

Monday 6th July 1874

The General Committee of Management met this evening

- Present. - The President (in the Chair)
- " Vice President
 - Mr Gillbee
 - Rev. J. M. Stringman
 - Mr Barwick
 - " Beiss
 - " Blair
 - " Jago
 - " Hospel
 - " Jervis
 - " Templeton
 - " Thomas

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st June were read and approved

Minutes

Correspondence
old magazines

1. letter from Rev. J. M. Stringman and D Singleton thanking the Committee for a donation of old magazines to on behalf of the following institutions to viz
 1. The Artillery Barracks St Kilda Road
 2. " Immigrants Home Princes Bridge
 3. " Sailors' Home King St
 4. " Model Lodging House "
 5. a large Lodging House 135 Flinders St
 6. " " " Great Bourke St near King St
 7. The Melbourne Hospital
 8. " Benevolent Asylum

with further lot being arranged for foundation of libraries in six large Lodging Houses - Queen, William, Rensdale & Strick - Received.

2. letter from Dr Hume phrenologist requesting use of Hall for a series of three lectures on Phrenology - Secretary was instructed to write and inform Dr Hume that the Committee cannot comply with his request -

Hume Phrenologist

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Correspondence
continued
R. Birnie
re lectures

3. letter from Mr R. Birnie offering his services as a lecturer - The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Birnie informing him that he can hire the large Hall for 2/4 or the small Hall for 1/11 per lecture with certain privileges reserved for members of the Institution -

Mrs Davitt
re lectures

4. letter from Mrs Davitt offering her services as a lecturer - The Secretary was instructed to reply in same terms as to Mr Birnie's letter -

Vic: Chemists
assistants Association

5. letter from Secretary Victorian Chemists Assistants Association declining to give support to the proposed Chemistry Class at Athenaeum - Received

Dr. H. Harrison
re Sunday Afternoon
Musical Services

6. letter from Dr. H. Harrison re hire of Hall for Sunday Afternoon Musical Services - Moved by the Vice President seconded by Mr Gillbee that the Secretary write to Mr Harrison informing him that he can hire the Hall for the purpose named for the sum of £4/4 per afternoon with £1/11 per service for the use of the organ so long as that instrument remains at the disposal of the Committee - provided always that the tenancy shall be weekly and that the programme of each service shall be submitted for approval at least five clear days before the service takes place" - Carried.

Endorsement of
allowance of
Footlights on
Insurance
Policies

The Secretary having reported that Messrs. Buchan & Co refused to procure the endorsement of allowance of footlights in large Hall on the policies of insurance in their possession unless they (Messrs. Buchan & Co) were paid the sum of £1/11 - It was resolved that the Secretary do obtain the needed Endorsement on such policies of insurance as are in his possession and that the demand made by Messrs. Buchan & Co be not complied with -

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Library Sub-Committee - Report

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 3rd July 1874 - as follows -
On 4th June mail-books as follows were passed into the Library
Geo Robertson 74 vols £7. 14-8
+ 3 schals

The Sub-Committee recommended the following books which were approved of and ordered to be passed into the Library -

Geo Robertson	41 vols	12-6-9
+ 3 schals		
C Muskett	8 "	1-2-6
W. Robertson	12 "	2-18-6
J. W. Waide	6 "	1-2-6
by "		14-10-3
+ 3 schals		

On the motion of Mr Blair seconded by Mr Biers the report, as a whole, was adopted -

Moved by Mr Biers seconded by the Rev J. M. Strogman "That a Supplementary Catalogue of books added to the library since March 1873, be prepared and printed" - Carried

Supplementary Catalogue -

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 2nd July 1874 -

The Report showed the Receipts and Expenditure for June to have been examined and found correct, leaving a balance against the Institution of £624-10-8

Receipts for the month.

General Revenue	157-0-1
Large Hall	57-15-6
	£214-15-7

Finance Sub-Committee Report

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Accounts

The following Accounts were passed -

W. Deewon & Sons July 14 th	6-4-2
Brooks - Books 1 June	2-15-6
W. Robertson to 6 June	7-10-11
Armstrong Librs to 30 June 10/3/9	
advs. " May 3/18/-	16-1-9
Baillie's books 4 June	1-7-0
Jordan & Co to 30 June	14-7-8
including 2 her Zealand ps -	
Evans Bro's to 1 April	18-12-6
Joseph Turner Despatch Bag	1-12-
McKinlay & Co advs to May 24	1-12-6
Melbourn Jan Co May 24	10-8-10
Collingwood do do	6-13-2
Secretary 1 mo June 18/5/- Rent allca 2/10/4	21-13-4
Hebraian 1 month June	13-0-0
Assistant 1 " "	4-6-8
Hall Keeper 5 mths to 4 July	10-0-0
J Walsh Draft on London	20-0-0
Secretary Premium on Guarantee returned	4-0-0
Petty Cash	5-0-0
Stillwell & Knight to 31 March	8-7-6
	£173-13-6

On the motion of Mr Thomas seconded by Mr Barwick the Finance Sub-Committee's Report, as a whole, was adopted -

Mr Biers, in whose hands the matter had been left, recommended that the sum of £5 be voted to Mr C. F. Bradley in settlement of his claim re alterations effected in his office some time back.

On the motion of Mr Juge seconded by the Rev. J. M. Strogman it was resolved to allow Mr C. F. Bradley the sum of £5 in accordance with Mr Biers' recommendation -

C. F. Bradley's application for compensation -

Monday 3rd August 1874

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present . The President (in the Chair)
 " Vice President
 Rev. Mr. Strongman
 Mr Barwick
 " Batten
 " Biers
 " Clarke
 " Fuge
 " Gardiner
 " Horsfall
 " Jervis
 " Jack
 " Meeks
 " Thomas

The Minutes of the meeting of General Committee held July 6th were read and confirmed.

1. Letter from Mr. S. Gardiner explaining the cause of his absence from recent meetings of the Committee
 Received

2. Letter from Mr. J. Walsh (London) reporting arrangements made for selection of books from Messrs. Mudie's clearance stock - Ordered to be acknowledged with thanks.

3. Letter from Mr. P. Christie (conductor of Shorthand Class) requesting additional tables in class room - On the motion of Mr. Clarke seconded by Mr Fuge the Secretary was authorised to purchase two small tables if found necessary.

4. Letter from Mr. C. E. Glass requesting permission to paint the title of his business re over the front of premises rented by him from the Committee.

Minutes.

Correspondence

S. Gardiner
re non-attendance

J. Walsh
re Books from
Mudie's

P. Christie
more tables
for Shorthand Class

C. E. Glass
painting name of
business over
Entrance
Institute

6th July 1874

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows.

June 1874

Members' Payments during month

Old Members @ £1 35 =	£35-0-0
" " " 10/ 25 =	12-10-0
" " " 2/ 1 =	2-0-0
New " " £1 13 =	13-0-0
" " " 10/ 43 =	21-10-0
Rejoined " " 10/ 1 =	1-0-0
	<u>£84-10-0</u>

Members' payments 1 st Six months /74	812
New Members do do	585

Revenue 6 months £1180-11/-
 being an increase of £250-19-9
 over first 6 mos of 1873.

The Secretary laid on the table a rough Balance Sheet for the half year ending 30 June /74

An application was read from Mr Walsh, Secretary requesting an increase of pay - Moved by Mr Teupleton seconded by Mr Biers "That Mr Walsh receive for the ensuing year £300 to cover salary and rent, dating from 1 July 1874
 Carried

A similar application was read from the Hallkeeper S. Shergold - On the motion of the President seconded by the Rev. Mr Strongman it was resolved to increase the Hallkeeper's wages by 5% per week from 4 July 1874 -

John Benjamin

Secretary's Statement

Balance Sheet first half year /74

Applications from Secretary & Hallkeeper for increased pay.

3/8/74

3rd August 1874

Scots' Church
contd.

Mr. Biers moved as an amendment and Mr. Barwick seconded "That Messrs Wisewould & Jells be instructed to lay the whole case re Scots' Church before Mr Holroyd, barrister, for his opinion thereon."

The amendment was carried, the original motion being lost by 6 to 5.

Library Sub-Committee
Report.

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 31st July. 1874.

On the motion of Mr. Biers seconded by Mr. Bakker the report was adopted and books as follows were ordered to be passed into the library

Geo Robertson	21 vols	5-19-6
	23 serials	3
S. Mullen	1	7-6
Baillivie	1	7-6
	23 vols	£ 6 10

Finance Sub-Committee
Report

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 30th July 1874.

The Report showed the receipts and expenditure for July to have been examined and found correct, leaving a balance against the Institution of £586-1-4

Receipts for the month

Haye Hall	33-9-0
General Revenue	174-7-2
	£207-16-2

On the motion of Mr Clarke seconded by Mr Biers the report was adopted with the exception of an item of £3-12/- which was ordered to be held over for the present pending arrangements re renewal of Secretary's guarantee.

3rd August 1874

Correspondence
contd.
C. E. Glass' letter
re: terms for Haye Hall.

On the motion of Mr. Biers seconded by the Rev J. M. Strongman the Secretary was instructed to inform Mr Glass that the Committee decline to accede to his request.

J. C. W. Nicholson
requesting reduction
in terms for Haye Hall.

5. Letter from Mr. J. C. W. Nicholson requesting use of Haye Hall at a reduced rate for an afternoon Band Rehearsal -

On the motion of Mr. Biers seconded by Mr Clarke the Secretary was instructed to inform Mr Nicholson that the Committee could not depart from the terms named in the printed schedule of rates of letting (viz £4-4-0)

Danish porcelain
medallions

The Secretary having reported an offer from Mr S. Gardiner of £10 for the 23 Danish porcelain medallions ordered for sale by the Committee it was decided on the motion of Mr Barwick seconded by Mr Jack, to accept Mr Gardiner's offer.

Danish porcelain
Statuettes

On the motion of the Rev J. M. Strongman seconded by Mr Thomas it was decided to receive offers from members during the ensuing month for the Danish porcelain Statuettes now remaining the property of the Institution. A notice to this effect to be exhibited in the Reading Room and Secretary to report at next meeting of the Committee

re Scots' Church

The Secretary read a memorandum from Mr Wisewould to the effect that no further action had been taken in Scots' Church case.

Mr. Clarke moved and Mr Gardiner seconded "That Messrs Wisewould & Jells be instructed to issue a writ in the Supreme Court against the Scots' Church Management for the sum due to the Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum, and to proceed with the case."

3rd August 1874

Secretary's Guarantee - Mr Biers moved and Mr Meeks seconded "That, should the Australian Alliance Assurance Company refuse to carry out their agreement, viz to allow the £44 paid in July 1873 to stand as premium on Secretary's Guarantee for two years instead of one, provided the word collector be expunged from the Application - the guarantee be effected in some other office. Carried.

Accounts - The following is a list of the accounts passed by the Committee viz:

Geo Robertson to 2 nd July 74	91-10-6
E. Whitehead & Co. periodicals to 30/6/74	31-2-8
W. Dawson Sons newspapers to 30/6/74	40-8-9
Collingwood Gas Co. of for June	6-10-6
S. Howie. Bushmore & Co to 17 July	2-5-9
Melbourne Gas Co. of for June	11-14-11
Premium on Secretary's Guarantee	3-12-0
Bala of do - used as Petty Cash	3-12-0
J. Holdsworth. Screen repairs to 1/7/74	10-16-0
J. Pomeby bookbinding & Co to 1/7/74	6-12-0
Whitehead & Co Stationery to June 30/74	2-17-3
Mc Carron Beard & Co May 1/74	1-7-6
S. Mullen books & periodicals to 30/6/74	34-14-1
Secretary Salary for July	25-0-0
Librarian " " "	13-0-0
Assistant " " "	4-6-8
Hall Keeper wages 4 weeks to 1 Aug 74	9-0-0
C. J. Bradley allowance ordered by Comtee	5-0-0
Draper & Sons Closets to 31 July	1-5-0
J. Casselden 'Age' header to 30/6/74	2-12-0
Petty Cash	5-0-0
Tenison & Mitchell. Test. H. Biers & Co	10-10-0
J. S. Riddell footlights & Co to 1/7/74	10-12-2
Nation & Co Sundry repairs May to Aug 74	3-11-6
Carried forward	333-9-3

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Accounts *contd.*

Brought forward	333-9-3
J. Clifford Smith coal.	1-17-0
Newspaper Postages (see vouchers)	9-18-8
J. W. Evans & Co. binding "	25-1-8
	£ 340-6-7

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual Monthly Statement, as follows - viz - July 1874

Members payments during month

Old Members @ £1.	43 = £43-0-0
" " " 10/.	83 = 41-10-0
New " " " £1	16 = 16-0-0
" " " 10/.	45 = 22-10-0
Rejoined " 10/.	4 = 2-0-0
	£125-0-0

Members payments past seven months 1874 - 1003
New Members: 346

Revenue 7 months £1388-7-2

Advertisements at Railway Stations &c.

Mr Jack moved and Mr Meeks seconded "That posters setting forth the advantages of the Institution be exhibited at the principal Railway Stations and throughout the city and suburbs. The matter was referred to the Librarian Sub-Committee for their report.

Dr W Benjamin

Sept. 7/74

Monday 7th September 1874

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present - The President (in the Chair)
 Revd J. M. Strongman
 W. Gillbee
 Mr Barwick
 " Bathe
 " Biers
 " Blair
 " Fuge
 " Horsfall
 " Jack
 " Inceps
 " Templeton
 " Thomas

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of General Committee held on 3rd August were read and confirmed.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr J. Walsh re books selected from Mudie's
 2. Letter from Dr C. E. Mudie - on same subject
- Received.

Assistant.

Mr Blair moved and Mr Bathe seconded "That the Committee, finding Mr Henry Phillips' health to be such as prevents him from the performance of his duties as Assistant deem it inadvisable to retain his services but grant him an extra month's salary dating from the time of his being incapacitated for work."

Carried

Mr Biers moved and the Revd J. M. Strongman seconded "That advertisements for an Assistant be inserted in the papers in same terms as upon the last similar occasion, and that the President and the Chairmen of the various Sub-Committees form a Special Sub-Committee to receive applications and appoint an Assistant on probation for one month at a salary of £52 per annum."

Carried

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Danish Porcelain
 Statuettes

The Secretary having reported an offer of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ % each for the (perfect) Danish Porcelain Statuettes ordered for sale -

Mr Biers moved and Mr Jack seconded that the offer of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ % each for the (perfect) Danish Porcelain Statuettes be not accepted

Mr Bathe moved as an amendment and Mr Barwick seconded "That the offer of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ % per Statuette be accepted"

The amendment was lost -

The original motion was carried

Mr Harrison's
 (Harruambowl Stand etc.)
 Membership -

The President reported that Mr Harrison late proprietor "Harruambowl Standard" having made application to be allowed the privileges of membership for one year in recognition of his having gratuitously supplied the institution with his journal for five or six years - he (the President) had allowed Mr Harrison the use of the Reading Room for one month - pending the decision of the Committee -

Mr Biers moved and Mr Barwick seconded "That the President's action herein be approved of, and Mr Harrison be allowed the privileges of the institution for one year inclusive of the month referred to by the President."

Hiedertafel
 Social Gatherings

The President mentioned that the Hiedertafel were thinking of holding their social gatherings in the large Hall of this institution to which the Committee expressed their assent.

Requisition re
 opening Reading Room
 on Sunday 12

The President reported the receipt of a requisition of which the following is a copy -

To the Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum
 We, the undersigned, members of the Melbourne Athenaeum hereby request that a special general meeting be

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Requisition to open R Room on Sundays contd.

be called for the purpose of considering the following proposition That the Reading and Conversation rooms be open to members on Sundays during the usual week day hours

We are to

- Jeremiah Dwyer - Wm Byrne - P White - a deupster
R. Birnie - Geo. Fink - H.K. Rusden - Geo Godfrey
Jr Elliott - Henry Harris - Thos Perry Henderson - Sol. Joseph
Alfred W. Harston - J.M. Symonds - F. Heunung - a deupster
Rev. B. Kaup - John McEwen - P.B. Wallace - Joseph Worsfall
J. Martin - Samuel Pitt - W. Auswick - Nahum Barnett
H. Holden - Magnus Fink - D. Muckle - Geo. B. Parker
A. P. Martin - W. Thomas - A. L. Israel - J. Culligan
E. J. Ombler - Nathaniel Levy - Robt. J. Ellery - Geo. Maitland
Charles Bright - A. M. Topp - James Emma Field - P. J. Wilson
D. J. McFauran - L. S. Daniel - of Hambury

The Melbourne Athenaeum

Notice is hereby given that at a special general meeting to be called for the purpose, we propose to alter and amend Rule 45 of this Institution by substituting for the word "Institution" in line 6, the words "Circulating library" when the Rule will stand as follows: viz-

"45. The Reading Room and library of Reference shall be opened daily from eight o'clock in the morning till ten at night, and the Circulating library from 9 am to 2 pm. from 4 pm to 6 pm. and from 7 pm to 9 pm. or during such other hours as the Committee may from time to time direct. Provided always that the Circulating library shall be closed on the following days: - Sundays, Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, the Queen's Birthday, Whit Monday, Separation Day, and the Prince of Wales' Birthday"

- Robt. J. Ellery - Geo. W. Haddon - Alfred W. Harston - Charles Bright - A. M. Topp
H. Brooker - J. B. Callan - H. K. Rusden - Edmund Harrison - J. M. Symonds
Jr Elliott - D. J. McFauran - A. Deupster - D. Muckle - A. P. Martin
Geo Fink - L. S. Phillips - Thos Perry Henderson - F. Heunung - J. Culligan
W. Thomas - Charles D. Maynard

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Requisition to open R Room on Sundays contd.

Mr. Jack moved and Mr Barwick seconded That the requisition be received and that in compliance with the request contained therein, a special meeting of members be convened in the large Hall of the Institution on Monday 12th October at 8 pm. - Carried.

Secretary's Guarantee

The President reported that the Australian Alliance Assurance Company having refused to carry out their original agreement with regard to allowing the sum of £4 paid in July 1873 to stand as premium for two years on Secretary's Guarantee provided a certain alteration were made in the original application a fresh guarantee had been taken out in the Victoria Insurance Company at a premium of 20% (on £200)

Library Sub-Committee Report

- Clause 1 admitting at Reading Station appears too great
2. Supply Books left Secretary to dispose of - recommending clauses
1. New Books
2. Binding - Grant 10-15% advance
3. Rules for the Library - 1/2 year

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 4th September 1874

On the motion of the Rev. J. M. Strongman seconded by Mr Beers the report was adopted and the following books were passed into the library viz: C. Emudee 134 vols £27-5-11 J. A. Wade 24 vols £7-6 135 " £27-13-5

Revised list of Periodicals for 1875

Moved by the Rev. J. M. Strongman seconded by Mr Beers That the Library Sub-Committee be instructed to prepare and bring up at the next meeting of the General Committee a revised list of periodicals and newspapers for 1875. - Carried

Finance Sub-Com Report

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 3rd September 1874

The report showed the receipts and expenditure for 1874 to have been examined and found correct, leaving a balance against the Institution of £708-8-3.

7th September 1874

Finance

Revenue for the month

Large Hall 85-18-6
 General Revenue 157-8-7
 £ 243-7-1

The following accounts were passed viz-

Victoria Ins. Co. Premium due 30 Sept ^r ^{last date}	2-11-0
Rates - Tom to 30 June - lighting to 31 Dec ^r	24-11-8
Melbourne Gas Co. July up	11-19-4
Collingwood " " "	6-5-2
McCulloch & Co charges on books from Dundee	5-3-5
H. Thomas Sundry printing	4-0-0
Secretary August	25-0-0
Treasurer " "	13-0-0
Assistant " "	4-6-8
Hallkeeper 5 weeks to 5 Sept ^r 2/5	11-5-0
	£ 108-2-3

On the motion of the President seconded by the Rev. Jm. Stoyman the Finance Sub-Committee's report was adopted.

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows

August

Members' payments during month

Old members @ £1	20 =	£ 20-0-0
" " " 10/-	54 =	27-0-0
New " " £1	20 =	20-0-0
" " " 10/-	29 =	14-10-0
		£ 81-10-0

Members' payments for 8 months of 1874. = 1126

New members " " " " " 395

Revenue 8 months £ 1631-14-3

Revenue

5/10/74

Monday 5th October 1874

The General Committee of Management met this Evening

Present: The President (in the Chair)
 " Vice President
 Mr Jellies
 Mr Barwick
 " Bevis
 " Blair
 " Jugo
 " Gardner
 " Horsfall
 " Jervis
 " Jack
 " Meeks
 " Thomas

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September were read and confirmed

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr Shles Manager Bank New South Wales requesting information re Overdraft
 The President explained that, acting under his instructions the Secretary had both seen and written to Mr Shles on the subject

overdraft

Chemistry Lectures

2. Letter from Mr Mauley Hopwood offering to deliver further lectures on Chemistry at the rate of £5 each for his fee as Lecturer - Declined.

'Book Keeping' Class

3. Letter from Mr Edward Wild requesting permission to establish a class for instruction in Book Keeping
 Mr Blair moved and Mr Thomas seconded - That Mr Wild be allowed to establish a Book Keeping class on the usual terms.
 Carried.

5th October 1874

New Assistant

The President reported that the Sub-Committee appointed for the purpose, had received thirty-nine applications for the vacant assistantship and had elected Edward Mendoza to fill the situation.

Opinion re Scots Church case

The President read Mr Holroyde's opinion re Scots Church case as follows -

copy 1. In my opinion there was no demise for a year or any other term - The relation of landlord and tenant involves the right of the tenant to continuous possession for some definite period, a right which in this case, never existed - I think there was merely a license to use the hall, a license revocable, although for value, and for which the defendants, when they ceased to avail themselves of it, could no longer be compelled to pay. James v Reynolds 4 Ad & Ec 805; Chatham v Williamson 4 East 468; Hancock v Austin 32 h. J. C.P. 252; Wood v Ledbetter. 9 Jur 187 & cases there cited; Solomon v Fitzsimmons 2 W & W. L. 42 -

It appears to me moreover, that the letters do not show any concluded agreement between the parties - Neither party ever accepted the terms proposed by the other -

2. In my opinion the Plaintiff cannot now recover any further sum for rent; and no action for use and occupation can be maintained

(signed) Ed Holroyde
5th October 1874

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 5th October 1874

The following books recommended, were ordered to be passed into the library

for Robertson 3 vols 5-13-0
Dunson Sas 30 " 7-17-3
to complete vol. 68 £ 13-10-3

Library Sub-Committee Report

- 1. New Books
- 2. No alterations in list of periodicals re/ps

5th October 1874

Library Sub-Committee report

On the motion of the President seconded by Mr Blair the report as a whole, was adopted

Finance Sub-Committee Report

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 1st October 1874

The report showed the receipts and expenditure for September to have been examined and found correct, leaving a balance against the Institution of £191-7-7

Receipts for the month

Large Hall 32-14-6
General Purposes 131-12-6
£ 164-7-

The following accounts were passed by

Secretary Salary for September 25-0-0
Librarian do do 13-0-0
Phillips late assistant bal. 3-14-2
Hall Keeper 4 mths to 3 Oct 9-9-0
McLennan for G. August up 10-10-8
Collingwood do do 9-7-3
Ernsting & Co. Newspapers to 30 Sept 14 10-3-9
do do to Aug 22 3-15-6
S. Roberts painting to 19 June 1-5-6
Sundry exp:
J. J. Bailliege 7-6
J. S. Riddell 17-6
C. Mustick Books 1-2-6 2-7-0
Petty Cash 5-0-0
McCarron Band to Aug 20 5-5-0

£ 98-8-10

On the motion of the President seconded by Mr Judge the Finance Sub-Committee's report, as a whole, was adopted

Special General Meeting of Members

Monday 12th October 1874

A special meeting of the Members of the Melbourne Athenaeum was held this evening in the large hall of the Institution.

The President (David Benjamin Esq) occupied the Chair and opened the proceedings by calling upon the Secretary who read the advertisement (from Argus 3 October 1874) concerning the meeting, in compliance with the following requisition which had been handed to the Committee signed by the requisite number of members and posted in the Reading Room (in accordance with Rule 17) on the 9th day of September 1874.

Copy
To the Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum.

We the undersigned Members of the Melbourne Athenaeum hereby request that a special general meeting be called for the purpose of considering the following proposition "That the Reading Room and Conversation Rooms be open to members on Sundays during the usual week-day hours

Signed Jeremiah Dwyer

- Mr Byrne A Kempster Geo Godfrey Sol. Joseph
- Tho. P. White R. Binnie Henry Harris Geo. Hunt
- W. K. Rusden Jno Elliott Tho Percy Henderson Col. M. Warston
- J. M. Symonds J. Healey A. Deakin Capt. B. Kaup
- John McEwen P. B. Wallace Joseph Horsfall J. Martin
- Samuel Pass W. G. Suck Nathan Barnett S. Holman
- Magnus Fair D. Mickle Geo. B. Baker A. F. Mather
- W. J. Thomas A. C. Israel J. Callaghan E. J. O'Connell
- Nathaniel Levy W. H. J. Cleary Geo. Minton Charles Bright
- Adm. Lopp James Edward Reid B. T. Wilson D. J. Fawcett
- J. H. Warburton L. S. Daniel

5 October 1874

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows:

Secretary's Statement
September 1874

Members payments during month

Old members @ £1-10-0	2	=	£3-0-0
" " " 20/-	40	=	40-0-0
" " " 10/-	39	=	19-10-0
New " " 20/-	18	=	18-0-0
" " " 10/-	25	=	12-10-0
Rejoined " 20/-	1	=	1-0-0
" " 10/-	2	=	1-0-0
" with arrears 30/-	1	=	1-10-0
			£96-10-0

Members payments first nine months of 1874 1254

New members to no. 438

Revenue 9 months £1496-1-3

David Benjamin

2/11/74

Special Meeting 12 October 1874

The Melbourne Athenaeum

Requisition on file

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(Signed) Robt. J. Ellery. Fred W. Maddon -
Alfred W. Warston Charles Bright. W. Brotherton -
J. B. Callan. A. M. Lopp. J. M. Symonds.
Edmund Harrison. W. K. Rusden. D. J. M. Strongman
J. W. Elliott. A. Dempster D. Mickle
A. P. Martin. Theo. Fuhr. L. S. Phillips
Theo. Percy Henderson. F. Henning. J. J. Sabelberg.
W. J. Thomas. Charles J. Maxwell.

Moved by W. Maddon seconded by Mr A. M. Lopp
"That the words "Circulating library" be substituted for the word "Institution" in line 6 of rule 45"
After considerable discussion, the Chairman put the question, which on a division being called was declared lost.

26/11/75

W. Strongman

Monday 2^d November 1874

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present. The President (in the Chair)
" ^{David Benjamin} Vice President
" ^{Judge Coffe} Rev. J. M. Strongman
D. J. Mickle
W. Barwick
" Biers
" Blair
" Fuge
" Gardiner
" Hosfall
" Jervis
" Jack
" Meeks

Apologies for non attendance were received from Messrs W. Clarke and H. Thomas

Minutes.

The Minutes of the meeting of General Committee held on 5th October were read and confirmed

Correspondence.

1. Letter from C. E. Mudie relative to books per Mail Steamer - Received

F. Walsh

2. Letter from F. Walsh on same subject. Received

W. J. S. Co

3. Letter from W. J. S. Co offering to sell Organ now in Large Hall.

On the motion of Mr Biers seconded by the Rev. J. M. Strongman the Secretary was instructed to inform Messrs W. J. S. Co. that the Committee had no intention of purchasing the Instrument

Plymouth Brethren

4 - Letter from Mr. E. Thomas, representing Society of Plymouth Brethren, applying for the use of Reading Room

2 November 1874

The Secretary presented an account received from Mr. John Matthew Smith containing charges for work done in connection with mortgage on building May + June 1872. Referred to Finance Sub-Committee

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 30th October 1874

The report recommended the stoppage of further shipments from Druddie's and the reception of the following books which were ordered to be passed into the library viz:

Druddie Co.	238 volumes	39-10--
J. Robertson	7 "	1-16-6
245 "		£41-6-6

On the motion of the Rev. J. M. Strongman seconded by Mr. Blair the report, as a whole, was adopted.

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 29th October 1874

The report showed the receipts and payments for October to have been examined and found correct - They show a balance against the Institution of £599-16-10

Receipts for the month

Large Hall	46-10-6
General Revenue	147-9-1
	£193-19-7

The following accounts were passed

Secretary Salary October	25-0-0
Librarian do do	13-0-0
Assistant 22 Sept to 31 Oct.	5-15-6
Hall-keeper 4 th to 31 Oct.	9-0-0
Mellor & Co. - Sept & Oct	8-13-9
C'wood do do	7-10-4
Carried forward	£68-19-7

acc from J. M. Smith

Library Sub-Com. Report

1. Stop further shipments from Druddie's
2. Recd Books

Finance Sub-Committee Report

2 November 1874

Correspondence
cont'd
Reynolds & Bracken

for Sunday Services -

On the motion of Mr. Meek's, seconded by Mr. Barwick, the Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. E. Thomas that the Committee declined to let the Reading Room or any of the smaller rooms of the Institution for Sunday Services

5. Letter from Mr. C. Miller Secretary Metropolitan Hiredstaple Enquiring terms for use of Small and Large Halls for Rehearsals and Concerts respectively - Mr. Gillies moved and Mr. Blair seconded "That the matter be left in the hands of the President, Mr. C. M. Gibbs and the Secretary to carry out the terms agreed upon between Mr. Miller and the President said terms to be embodied in an agreement to be signed by the Secretary of this Institution and Mr. Miller - Carried -

advertisement re Classes.

The Secretary reported that the masters of the various classes held in the Institution were desirous of inserting an advertisement in the Argus - It had been ascertained that the cost of the proposed advertisement would be £3-10/- per month for one inch of space - The masters wished to know if the Committee would bear a portion of the expense of said advertisement -

On the motion of Mr. Biers seconded by Mr. Jervis the Committee decided to authorise the payment of £1 towards the insertion of the advertisement for one month -

Mr. Sharp's admission to R. Room

Application from Mr. Sharp to be allowed to use the Reading Room of the Institution when in town in exchange for his donation of a map of the United States - It was resolved to allow Mr. Sharp the use of the Reading Room when in town - such privilege to extend for one year from this date or longer at the pleasure of the Committee

12 November 1874

Finance Sub-Committee
Accounts

Brot form a	68-19-7
W M Cullochs (in exp. books & mail \$42.21)	8-9-7
Draper & Sons Cloaks to 31 Co.	1-5-
J. M. Wade of Lunas to Sept 27/74	3-16-0
W. Robertson books to 3 July/74	2-18-6
Cornstrong & Co. acctg of to Sept 23	1-6-0
Science lecture of. loss	3-7-4
Petty Cash.	5-0-0
£ 95-2-0	

On the motion of Mr. Jevens seconded by Mr. Fuge the Finance Sub-Committee's report, as a whole, was adopted.

Ventilation of Reading Room

On the motion of the Pres J. M. Strongman seconded by Mr. Horsfall the question of improving the ventilation of the Reading Room was referred to the House Sub-Committee

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows:

October 1874.

Members payments during month	
Old members £1	29 = £ 29-0-0
" " 10s.	35 = 17-10-0
New " £1	20 = 20-0-0
" " 10s.	26 = 13-0-0
" " £2	1 = 2-0-0
	81-10-0

Old members payments first ten months of 1874	1365
New " " " " " "	485
Revenue 10 months	£ 1990-0-10

Christy

7/12/74

Special Meeting Monday 30 November 1874

Present The President (in the Chair)
Dana Benjamin
Vice President
Mr. Biers
" Horsfall
" Thomas

Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Pres J. M. Strongman and Mr. Jack.

The meeting was convened to consider the following Memorandum:

Copy Memorandum.
 From E. Oddy 25 November 1874
 159 Swanston Street To Secy. of the Athenaeum Hall
 Melbourne. Collins St East

Dear Sir
 I am requested on behalf of the Committee to ascertain the terms for twelve months for Sunday services and use of Organ and Gas, say commencing about the first week in April 1875 - Also state terms for use of Hall for one evening last week in December 1874 or first week in January 1875 and the night most convenient.
 I am Sir
 Yours truly
 (signed) E. Oddy.

Mr. Biers moved and Mr. Thomas seconded "That the Secretary inform Mr. Oddy that the terms for the large Hall and Gas for Sunday services (morning and evening) for a period of twelve months are £225 payable monthly - The terms, if accepted to be embodied in an agreement to be signed by the Secretary of this

Monday 7th December 1874

The General Committee of Management met this Evening

- Present. The President (David Benjamin G) in the Chair
 " Vice President - (Judge Cope)
 Rev J. M. Strangman
 W. Jellie
 Mr. Batten
 " Biers
 " Blair
 " Clarke
 " Gardner
 " Horsfall
 " Jervis
 " Meeks
 " Thomas

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of General Committee held on 2 November 1874 were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of General Committee held on 30 November 1874 were also read and confirmed.

Correspondence

1. Letter from C. E. Brudie relative to shipment of books per last mail steamer. Received
2. Letter from Mr Counsel - Received
3. Letter from Mr J. C. Stewart on behalf of Professor Hughes requesting Committee to cover platform in Hays Hall with carpeting
 On the motion of Mr Meeks seconded by Mr Horsfall it was resolved that Mr Stewart's request be not complied with

Library Sub-Committee report
New Books

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 4 Dec -

Special Meeting 30 Nov 74

Institution and one or more gentlemen approved - representatives of the Committee, on whose behalf Dr Oddy makes application

Carried

David Benjamin

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Monday 7 December 1874

Library Sub-Com
Report

The Report recommended the following books which were ordered to be passed into the library 13:

C. E. Inudee 130 vols £20-14-6 ^{shays}

On the motion of the Rev. J. M. Strongman seconded by Mr Blair the Library Sub-Committee's report was adopted.

Letter of Thanks
to
J. Walsh

Mr Beers moved and the Rev. J. M. Strongman seconded "That a letter be sent to Mr J. Walsh thanking him for his services during his recent visit to England Carried

"Supernatural
Religion"

The Secretary was authorized to order three copies of "Supernatural Religion" and one or more extra copies if found requisite.

Old Bound
Newspapers

On the motion of the Vice. President seconded by Mr Gardner it was resolved to accept Mr Evans' offer of 2/6 per vol for the remainder of bound newspapers ordered to be sold.

Finance Sub-Com
report

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 3 Decr. The report showed the receipts and payments for November to have been examined and found correct - leaving a balance against the Institution of £560-17-10

Receipts for month
Largest Hall 149-1-0
Journal Revenue 83-15
£ 132-16-0

The following was passed by
Secretary Salary November 25-0-0
Librarian do do 13-0-0
Assistant do do 4-6-8
Hall Keeper 5 weeks to 5 Dec. 11-5-0
for 1874 53-11-8

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Finance Sub-Com
report

Drought forms 53-11-8
Paye Interest 1/4 to 8/10/74 210- - -
Victoria Insurance 1-5-6
Australia Insurance 2-11-
National Insurance 2-11-
Mr Callard 10 copies of India's books 4-16-11
Petty Cash 5
£ 279-16-1

On the motion of Mr Jones seconded by Mr Thomas the Finance Sub-Committee's report was adopted

The House Sub-Committee presented their report dated 23 Nov - referring to matters as per margin

On the motion of Mr Meeks seconded by Mr Beers the House Sub-Committee's report, as a whole, was adopted.

House Sub-Com
report.
1. Skylight - R Room
2. Cabinets for sale
3. guttering in R Room
4. Window below
5. Office table & chairs
Fitted Bench

Additional Gaslight
in R Room.

Mr Clarke moved and Mr Meeks seconded "That the question as to the advisableness of an additional gas-light in the Reading Room and an alteration in the stand for files of copies to be left to the Chairman of the House Sub-Committee

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary presented his usual monthly statement as follows -

November 1874.
Old Members @ £2-1- £2-0-0
" " " £1-9- 9-0-0
" " " 10/- 31-15-10-0
New " " " £1-9- 9-0-0
" " " 10/- 22-11-0-0
" " " £1-2- 2-0-0
" " " 10/- 2-1-0-0
" " " 1-1-1-10-0
Total £ 51-0-0

Members payments first 11 months 1874. 1442
New Members do do 516
Total Revenue 11 months from all sources £ 2122-16-10

24/1/75

Wm Bayne