

Monday 4 January 1875 ..

- Present. The President (Benjamin G.) in the Chair
 " Vice President (Judge Cope)
 " Mr. Beer
 " Clarke
 " Judge
 " Jovers
 " Meeks
 " Thomas

An apology was received from Mr. Fisher & Jack

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of General Committee held on 7 December 1874 were read and approved.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr. Anderson re Ventilation of Reading Room - Received
2. Letter from Mr. Jm Pitts Secretary Philharmonic Socy. re increased accommodation for Society Referred to Secretary

Scots Hall. Rev. C. Clarke's Congregation

3. A letter having been received from Mr. Inglis Secretary to the Committee proposing to hire the hall for the Rev. C. Clarke's congregation it was moved by Mr. Clarke seconded by Mr. Meeks - "That the rental offered by Mr. Inglis on behalf of his Committee of £1200 per annum be accepted - hall to be let each Sunday (beginning in April 1875) from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm & from 6 to 9 pm - and a room to be let to Mr. Inglis' Committee when convenient at 5/- per meeting - The carrying out of this agreement to be left in the hands of the President -

Carried -

4 January 1875

Penation -

4 - Letter from W. Perraton requesting Committee to relieve him of his liability balance of cum due of Popular Concerts
 Moved by Mr. Meeks seconded by Mr. Beer that Mr. Perraton's eyes be allowed to stand over for three months.

Carried

Finance Sub-Committee Report

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 4. January 1875 - The Report showed the receipts and payments for December 1874 to have been examined and found correct leaving a balance against the Institution of £642-15-11

Receipts for the month.

hage Hall 56-15-0
 General Revenue 142-7-
 199-2/-

The following were passed.

Secretary Salary Decr 1/74	25-0-0
Hebraian do do	13-0-0
Assistant do do	4-6-8
Wallpaper 4 mths to 2 Jan/75	9-0-0
Carpenter's haulp to 19 Nov/75	7-0-0
Pompey of to 28 Sept/74	7-12-0
Holasmith " 23 Nov/74	8-7-8
Mellor's of Oct of	7-14-10
Collingwood do do	5-10-9
Ernsting & Co. newspapers to 31/12/74	10-3-9
Jordan & Gosh. do do	6-0-0
	103-15-8

On the motion of Mr. Clarke seconded by Mr. Judge the report was adopted -

4 January 1875

Annual Report

On the motion of the Rev J. M. Sturgeon
seconded by Mr Meeks - the President
Vice President and Secretary were appointed
a sub-committee to prepare the draft
annual report -

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement
as follows:

December 1875			
Old members @ £1	23	-	£ 23 - 0 - 0
" " " 10s	19		9 - 10 - 0
New " " £1	13		13 - 0 - 0
" " " 10s	18		9 - 0 - 0
Rejoined " 10s	2		1 - 0 - 0
Double Subscription 3s	2		3 - 0 - 0
			58 - 10 - 0

Members payments during 1874 1579
New " " " 547

Total Revenue from all sources £2320-18-8

J. W. Wipe
14 Feb. 1875

Special Meeting of Committee

25 January 1875

- Present. President (David Benjamin) in Chair
 Rev J. M. Sturgeon
 Mr Borwick
 " Biers
 " Blair
 " Horsfall
 " Jervis
 " Meeks
 " Templeton
 " Thomas

Annual Report

The Report of the General Committee of Management
for 1874 was submitted by the sub-committee
appointed to draft it and was read over
clause by clause - after certain alterations
the Report as amended was adopted
and ordered to be presented together with
the Treasurer's Statement at the Annual Meeting
of members on the 26th inst.

J. W. Wipe
1. Feb. 1875

Annual General Meeting of Members Tuesday 26th January 1875

The President (David Benjamin Esq.) in the
Chair

Advertisement.

The Advertisement calling the meeting was read. The said advertisement had appeared in two daily papers and a notice had been posted in the Reading Room in accordance with Rule 15.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Members held on 27 January and of the Special Meeting of Members held on 1st October - 1874 were read and confirmed.

Report

The Report of the General Committee of Management for 1874 with the Treasurer's statements duly audited, were read, and on the motion of the President seconded by Mr David Blair, were received and adopted.

Election of
Office-Bearers
1875

President. Mr Blair moved and Mr Barwick seconded "That Judge Cope be President of the Melbourne Athenaeum for the ensuing year.

Mr Edwards moved and Mr Eva seconded "That David Benjamin Esq be re-elected President of the Melbourne Athenaeum for the ensuing year.

Mr Benjamin declining to be put in nomination Mr Blair's motion was carried unanimously and His Honour Judge Cope was declared to be Elected President.

Annual Meeting 26 January 1875

Scrutineers.

The Rev J. M. Strongman and Mr Adairson were appointed scrutineers.

Vice-President. Mr Meeks moved and the Rev J. M. Strongman seconded "That Mr H. R. Fuge be Vice-President for the ensuing year"

Mr Wells moved and Mr C. V. Bromo seconded "That D. J. Fillbee be Vice-President"

On a ballot being taken D. J. Fillbee obtained 41 votes - On June 30

The Chairman therefore declared D. J. Fillbee Elected Vice-President

Treasurer. Mr Wright moved and Mr Auswick seconded "That D. Wilkie be re-elected Treasurer."
Carried

Curator. On the nomination of Mr Gibbs Mr H. C. Wigg was re-elected Curator

Auditors. On the nomination of Mr Biers Messrs John Hall and George Hush were re-elected Auditors

Committee - The following members of Committee retired in accordance with the rules - Messrs J. Pratten, W. Carke, W. J. Fillbee, Joseph Horsfall, H. Meeks, J. M. Leupleton, H. Thomas & Mr H. Biers, & officio -

The following nominations were made.

Mr Gibbs nominated - D. Cudbling	
" Edwards "	Mr R. H. Hemmigham
" Eva "	" John Edwards
" Bailliere "	" H. J. Hart
" Blair "	" H. Thomas
" Biers "	" J. M. Auswick

Annual Meeting 26th January 1875

Election of Office-Bearers contd.	Committee contd.	Mr McPhail nominated Mr F.F. Bailliere
	" Thomas	" " Meeks
	" Meeks	" " Biess
	" E.V. Brome	" " John Andrew
	" Rev. Mr Strongman	" " Lawrence
	" "	" " Jonas Mosfall
	" "	" " Joseph Mosfall

A Ballot was taken with the following result

Mr Biess 42 votes
 " Bailliere 42 "
 Mr Cumbling 41 "
 Mr Edwards 35 "
 " Hart 32 "
 " Henningham 29 "
 " Meeks 27 } tie
 " Thomas 27 }
 " Amsnick 24 votes
 " Andrew 20 "
 " Joseph Mosfall 18 "
 " Jonas " 17 "
 " Lawrence 16 "

The Chairman declared Messrs Biess, Bailliere, Cumbling, Edwards, Hart & Henningham duly elected. A tie having arisen between Messrs Meeks and Thomas the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Mr Meeks

Note of Thanks
 retiring President

Mr David Blair moved and the Rev. Mr Strongman seconded a vote of thanks to the retiring President David Benjamin. The vote was carried by acclamation.

Note of Thanks
 honorary & paid
 officers

Mr David Benjamin moved and Mr Blair seconded a vote of thanks to the honorary and paid officers of the Institution -

Jane Welch
 Secretary
 27/75

Wife
 Chairman
 25th Jan 1876

Monday 1st February 1875

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present The President (Judge Cope), in the Chair
 Rev. Mr Strongman
 Mr Cumbling
 Mr Bailliere
 " Benjamin
 " Biess
 " Blair
 " Edwards
 " Gardner
 " Hart
 " Henningham
 " Levers
 " Jack

Minutes

The Minutes of the regular monthly meeting of Committee held on 14th January 1875 were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of Committee held on 25th January 1875 were also read and confirmed.

The Draft of Minutes of Annual General Meeting of members held on 26th January 1875 was read and approved of.

Correspondence

1. Ladies' Literature Class

1. Letter from Mrs Willicus requesting permission to form a Ladies' Literature Class in connection with the Institution - (referred to the Gen. Lib. Committee with power to make arrangements with Mrs Willicus should they deem the Establishment of the said class desirable.

1st February 1875

Correspondence
2. Chemistry Class

2. Letter from D Williams requesting permission to establish a Chemistry Class in connection with the Institution. Referred to the Library Sub-Committee with power to make arrangements with D Williams should they deem it advisable to establish a Chemistry Class on terms proposed in his letter

3. Building

3. Memorandum from Messrs Evans Campbell & Co. requesting the building of the Institution for the year.

Mr Biers moved and Mr Bailliere seconded "That tenders be called for the building required by this Institution during the year 1875" Carried.

Appointment of Sub-Committees

Mr Benjamin moved and the Rev J.M. Strongman seconded that the following be the Sub-Committees for the ensuing year viz:

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|----------------------|---------------------|
| Finance. | Library |
| The President | The President |
| D Wilkie (Treasurer) | " Vice President |
| Mr Edwards | Mr. Bailliere |
| " Fuge | " Biers |
| " Hart | " Blair |
| " Levers | D Cumbering |
| " Jack. | Rev. J.M. Strongman |

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| House | Emergency |
| The President | The President |
| Mr Barwick | Mr Bailliere |
| " Biers | " Benjamin |
| " Gardner | " Biers |
| " Hemmigham | " Fuge |
| " Meeks | |

The motion was carried.

1st February 1875

Tenders printing Annual Report

The following tenders for printing Annual Report were received

	1000 copies	1500 copies
Ferguson + Moore	9-0-0	12-10-0
Walker Hay & Co	10-10-0	12-10-0
Spillwell + Knight	8-10-0	11-15-0
Mason Sixth & Co	10-9-6	13-4-0
McCarron Bird & Co	9-10-0	10-12-6

On the motion of Mr Benjamin seconded by Mr Jack the tender of Messrs McCarron Bird & Co 1500 copies for £10-12-6 was accepted

Notices of Motion

1. Decoration of Hall &c
2. Iron safe
3. Increased accommodation
4. Revision of Rules

Mr Biers gave notice that at the next regular meeting of Committee he would move as follows viz: "That it be an instruction to the House Sub-Committee to consider the desirableness of colouring and otherwise decorating the large Hall and approaches; to report to the next General Meeting of the Committee their recommendations as to the extent and manner of such decorations and the probable expense thereof."

Mr Benjamin gave notice that at the next regular meeting of Committee he would move as follows viz: "That an iron safe be purchased at a cost not exceeding £25, for the use of the Institution"

Mr Bailliere gave notice that at the next regular meeting of Committee he would move as follows viz: "That a Sub-Committee, consisting of the President, Messrs Benjamin, Hart, Biers and the mover, be appointed to take into consideration and report on the best means of increasing the accommodation at present provided for members"

Mr Hemmigham gave notice that at the next regular meeting of Committee he would move as follows viz: "That a Committee be appointed to revise and re-construct the rules as at present printed"

W. Cape
1st March 1875

Special Meeting of Committee

Monday 8th February 1875

Present. Mr Biers in the Chair
 Rev. Mr Strongman
 Mr Bailliere
 " Hart
 " Keuninghaw
 " Jevess
 " Jack

An apology was read from Mr Benjamin absent on account of sickness

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 5th February 1875 - The report showed the Receipts and Expenditure for January to have been examined and found correct - leaving a balance against the Institution of £516-13-2

Receipts for the Month

Large Hall 51-16-0
 General Revenue 178-3-5
 £ 229-19-5

The following accounts, recommended for payment, were passed -

Secretary Salary for January	25-0-0
Librarian do do	13-0-0
Assistant do do	4-6-8
Hallkeeper wages 5 weeks 6 Feb/75	11-5-0
Collingwood Gas Co 7 th Nov/74	7-14-10
Melbourn do do	5-15-3
Carrollen Newspapers to 31/12/74	2-12-0
McLarron Bnd Co printing to 26/1/75	6-3-0
Journal of Commerce to 31 Dec/74	3-0-0
Water Rate to 31 Dec/74	8-0-0
Spillwell & Knight printing to 12/1/74	6-12-0
Jegussa & Mitchell to 24/12/74	5-9-6
Carried forward	98-18-3

Finance Sub-Coms
 Report -
 1. Appointment of
 Mr Jack as
 Chairman
 2. Accounts &c

Special Mtg. 8 February 1875

Finance Sub-Coms
 Report and
 accounts cont

Brought forward £ 98-18-3
 E. Whitehead & Co Stationery to 10/1/74 4-3-6
 Armstrong & Co adms to 24 Nov/74 6-15-0
 Tom Kite July to Dec/74 14-15-0
 Pomeby - binding to 24/12/74 6-18-3
 S. Muller periodicals to 31/12/74 16-3-3
 Sundry accounts.
 a Receipts to 16 Oct/74 £ 1-7-6
 Carson & Mackinnon Receipts/75 3-15-0
 McPatrick & Co. Printing to 3/74 1-1-0
 McSkully & Co adms to 1/1/74 1-0-0
 Mackenzie & Co. Printing to 31 Aug/74 1-0-0
 Sands & Douglas Directors/75 1-0-0
 Evans Bro. Stationery to 23/11/74 1-18-6 11-2-0
 Petty Cash 10-0-0
 J. W. Wade balance to 31/12/74 3-2-6
 £ 171-17-9

On the motion of the Rev. Mr Strongman seconded by Mr Bailliere the Finance Sub-Committee's report was adopted

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows:-

January 1875

Members' payments during month

Old members @ £1 - 7/2	=	£ 72-0-0
" " " 10/- - 6/11	=	35-10-0
" " " 10/- - 6/11	=	15-0-0
" " " 24/- - 1/16	=	2-0-0
New " " @ £1 - 10/- - 2/4	=	16-0-0
" " " 30/- - 3	=	12-0-0
Rejoined " " £1 - 4	=	4-10-0
" " " 10/- - 4	=	2-0-0
	=	£ 146-15/-

Members' payments - numbered. 192
 New members " 43
 Revenue for month from all sources £ 229-19-5

J. Hope
 1st March 1875

Monday 1st March 1875

The General Committee of Management met this Evening.

- Present
- The President Judge Cope (in the Chair)
 - " Vice President
 - Rev. J. M. Strongman
 - Mr. Bailliere
 - " Warwick
 - " Biers
 - " Benjamin
 - " Edwards
 - " Fuge
 - " Jardiner
 - " Kenningham
 - " Lovers
 - " Jack
 - " Meeks

Minutes The Minutes of the meeting of General Committee held on 1st February 1875 were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the Special meeting of General Committee held on 8th February 1875 were also read and confirmed

- Correspondence
- 1- letter from Mr King piano-tuner requesting payment for piano-tuning in error - Ordered to be paid
 - 2- letter from Mr Peahy requesting certain repairs to office rented by him - Referred to House Sub-Committee.

Library Sub-Committee Report

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 25 February 1875.

On the motion of Mr Biers seconded by the Rev. J. M. Strongman the report was adopted -

1. Chairman
 2. Ladies' Literature Class
 3. Chemistry Class
- Recommendations
- 1- New Books
 - 2- Prizes for Lectures

1st March 1875

Books as follows were passed into the library

A. J. Smith 1 vol	-	3-6
W. Robertson 2	-	15-0
Geo Robertson 42 vols	15-1-2	
W. Robertson 6	1-5-8	
		£ 16-6-10

Finance Sub-Committee

1. Receipts & Expend
2. all accounts to be audited by Chairman & members

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 25 February -

The Report showed that the Receipts and Expenditure for February 1875 had been examined and found correct - leaving a balance against the Institution of £ 524-6-11

Receipts for the month

Large Hall	23-15-0
General Revenue	109-6-6
	£ 133-1-6

The following accounts were passed

Secretary Salary February	25-0-0
Librarian	13-0-0
Assistant	4-6-8
Hallkeeper 3 wks to 27 Feb 2/5	6-15-0
Melbourne Gas Co. of Dec/74	6-5-1
Collingwood	7-0-6
W. Dawson & Sons Newspapers 3/12/74	35-6-11
Geo Robertson Books to 3/12/74	29-1-6
Evans Campbell & Co binding to 13/1/75	24-5-10
Edwhitchard & Co Periodicals to 3/1/75	48-4-7
Petty Cash	5-0-0
	£ 204-6-1

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

1st March 1875

Decorative Large Hall

Pursuant to notice Mr Beers moved "That it be an instruction to the House Sub-Committee to consider the desirableness of colouring and otherwise decorating the large hall and approaches; to report to the next General Meeting of the Committee their recommendations as to the extent and manner of such decorations and the probable expense thereof." Mr Gardner 2nd Carried.

Iron Safe

Pursuant to notice Mr Benjamin moved "That an iron safe be purchased at a cost not exceeding £25, for the use of the institution." Mr Hemmingsham seconded. The motion was lost.

Increased Accommodation

Pursuant to notice Mr Baillie moved "That a Sub-Committee, consisting of the President Messrs Benjamin, Hart, Beers and the mover, be appointed to take into consideration and report on the best means of increasing the accommodation at present provided for members." Mr Hemmingsham seconded the motion which was carried.

Revision of Rules

Pursuant to notice Mr Hemmingsham moved "That a Committee be appointed to revise and re-construct the Rules as at present printed." Mr Baillie seconded the motion which was put and lost.

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly Statement as follows.

February 1875

Members payments during month			
Old members @ £1	37	=	£ 37-0-0
" " " 15/.	1	=	- 15-
			forward 37-15-0

1st March 1875

Secretary's Statement contd.

Brought forward				37-15-0
Old members @ 10/.	40	=	20-0-0	
" " " 10/.	1	=	10-0	
" " " 5/.	1	=	5-0	
New " " £1	9	=	9-0-0	
" " " 10/.	23	=	11-10-0	
Rejoined " " £1	1	=	1-0-0	
Double Sub. " £1/10/.	1	=	1-10-0	
				£ 81-10-0

Members' payments first 2 months of 1875 306

New Members do 75

Total Revenue first 2 months from all sources £363-0-11

David Benjamin
Chairman

3/4/75

Monday 5th April 1875

The General Committee of Management met this Evening

Present. Mr David Benjamin (in the Chair)

- D. Culling
- Rev. J. M. Strongman
- Mr Barwick
- " Biers
- " Blair
- " Edwards
- " Fuge
- " Hart
- " Jevess
- " Jack
- " Meeks

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 1875 were read and approved.

1. letter from Mr Howe requesting use of large Hall for his Dancing Class.
 Referred to Emergency Committee to arrange terms re with Mr Howe

2. letter from J. A. Clarke offering certain snags for sale. The Committee declined to purchase

3. letter from S. P. Hill requesting permission to establish a class for instruction in "Brain-printing" re -
 Referred to library Sub-Committee with power to act.

Tenders for binding required during the ensuing year were received from Messrs Geo Robertson - Alfred Smith, Cooté, Pomcelly & Erasus Campbell &c. as per following statement

Minutes

Correspondence

Tenders for Binding

5th April 1875

Italy Morocco - cloth sides -

Binding	12 ^{mo}	Com Bro	Devy 8 ^{mo}	Appt Ringe 8 ^{mo}	Appt Ringe 4 ^{to}	Top	Solo	Sett Hair 2 ^{to}	Punch
Geo Robertson	7/10	2/3	2/11	4/3	6/4		8/1		
Alfred Smith	2/2	2/3	3/6	6/1	7/1		9/6		
Cooté	2/3	2/3	2/6	4/	6/1	6/6		7/6	3/3
Pomcelly	1/6	2/	2/6	3/	6/1	6/1	7/6		2/3
Erasus Campbell &c	1/5	1/11	2/6	3/3	5/10		8/6		

Newspapers. Cooté & Pomcelly 8/6

Mr Biers moved and the Rev J. M. Strongman seconded that the tender of Messrs Erasus Campbell &c be accepted for the binding required by this Institution for the current year.

Carried

Finance Sub-Committee's report

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 2nd April 1875

The Report showed the receipts and expenditure for March to have been examined and found correct - Balance against the Institution £541-9-6

Receipts for the month

Large Hall £40-2-0
 General Revenue 209-16-6
 £249-18-6

The following accounts recommended for payment were passed - viz:

Secretary - Salary for March	25-0-0
Librarian do do	13-0-0
Assistant do do	4-6-8
Hallkeeper 5 weeks to 3 Cope	11-5-0
Melbourn Soc Co 9 Jan/75	5-6-2
Clowd do do	4-19-3
Armstrong &c add to Feb 22/75 3/4/75	
Newspaper Soc to Mr Appt 10/3/75	13-18-3
S. Bennett Lydi Copple postage 22 nd 27 th 31 st 1875	2-8-5
Mr Carron Bond 10 p/s re to 25/3/75	24-14-6
Petty Cash	5-0-0
	£109-18-3

5 April 1875

Secretary's Statement
- March 1875

Members payments during month

Old Members @	£1-10-0	1 =	£1-10-0
" " "	1-5-0	1 =	1-5-0
" " "	1-0-0	46 =	46-0-0
" " "	10-0	66 =	33-0-0
New " "	1-0-0	12 =	12-0-0
" " "	10-0	30 =	15-0-0
Rejoined " "	1-0-0	1 =	1-0-0
" " "	10-0	3 =	1-10-0
			£141-5/-

Members' payments first 3 months 1875 496
 New Members do do 117

Total Revenue first 3 months from all sources £612-19-5

The Secretary also read a Statement comparing the two quarters Jan to March 1874 & 1875 and showing the following results in favour of 1875

Increase of Revenue 1 st quarter 1875	£55-14-0
Decrease of Expenditure do	£57-12-0
Reduction of Overdraft by	£173-7-8

Christie Bayne
 Chairman

3/5/75

Comparative
Quarterly Statement

5 April 1875

The report, as a whole, was adopted -

Fijiina Lib. Com. report

Library Sub-Committee Report

1. New Books.
2. New Newspapers
3. General M.S. Catalogue

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 1st April 1875

Clauses 1 & 2 were adopted -
 Clause 3 - (General M.S. Catalogue to be re-written) was referred back to the Library Sub-Committee for further report thereon and as regards re-arrangement of library -

Books as follows were passed into the library

A. J. Smith	1 vol.	3-6
W. Robertson	2 "	15-0
G. Robertson	3 1/2, 1 1/2, 2 1/2	10-14-6
S. Mueller	19 "	5-18-5
57 vols		£17-14-5

To be ordered.
 Weekly Alta California - Good Dublin Weekly
 Fiji Times (postage only) - Revue de deux Mondes

House Sub-Committee Report

1. Mr. Biers, Chairman
2. Minor Repairs
3. House to be cleaned & decorated
4. Further Jan-light to be kept

The House Sub-Committee presented their report dated 2 April 1875.

The Report was received
 Mr. Biers moved and Mr. Barwick seconded "that the House Sub-Committee's report be adopted"
 Mr. Hart moved and Mr. Edwards seconded as an amendment "that the recommendatory clauses 1 and 2 of the House Sub-Committee's report be received only, and that the matter be taken into further consideration at the next meeting of the Committee"

Amendment carried - 1 to 3

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows -

3 May 1875

Debating Club.

A requisition was received signed by Mr S. Pulver and 28 other members of the Institution calling the attention of the Committee to the desirability of establishing a Debating Club in connection with the Institution.

It was resolved that the Secretary be instructed to reply to Mr Pulver - that the Committee are willing to allow the formation of a Debating Club in connection with the Institution provided the rules be such as they approve of, and the number of members joining be sufficient to justify the establishment of the Club - and that the Secretary be further instructed to place the Small Hall at the disposal of the requisitionists for a preliminary meeting on some convenient evening.

The House Sub-Committee re-submitted their report dated 2 April 1875

Mr Biers moved and Mr Barwick seconded "that the two clauses now re-submitted be adopted"

Mr Bailliere moved and D. Culling seconded as an amendment "that the two clauses of the House Sub-Committee's report dated 2 April having reference to the decoration and further lighting of the large Hall be postponed until after the report of the Improvement Sub-Committee shall have been brought up. Amendment carried"

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 29 April 1875

New Books as follows were recommended

Sutton's	1 vol.	1	4	0
Sp. Robertson	5 "	7	8	3
S. Mullen 3 2/11	37 4/11	30	9	2
Geo. Roberts	17 29/11	76	18	3

House Sub-Committee report. Recommendation clauses postponed for last meeting by Mr Bailliere for light

Library Sub-Committee report. 1. Key to Catalogue. 2. Phil. Memory Class. 1. Res. Acad. Class. 2. New Books.

Monday 3rd May 1875

The General Committee of Management met this evening.

- Present Mr David Benjamin (in the Chair)
- The Vice President (D. F. Jellie)
- D. Culling
- Mr Bailliere
- " Barwick
- " Biers
- " Blair
- " Edwards
- " Fuge
- " Gardiner
- " Hemmingshaw
- " Jack

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 1875 were read and confirmed

Minutes

Correspondence

Christchurch Committee

Metropolitan Hiedertafel

1. Letter from Mr Inglis Secretary to the Christchurch Committee asking permission to commence Sunday services on second or third Sunday in May instead of during April as per agreement.

On the motion of Mr Fuge seconded by Mr Jack the Secretary was instructed to inform Mr Inglis in reply that the Committee of the Museum cannot depart from the terms of the agreement made between themselves and the Christchurch Committee.

2. Letter from Mr C. Miller Secretary Metropolitan Hiedertafel requesting charge for extra rehearsals in Small Hall to be pro rata with the agreement for 44 nights during the year.

Moved by Mr Biers seconded by Mr Jack "that Mr Miller's request be complied with & that the charge for extra rehearsals of Metropolitan Hiedertafel in the Small Hall be 1/8 per night so long as the Society remain tenants of the Institution under the existing terms, and on the distinct understanding that the Hall will only be available when not required for any other purpose."

3 May 1875

Dancing Class

a letter was read from Mr Thomas offering to guarantee £1-1-0 each time the Dancing Class should meet - profit of the class, if any, to go to the funds of the Institution.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Thomas and inform him that the Committee of this Institution cannot consent to place the large hall at the disposal of a Dancing Class for less than the terms set forth in the schedule.

The Emergency Sub-Committee presented a report dated 1st May - stating that in compliance with instructions received from the General Committee they (the Emergency Sub-Committee) had made an arrangement with Mr Howe letting him a portion of the large hall - 74 feet by 80 feet - for three hours per week at the rate of 2/4 per week for six months - Mr Howe to postpone his class or accept other accommodation when required to do so. On the motion of Mr Barwick seconded by Mr Biers the report was adopted and the action of the Emergency Sub-Committee approved of.

On the motion of Mr Henningham seconded by the Vice-President - it was resolved to add Mr Blais' name to the Sub-Committee appointed to take into consideration the best means of improving the accommodation at present provided for members.

The Secretary submitted his usual monthly statement as follows.

See over

Emergency Sub-Com
re Howe
to inf. the Com
2/4 per week.

Improvement
Sub-Committee

Secretary's
Statement

3 May 1875

Library Sub-Com
report

On the motion of Mr Blair seconded by Mr Henningham the library sub-committee report as a whole was adopted.

Finance Sub-Com
Report

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 30 April 1875

- 1. Receipts & Expend
- 2. Subscriptions coming in well.

The Report showed the Receipts & Expenditure for April 1875 to have been examined and found correct. Balance against the Institution £442-17-9

Receipts for the Month

Large Hall	43-17-0
General Revenue	164-13-0
£	208-10/-

The following accounts were passed. viz.

Secretary Salary for April	25-0-0
Librarian do	13-0-0
Assistant do	4-6-8
Hall-keeper 4 wks to 1/5/75	9-0-0
Melbourne food to Feb 4/75	4-0-2
Crowd do " "	5-7-1
Draper & Saw Closets to 30/4/75	2-10-0
do repairs 5-	2-15-0
S. Howie Sundries to Feb 4/75	1-13-1
Holdsworth to 26/2/75	10-9-1
Petty Cash	5-0-0
£	80-11-1

Mr Thomas' exp (printing for Dancing Class to Apr 2/74) referred to General Committee - was referred back to the Finance Sub-Committee -

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

Monday 7th June 1875

The General Committee of Management met this evening

- Present - Mr D. Benjamin (in the Chair)
 The Vice President
 Messrs Morgan
 W. Culling
 Mr Bailliere
 " Barwick
 " Biers
 " Blair
 " Juge
 " Hart
 " Hemmingshaw
 " Levers
 " Jack

Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 1875 were read and confirmed

Correspondence.
 1. letter from Mr Blackett Secretary to the Pharmaceutical Society of Victoria requesting permission to remove the bookcase and books of the Society from the library of the Institution to the room in which the Society usually meets

On the motion of the Vice-President seconded by Mr Biers it was decided to comply with the request conveyed in Mr Blackett's letter on the definite understanding that the members of the Pharmaceutical Society could not be allowed ingress to the said room whenever it might be required for the meetings of other Societies, classes &c.

Pharmaceutical Society

Italian Class

2. letter from Signor Granata requesting leave to establish an Italian Class in connection with the Institution

3rd May 1875

Secretary's Statement

April 1875

Members payments during month

Old Members @ £2.	- 1	=	£2-0-0
" " " £1/10f.	1	=	1-10-
" " " £1	50	=	50-0-0
" " " 10f.	47	=	23-10-
New " " £1/10f.	2	=	3-0-0
" " " £1	15	=	15-0-0
" " " 10f.	46	=	23-0-0
Rejoined " " "	3	=	1-10-
			£119-10f-

Members' payments first 4 months 1875 661

New Members do 180

Total Revenue first 4 months from all sources £821-9-5.

D. Benjamin
Chairman

7/6/75

7th June 1875

Christchurch
continued.

to take the haystack reads for 52 Sundays dating from commencement of services about April 1875 -
The members of Committee signing the Agreement believed it to be a copy of the one passed by the Committee; under these circumstances the Committee consider they are only called upon to pay rent from the 16th May 1875 -

I am Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
(copy) Thomas A. J. Inglis
Secy
Mr Clark's Committee

The Secretary reported that by the instructions of the President the following reply had been sent to Mr Inglis -

copy
Melbourn Alderson
Melbourn 1st June 1875

J. A. J. Inglis Esq
Secretary
Christ Church Committee
(Alderson)

Dear Sir
I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 25th inst and am instructed to inform you in reply, that while the existing agreement remains in force the Committee of this Institution have no power to alter its terms - You will therefore be charged rent from Sunday 25 April 1875 as per enclosed account

I am Dear Sir
Yours faithfully
(copy) James Malch
Secretary

7 June 1875

Correspondence
Italian Class
continued.

The Secretary having reported that Signor Biuda had left the colony - It was resolved to allow Signor Granata to inaugurate an Italian Class subject to the usual terms

3. letter from Mr Thomas on behalf of proposed Dancing Class (in reply to letter offering Hall for 13 nights for £40) - Mr Thomas offered to guarantee £2-2s per night and hand profits of Class, if any, to the Institution -

Dancing Class

Mr Jack moved and Mr Hart seconded "That the Secretary be instructed to inform Mr Thomas that the General Committee decide to adhere to the terms named by the Emergency Committee (£40 as above) -

Mr Biers moved and Mr Barwick seconded as an amendment "That the promoters of the Dancing Class be offered the use of the haystack reads from 8 to 10 pm. for 13 nights at the rate of 2/12/6 per night - on the clear understanding that any meeting of the Class would be postponed should the Hall be required for any more lucrative letting -

The Amendment was lost
The Original motion was carried

4. letter from Mr J. A. J. Inglis Secretary Christ Church Committee as follows -

copy
No. 2 Collins Street
Melbourn 25 May 1875

James Malch Esq
Secy
Melbourn Alderson

Christchurch

Dear Sir
I find on reference that the draft agreement stating the terms on which Mr Clark's Committee agreed

7 June 1875

The following books were passed into the library

W Robertson	1 vol	-	7-6
S. Miller	9 "	2-	1-9
P & Reynolds	20 "	5-	5-0
J. Robertson	19 "	3-	10-6
49 vols		£11-	4-9

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their usual monthly report - under date 4 June 1875 - The report shows the receipts and expenditure for May 1875 to have been examined and found correct leaving a balance of £305-18-4 against the Institution.

Receipts for the month

Large Hall	87-9-0
General Revenue	100-1-6
£ 217-10-6	

The following Accounts were passed for payment viz:

Secretary Salary for May	25-0-0
Librarian do do	13-0-0
Assistant do do	4-6-8
Hallkeeper wages 5 weeks to 5/6/75	11-5-0
Melbourn Jan 17 - March	5-5-5
Cl'room do do	4-6-5
Water Rate to 30 June 75	8-0-0
Victoria Ince 17 Prem due 30 June	3-16-6
J.B. Payne Debt due 8 June 75	210-0-0
Petty Cash	10-0-0
Balance due Dundee Co	21-4-1
H. Thomas Printer of Dundee 17/4	8-5-0

£ 324-9-1

Finance Sub-Committee Report

7 June 1875

Christchurch

Moved by Mr Fuge seconded by Mr Jack that the action of the President in the matter of reply to Mr Inglis' letter be comprised. Carried

Debating Club

5. Letter from Mr Pulver with posita. of rules for proposed Debating Club. Received.

6. Memoranda from Mr Hughes dated respectively 14th and 29th May - the first making a claim of £160-11-0 against the Institution in account of alleged breach of contract on Saturday 15 May - the second informing the Committee that "further correspondence must come through Mr Stewart (Malleson England & Stewart)"

Professor Hughes

The Vice-President moved and the Rev. J. M. Stringman seconded that Mr Hughes be referred to Messrs Malleson & Stewart Solicitors to the Institution -

Mr Hart moved and Mr Cunningham seconded as an amendment "That this Committee do now pass on to the next business." Amendment carried.

Library Sub-Committee report

- 1. New Books
- 2. Surplus books
- 3. Return of all books returned 2 years

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 3 June 1875

A protest (having reference to the proceedings of the meeting of Library Sub-Committee in which the said report was presented) was received from Mr Bailliere but by permission of the Committee was subsequently withdrawn.

The report was received. Clauses 1 & 2 were adopted. Clause 3 was referred back to the Library Sub-Committee on the motion of Mr Hart seconded by the Rev. Mr Stringman.

7 June 1875.

Collector.

Mr Hart moved and Mr Fuge seconded "That the following clause be added to the Finance Sub-Committee's special report just read is -

"That a collector be appointed whose duty it shall be to act under the instructions of the Secretary in canvassing for new members and collecting such subscriptions as remain in arrear after two or more notices have been sent to the members in whose names the said subscriptions stand - and that the said collector be appointed on probation for say - three months, and be remunerated for his services by a small weekly salary, a commission of 10% on the subscriptions of new members whom he may personally induce to join and a further commission of 2 1/2% on all arrears of subscriptions collected by him."

The motion was lost.

The Finance Sub-Committee's Special Report, as a whole, was adopted on the motion of Mr Jack seconded by Mr Jervis.

The Sub-Committee appointed to take into consideration the best mode of giving increased accommodation to the members of the Institution brought up a report dated May 1875 suggesting to the General Committee the desirableness of erecting new buildings.

Mr Bailliere moved and Mr Hart seconded that the Improvement Sub-Committee's report dated May 1875 be received and adopted.

The Vice-President moved as an amendment and Mr Blair seconded "That the Improvement Sub-Committee's report dated May 1875 be taken into consideration subsequent to the payment of the first £1000 off the sum due to Mr Payne on mortgage -

The amendment was carried.

Improvement Sub-Committee's Report

New Buildings

Above Report not to be taken into consideration until after first £1000 paid off mortgage

7 June 1875

Finance Sub-Committee's Report

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

Finance Sub-Committee's Special Report

The Finance Sub-Committee further presented a special report dated 27 May

On the motion of Mr Hart seconded by Mr Jack the report was received

Clause 1 - No further expenditure on painting or decorating any portion of the Institution until extinction of liabilities (Exclusion of £7000 loan on mortgage) - and the formation of a sinking fund to wipe off debt to Mr Payne, was adopted on the motion of Mr Jack seconded by Mr Jervis -

No further Expenditure painting or decorating until overdraft cleared off

Clause 2 - Subscription to Institution to be raised to 21/- yearly 12/- half-yearly & 5/- (to admit to Reading Room only) quarterly

Subscription to be raised

Mr Jack moved and Mr Fuge seconded the adoption of Clause 2

The Rev. Mr Strongman moved and Mr Barwick seconded as an amendment "That the annual subscription remain 20/- as heretofore"

The amendment was lost

The original motion was carried

Clause 3 - Five painted advertising boards at Stations cost of boards not to exceed £10 & small space 1/4 of 1/2 p.a.

Advertising boards at Stations

On the motion of Mr Jack seconded by Mr Jervis Clause 3 was adopted

Clause 4 - Request to members of other Committees not to exceed Estimated Expenditure due to be 175 -

Request to Members of other Committees not to exceed Estimated Expenditure

On the motion of Mr Jack seconded by Mr Fuge Clause 4 was adopted

Monday 5 July 1875

The General Committee of Management met this evening Present. The President (in the Chair)

- " Vice-President
- Mr Bailliere
- " Barwick
- " Benjamin
- " Biers
- " Blair
- " Edwards
- " Eubling
- " Fuge
- " Hart
- " Hennigham
- " Jervis
- " Jack
- " Meeks
- " Strongman

Minutes.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th June were read and approved.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr Thomas offering £2-12-6 per night for the use of the large Hall for dancing class. Consideration deferred until a later hour of the evening -

Mr Thomas' dancing class.

Sullivan's fire-preventive Respirator

2. Letter from Mr Sullivan offering one of his patent fire-preventive Respirators for the sum of two pounds - Received.

Hughes' claim

3. Letter from Messrs Mallett, England & Stewart asking the Committee to submit a proposal for cash payment as compensation to Professor Hughes re his alleged claim against the Institution.

7 June 1875

Mr Hart moved and Mr Bailliere seconded as a further amendment "That the question of further improvements to the building re be taken into consideration this day three months. Amendment lost

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows -

May 1875

Members payments during month				
old members @	£2-0-0	1	=	£2-0-0
" " "	1-10-	1	=	1-10-
" " "	1-0-0	42	=	42-0-0
" " "	10/-	26	=	13-0-0
new " "	1-0-0	13	=	13-0-0
" " "	10/-	32	=	16-0-0
Rejoined " "	1-0-0	3	=	3-0-0
" " "	10/-	1	=	10-
				£91-0-0

Members payments first 5 months 1875 780
New Members " " 225
Total Revenue first 5 months all sources £1038-19-11

Notice of Motion.
Large Hall as Reading Room -

Mr Bailliere gave notice that at the next regular meeting of the General Committee he would move as follows "That in view of the present great want of Reading room accommodation so justly complained of by the subscribers to this Institution and taking into consideration the determination of the Committee not to expend any money in building purposes until such time as the first thousand pounds is paid off the existing mortgage - the large Hall be fitted with the necessary shelving, tables, chairs &c and used as a library and reading room and that to enable this motion to be carried at the Secretary be instructed not to let the Hall for any purpose after the date of its present most distant engagement -

V. Cape
5th July 1875