/1/1 Annual report, 1857.

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MI/3/1/29	Annual report, 1883.
30	" " 1884.
31	" " 1885.
32	" " 1886.
33	" " 1887.
34	" " 1888.
35	" " 1889.
36	" " 1890.
37	" " 1891.
38	" " 1891.
39	" " 1892.
40	" " 1893.

MI/3/2 Letters.

MI/3/2/1 Letter from J. Shaw and Son (harmonium and music sellers) to the Directors of Hyde Mechanics Institute regarding delivery of a grand piano and account outstanding. 9th March, 1867.

2 Letter from Joseph Collier to Mr Gee concerning a ticket for membership of the Institute. 15th August, 1869.

3 Letter from Stanley Betjamin of the English Opera Company to the Directors of the Institute requesting permission to use the hall for a play. 9th November 1868.

4 Letter from Stanley Betjamin to the Directors inquiring as to the exact location of Hyde. 7th December, 1868.

5 Letter from the Union of Lancashire and Cheshire Institutes with information about proposed government grants. January, 1869.

6 Letter from Robert Bowden to Mr Bradley (Secretary of the H.M.I.) discussing the possibility of obtaining fire insurance for the Institute. 19th January, 1869.

7 Letter from H. Dowson to the Directors of the H.M.I. asking permission to use the Institute's rooms for the Education

League. 26th November 1869.

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- Letter from Hyde and District Permanent Benefit Building Society to Directors of H.M.I. regarding the renting of Institute rooms by the Society. February 6th 1871.
- 9 Letter from Mr Hibbert to Directors of H.M.I. inquiring whether Institute rooms can be rented to Hyde Local Board. 24th August, 1841.
- 10 Letter from Mr Hibbert to Directors of H.M.I. inquiring whether Institute rooms can be rented to Hyde Local Board. 5th September, 1871.
- 11 Letter from E. N. Watkin to Mr Bradley regarding the Institute's general annual meeting. 11th August, 1873.
- 12 Letter from Ben Brierley to J. Bradley concerning a proposed recital of Lancashire poetry. 28th August, 1873.
- 13 Letter from Samuel Bason to Directors of H.M.I. regarding the advertisement for the post of teacher. -30th August, 1873.
- 14 Letter from John(?) Clarke to the Directors of the H.M.I. concerning the donation of a painting and certain books to the Institute. 3rd April, 1879.
- 15 Letter from A. S. Butterfield to the Directors of the H.M.I. concerning his leaving the Institute. 1st July, 1879.
- 16 Letter from W. B. Forster to James Bradley regarding a request to present prizes at the Institute and his reasons for declining. 3rd October, 1879.
- 17 Letter from Thomas Ashton to James Bradley regarding the awarding of scholarships at the Institute. 5th November, 1880.
- 18 Letter from James E. Wood to the Committee of the H.M.I. giving an estimate for the restringing and general repair of the piano. 15th September, 1881.

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- Letter from Elizabeth Goodfellow to James Bradley accepting the invitation to preside at the Institute's annual soiree. 7th November 1881.
- 20 Letter from R. Brewer to James Bradley enclosing a list of students at the Institute who are to take the mathematics examination. 4th May, 1882.
- 21 Letter from Clarendon Lodge Freemasons to Directors of the H.M.I. requesting the free use of the hall for a concert for charity. 5th February, 1885.
- 22 Letter from William Carpenter to James Bradley regarding alterations to a poster for the Institute. 1st January, 1886.
- 23 Letter from William Carpenter to James Bradley regarding some alterations needed on the lecture poster. 17th January, 1886.
- 24 Letter from the United Order of Free Gardeners (Hyde and Newton District) to Directors of the H.M.I. requesting that they be allowed to serve alcohol at their party to be held at the Institute. May 19th 1886.
- 25 Letter from W. H. Lowder to James Bradley asking to cancel his membership. 14th June, 1886.
- 26 Letter from J. S. Greenwood to James Bradley regarding some records of the Institute 14th July, 1886.
- 27 Letter from Edward Hibbert to James Bradley regarding his acceptance of the chair at one of the lectures given at the Institute. 27th February, 1886.
- 28 Letter from J. H. Reynolds to James Bradley regarding the examination syllabus, 25th August, 1886.
- 29 Letter from J. H. Sidebotham to James Bradley accepting the request to present prizes at the Institute, 16th September, 1886.

- Letter from J. H. Sidebotham to James Bradley regarding the annual general meeting. 21st September, 1886.
- 31 Letter from Tanner St. Saw Mills to the Directors of the H.M.I. concerning an estimate for alterations to Institute rooms. 21st September, 1886.
- 32 Letter from T. G. Williamson to James Bradley thanking him for a pleasant evening spent at the Institute. 9th November, 1886.
- 33 Letter from Daniel Adamson to James Bradley declining an invitation to the Institute. 2nd December, 1886.
- 34 Letter from Thomas Ashton to James Bradley regarding a young girl who was locked up in the Institute overnight and has since become mentally ill. 7th December, 1886.
- 35 Letter from the Mayor of Stockport to James Bradley declining an invitation to preside at the Institute's prizegiving. 15th December, 1886.
- 36 Letter from W. M. Ashton to James Bradley accepting an invitation to preside at an Institute soiree. 18th December, 1886.
- 37 Letter from the Manchester and Liverpool District Banking Co. Ltd. to the Directors of the H.M.I. stating that they no longer intend making annual payments in support of the Institute. 5th January, 1887.
- 38 Letter from Daniel Adamson to James Bradley concerning his difficulty in finding time to attend the Ship Canal Co meeting at the Institute. 14th January, 1887.
- 39 Letter from Charles Hibbert to James Bradley requesting permission for the 'Truth Society' to make use of Institute rooms. 28th February, 1887.

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- Letter from the Mayor of Stockport to James Bradley declining an invitation to attend an Institute meeting. 5th December 1887.
- 41 Letter from L. M. Saunders to James Bradley giving in her resignation as teacher of Domestic Economy at the Institute. The reason being poor attendance. 7th August, 1888.
- 42 Letter from H. W. Denton to Mr Green suggesting that various alterations be made to the billiards room enabling the players to have more room. 21st August, 1888,
- 43 Letter from J. W. Sidebotham to James Bradley regarding arrangements for winter lectures. 28th August, 1888.
- 44 Letter from Thomas Ashton to James Bradley informing him that Mrs Ashton has agreed to play music at the next Institute meeting. 29th August, 1888.
- 45 Letter from Mr Sidebotham to James Bradley accepting an invitation to preside at the lectures. 1st September, 1888.
- 46 Letter from J. W. Sidebotham to James Bradley concerning arrangements for winter lectures. 5th September, 1888.
- 47 Letter from Professor Williamson to James Bradley explaining that he only gives lectures on a professional basis charging £10 and expenses. 5th September, 1888.
- 48 Letter from R. Mathews to James Bradley regarding his donation of £10 for books for the Institute library. 29th September 1888.
- 49 Letter from Samuel Grant to James Bradley regarding an idea for making money for the Institute library. 1st October, 1888.



- Letter from Thomas Barlow to James Bradley concerning the charity entertainments to be given at the Institute and suggesting that James Sidebottom be employed as comic and reciter. 5th October, 1888.
- 51 Letter from Thomas Barlow to James Bradley regarding St Paul's Catholic Band and their willingness to assist in the charity entertainment. 5th October, 1888.
- 52 Letter from Leo Grindon to James Bradley regarding the title of his lecture 'Fruit and Fruit Trees' and arrangements for dates of lectures. 3rd October, 1888.
- 53 Letter from Elizabeth Ashton to James Bradley declining an offer to attend the annual soiree. 18th October, 1888.
- 54 Letter from Mr Berry to James Bradley regarding arrangements for singing at various Institute meetings. 5th November, 1888.
- 55 Letter from R. Mathews to James Bradley concerning improvements for the library. 18th November, 1888.
- 56 Letter from Mr Smith (Hyde Savings Bank) to James Bradley informing him that the bank has agreed to donate a safe and various pieces of furniture to the Institute. 17th January, 1889.
- 57 Letter from J. W. Sidebotham to J. Chorlton regarding his donation of £2 to the Institute. July 29th 1889.
- 58 Letter from Marion Bryce to the Directors of the H.M.I. donating a copy of the 'American Commonwealth' to the Institute library. 27th January, 1890.
- 59 Letter from Mr Mitchell concerning scaffolding erected outside the Institute. 17th June, 1888.

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- Letter from Thomas Ashton to James Bradley declining an invitation to attend an Institute meeting. 30th October, 1890.
- 61 Letter from Mr and Mrs Thompson to James Bradley declining an invitation to attend a prizegiving at the Institute. 5th November, 1890.
- 62 Letter from Mr Bardsley to the Directors of the H.M.I. proposing that a course of piano lessons be set up for the 'real working class' at the Institute with himself teaching. 11th December, 1891.
- 63 Letter from J. H. Brooke to James Bradley concerning a list of books he is prepared to donate to the Institute library. 9th January, 1892.
- 64 Letter from Mr Cowley to James Bradley inquiring as to the amount received for letting the large hall in the years 1889, 1890, 1891. 7th April, 1892.
- 65 Letter from J. B. Muir to James Bradley apologising for not paying his subscription believing 18 years continuous payments to be long enough. 1st March, 1893.
- 66 Letter from Thomas Ashton to the Chairman of the Finance Committee concerning the variations in charges for students. 21st July, 1893.
- 67 Letter from A. T. Hibbert to the Education Committee concerning the renting of Hyde British School for classes. 11th September, 1893.
- 68 Letter from George Stephens (Town Clerk) to James Bradley regarding the use of rooms in the Town Hall for Institute classes. 15th September, 1893.
- 69 Letter from George Stephens to James Bradley concerning arrangements for use of Town Hall rooms. 19th September, 1893.

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- Letter from Joseph Greenhalgh to James Bradley apologising for his misconduct at the Institute. 23rd October, 1893.
- 71 Letter from William Tait to James Bradley concerning the misconduct of his son at Institute classes. 23rd October, 1893.
- 72 Letter from Martin Hallas to James Bradley concerning the rent of Institute rooms by Hyde Building Society, 6th November, 1893.
- 73 Letter from Joseph Meigh M.P. to J. Brownson concerning arrangements for a meeting at the Institute. 9th November 1893.
- 74 Letter from Edward Sutton (Manchester District Friends Trust Association). to James Bradley concerning the donation of a book to the Institute library. 14th November 1893.
- 75 Letter from George Stephens (Town Clerk) to James Bradley concerning the representation of the H.M.I. at the council meeting. 15th November, 1893.
- 76 Letter from Mr Blackhurst to James Bradley regarding arrangements for Institute meetings, 21st November, 1893.
- 77 Letter from J. Batey to James Bradley declining an invitation to an Institute meeting. 29th November, 1893.
- 78 Letter from Margaret Ashton to James Bradley declining an invitation to an Institute prizegiving. 2nd December, 1893
- 79 Letter from George Bridges to James Bradley declining an invitation to the Institute prizegiving. 5th December, 1893.
- 80 Letter from Arthur Cowley to James Bradley concerning the record book of students payments. 5th December, 1893.
- 81 Letter from B. Goodfellow to James Bradley declining an invitation to be present at the annual Institute meeting, 5th December, 1893.

- MI, 3/2/82 Letter from E. Greenhalgh to J. Chorlton concerning the misconduct of Joseph Greenhalgh and other boys at the Institute classes. Undated.
- MI, 3/3 Miscellaneous.
- MI, 3/3/1 Rules of Hyde Mechanics Institute Cricket Club. 1855.
- 2 Programme for the laying of the foundation stone of the Hyde Mechanics Institute new building. 29th June 1861.
  - 3 Song sheet for Grand Concert 17th October, 1866.
  - 4 Syllabus for Manchester Mechanics Institute for the season 1868 - 1869.
  - 5 Syllabus for Stockport Mechanics Institute for 1868.
  - 6 Poster for Hyde Mechanics Institute 'Entertainment' 11th April, 1868.
  - 7 Programme for Annual Tea Party. 8th October 1868.
  - 8 Hyde Mechanics Institute accounts, 1868.
  - 9 Subscriptions for the new building. 16th June, 1870.
  - 10 Programme for the laying of the foundation stone of Hyde Town Hall 30th June, 1883.
  - 11 Poster advertising a science lecture by W. Carpenter. 2nd February, 1886.
  - 12 List of students who took domestic economy examination. 30th March, 1887.
  - 13 Presentation of J. C. Prince Memorial portrait programme March 6th 1901.
  - 14 Presentation of J. C. Prince memorial portrait programme March 6th 1901.
  - 15 Catalogue of the Hyde Mechanics Institute Library, October, 1857.
  - 16 " " " " " " " April 1864.
  - 17 " " " " " " " April 1873.
  - 18 " " " " " " " 1879.
  - 19 " " " " " " " 1889.
  - 20 Hyde Mechanics Institute Standing Orders, 12th January, 1864.

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Technical instruction account book, 1891 - 1894.

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