

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

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Mr Jack moved and Mr Edwards seconded that the Finance sub-committee's report just read be adopted. Carried.

Accounts - The following accounts were passed.

Secretary Salary for June	25-0-0
Librarian " " "	13-0-0
Assistant " " "	4-6-8
Treasurer 4 mths to 3/7/75	9-0-0
Mellrose Jas G. April a/c	6-9-8
Collingwood " " "	5-14-0
Geo Robertson Books to 27 March 75	24-2-2
S. Muller " " 4 June "	15-4-2
W Robertson " " 28 May "	3-11-6
John Pomeoy Binding to 23 March 75	6-3-3
Evans Campbell & Co " " 16 June 75	29-9-4
Jordan & Satch newspapers to 30 June 75	6-4-0
Comstock H ^o " " 25/3/75	10-18-3
P. E. Reynolds books to 3/6/75	5-5-0
J. S. Riddell repairs to 28/5/75	2-9-6
Brisbane newspaper Co. Conv ^o to 30/6/75	3-7-6
McKenley & Co Punch to 30/6/75	4-16-0
Sundry a/c. Const ^o 1/2 July 1875	2-10-6
Reby Cash	5-0-0
	£182-14-6

The Balance Sheet for half year ending 30 June 1875 was laid upon the table - It showed the receipts for half year to have been £1316-2-9 Expenditure £1026-10-5 Balance due to Bank £353-4-7

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows.

see over

Half-yearly Balance Sheet.

Secretary's Statement.

5th July 1875

Hughes' claim continued.

Mr Hart moved and Mr Cumbling seconded that Messrs Malleon England & Stewart be referred to Messrs Wise would & Gibbs Solicitors to the Institution.

Mr Jack moved and Mr Jervis seconded as an amendment that a sub-committee consisting of Messrs Biers, Benjamin and Juge - be appointed with full power to act in the matter of Mr Hughes' claim after consultation with Messrs Wise would & Gibbs.

The Amendment was carried on the following division is:

- For: Messrs Barwick, Benjamin, Biers, Blair, Juge, Jervis, Jack, Meeks and Strongman
- Against: Messrs Bailliere, Edwards, Cumbling, Hart and Kenningham

The library sub-committee presented their report dated 30 June - The report was read and on the motion of Mr Biers seconded by the Rev. Mr Strongman, was adopted.

New Books as follow were passed into the library

Geo Robertson	37 vols.	£9-19-0
S. Muller	3 "	18-6
	40 "	£10-17-6

The Finance sub-committee presented their report dated 12 July - The report was read - It showed that the receipts and expenditure for June 1875 had been examined and found correct - Balance against the Institution £353-4-7

Receipts for the month

Large Hall	122-19-0
General Revenue	154-3-10
	£ 277-2-10

Library sub-committee's Report

- 1. Return of all books not issued 2 years -
- Recommend -
- 1. One of newspaper stands to be removed to R. Room
- 2. New Books

Finance sub-committee's Report

- 1. Receipts & Expenditure
- 2. Proposals for supply of Stationery
- 3. Accounts for July

5th July 1875

Admission of Press - contd.

Mr Meeks moved and the Vice-President seconded as an amendment "That this meeting proceed with the next business of the evening"

The Amendment was carried on the following division :-
For: The Vice-President, Messrs Barwick Benjamin, Biers, Fuge, Jervis, Jack and Meeks
Against: - Messrs Bailliere, Edwards, Cubling Hart and Hemmingsham

Precis of proceedings for Press

Mr Cubling moved and Mr Edwards seconded "That the Secretary be instructed to furnish to the three Melbourne morning daily papers a precis of the business transacted at each of the regular monthly meetings of this Committee"

The motion was lost on the following division viz:
For: - Messrs Bailliere, Edwards, Cubling, Hart and Hemmingsham
Against: - The Vice-President, Messrs Barwick, Benjamin, Biers, Fuge, Jervis, Jack and Meeks -

J. Cape

2. Aug. 1875

5th July 1875

Secretary's Statement contd.

Secretary's Statement
June 1875

Members payments during month.				
Old members @ £1-10-	1	£1-10-0		
" " " £1	42	42-0-0		
" " " 10/-	32	16-0-0		
New " " £1	20	20-0-0		
" " " 10/-	44	22-0-0		
Rejoined " " 10/-	2	1-0-0		
		£102-10-0		

Members payments first 6 months /75 921
New Members " " " " 290

Total Revenue first 6 months all sources £1316-2-9

By permission of the meeting Mr Bailliere withdrew the motion standing in his name.

Mr Baillieres notice of motion

Mr Jervis' notice of motion re Dancing Class

Mr Jervis moved, pursuant to notice and Mr Bailliere seconded "That the motion fixing £140 for 13 nights as the charge for Dancing Class be rescinded and that the matter be taken into further consideration.

Carried

Mr Biers moved and Mr Jervis seconded "That Mr Thomas' offer of £2-12-6 per night for the use of the large hall for Dancing Class, be accepted, on the distinct understanding that any meeting of the said class would be postponed should the hall be required for any more lucrative letting."

Carried

Mr Hemmingsham moved and Mr Bailliere seconded "That the representatives of the newspaper press of Melbourne be invited to attend the monthly and general meetings of the Melbourne Athenaeum and report the proceedings of the same"

Admission of Press to monthly meetings

5th July 1875

Admission of Press - contd.

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The Amendment was carried on the following division:-
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Against:- Messrs Bailliere, Edwards, Cubling Hart and Hemmingsham

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For:- Messrs Bailliere, Edwards, Cubling, Hart and Hemmingsham
Against:- The Vice-President, Messrs Barwick, Benjamin, Biers, Fuge, Jervis, Jack and Meeks -

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2. Aug. 1875

5th July 1875

Secretary's Statement contd.

Secretary's Statement
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New " " £1	20			20-0-0
" " " 10/-	44			22-0-0
Rejoined " " 10/-	2			1-0-0
				£102-10-0

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Mr Baillieres notice of motion

By permission of the meeting Mr Bailliere withdrew the motion standing in his name.

Mr Jervis' notice of motion re Dancing Class

Mr Jervis moved, pursuant to notice and Mr Bailliere seconded "That the motion fixing £40 for 13 nights as the charge for Dancing Class be rescinded and that the matter be taken into further consideration.

Carried

Mr Biers moved and Mr Jervis seconded "That Mr Thomas' offer of £2-12-6 per night for the use of the large hall for dancing class be accepted, on the distinct understanding that any meeting of the said class would be postponed should the hall be required for any more lucrative letting."

Carried

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Admission of Press to monthly meetings

Monday 2 August 1875

The General Committee of Management met this Evening

- Present.
- The President (in the Chair)
 - Mr Bailliere
 - Barwick
 - Benjamin
 - Bees
 - Blair
 - Cubling
 - Fuge
 - Hemmingham
 - Jervis
 - Jack
 - Meeks
 - Strongman

Minutes.

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

Rule 6 - Mr Hemmingham

Mr Jack drew attention to rule 6 and requested the decision of the Chairman as to whether Mr Hemmingham, who joined the Institution on 31 October 1874 and was elected a member of Committee at the Annual Meeting held 26 January 1875 was entitled to a seat at the Committee-table -

The Chairman ruled that Mr Hemmingham was entitled to his seat. The objection now taken should have been made at an earlier date.

Correspondence.

1 Mr Roy's French Class

1 letter from Mr Jordan relative to Mr Roy's proposed French Class - The Secretary having reported that M^r. Renet had discontinued his class it was decided on the motion of the Pres. Mr. Strongman seconded by Mr Benjamin to allow Mr Roy to establish a French Class on the usual terms -

2 August 1875

Correspondence
2. Mr Ball's French Class

2. Letter from Mr W. Ball asking to be allowed to establish a "Teacher's class" - On the motion of Mr Benjamin seconded by Mr Bailliere the matter was referred to the Secretary to be dealt with in the ordinary way -

3. Moulding re paper in the room

3 - Letter from Mr John Moulding complaining of having been refused permission to take a newspaper from the Reading Room to the Chess Room - As the letter was couched in discourteous terms it was moved by Mr Benjamin seconded by Mr Jack that Mr Moulding's letter be not received

Carried.

4. Telegraph Electrical Society

4. Letter from Telegraph Electrical Society giving notice of determination of tenancy - Received, on the motion of Mr Bees seconded by Mr Benjamin -

Finance Sub-Committee's Report

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 30 July -

The Report showed the receipts and expenditure for July to have been examined and found correct - Balance against the Institution £297-10-8

Receipts for the month

have been £57-15-8

General Revenue 180-12-9

£238-8-5

The following accounts recommended by the Finance Sub-Committee were passed viz:

Secretary - Salary for July	25-0-0
Librarian " "	13-0-0
Assistant " "	4-6-8
Hall Keeper 4 weeks to 31/7/75	9-0-0
Melburne Gas Co - May to	12-2-2
Crowd " "	10-5-3
Victoria Direct Printing	2- --
Mr Carron B. & Co. Printers	3-7-6
Carriage	49-1-4

2 August 1875

New Books

The new Books passed were therefore as follows

— Cor Robertson 29 vols 8-9-4
 — J. Drullen 3 " 1-17-10
 32 - £10-7-2

House Sub-Committee

1. Repairs to Study Room Hall 4/3 present
2. Repairs to Study Room
3. Table for Study Room + 2 chairs (18)

The House Sub-Committee presented their report dated 19 July 1875

Clause 1 & 2 were passed
Clause 3. Additional table and 2 large chairs for Reading Room.

Mr Benjamin moved and Mr J. M. Strongman seconded an amendment in clause 3 that only 1 large chair be purchased at present. Carried.

The Report as a whole with clause 3 amended as above, was adopted on the motion of Mr Benjamin seconded by Mr Biers.

Sub-Committee re Hughes Claim Report

The Sub-Committee appointed to act in the matter Hughes & Committee Mellor & Catherall brought up a report to the effect that Mr Hughes had agreed to accept £10 & a letter in full settlement of all demands - this sum together with £2.2.0 Drallester & Cuglane solicitors costs and £1-11-6 Mrs. Wilson's costs forming a total of £13-13-6 to be recovered from Messrs. Vigor & Co.

Action thereon

Mr Biers moved and Mr Barwick seconded that the amount named (£13-13-6) be paid and that the necessary letter be written to Mr Hughes. Carried.

Annual list of periodicals newspapers &c

The Rev. J. M. Strongman moved and Mr Blair seconded that the library Committee prepare and bring up at next meeting of the Committee a list of periodicals newspapers &c required for the ensuing year. Carried.

2 August 1875

Finance Sub-Committee Accounts

Drafts paid 49-1-7
 Corporation Lighting Rate 9/16/8 }
 Tom. Kelly 2/1/75 } 24-11-8
 14/1/75 }
 Sundry Accounts
 Casselden to 30/6/75 £2-12-0
 Whithead & Co. 1/6/75 1-10-6
 Proprietors 3/5/75 1-15-0 } 8-19-6
 Holdsworth 30/6/75 1-14-0 }
 Draper & Co. 3/7/75 1-5-0 }
 Petty Cash 5-0-0
 117-12-9

add Widewell's of £66 of referred to General Committee & passed on the motion of Rev. J. M. Strongman seconded by Mr Barwick 6-6-0

£123-18-9

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

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

Clauses 1, 2 & 3 were adopted -

Clause 4. New Books

On the motion of Mr Culling seconded by Mr Biers it was decided that the work entitled "Keys of the Creeds" included in the list of books recommended in Clause 4 of Library Sub-Committee's report be returned to the booksellers -

The Rev. J. M. Strongman moved and Mr Blair seconded that the Library Sub-Committee's report as a whole minus the book entitled "Keys of the Creeds" be passed.

Carried.

Library Sub-Committee Report

1. Old bound magazines re copy list of 544 vols. to be sold -
2. Books not used 2 years to be sold subject to exceptions
3. Steps to be taken to improve ventilation and accommodation of library
4. Books (New)

Monday 6th September 1875

The General Committee of Management met this evening

- Present Mr Biers (in the Chair)
 and ~~Mr the President~~ J.C.
 Mr Bailliere
 " Barwick
 " Benjamin
 " Blair
 " Edwards
 " Gubling
 " Jago
 " Kent
 " Kenningham
 " Lovers
 " Jack
 " Meeks
 " Strongman
 and afterwards the Vice President J.C.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 August 1875 were read and approved.

The Secretary having reported a verbal message from Mr S. Gardiner resigning his position as a member of Committee - it was agreed on the motion of Mr Meeks seconded by Mr Jack that Mr Gardiner's resignation be accepted and that the Secretary be instructed to write Mr Gardiner to that effect with the thanks of this Committee for his past services.

The Rev. Mr. Strongman moved and Mr Barwick seconded "that no steps be taken prior to next regular meeting of this Committee to fill the vacancy caused by Mr Gardiner's resignation."

- Carried -

2nd August 1875

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows

July 1875

Members payments during month				
Old members @ £1-10-0	2			£ 3-0-0
" " " 1-0-0	30			30-0-0
" " " 15/-	4			3-0-0
" " " 10/-	40			35-0-0
New " " £1-0-0	11			11-0-0
" " " 10/-	36			18-0-0
" " " 15/-	1			15-0
Rejoice " " 10/-	3			1-10-0
				£ 102-5-0

Members payments first 4 months of 1875 1078
 New " " " " 338
 Total Revenue first 4 months from all sources £1554-11-2

The Rev. Mr. Strongman gave notice that at the next meeting of the General Committee he should move as follows: viz. "That a Sub-Committee be appointed to prepare a set Code of Standing Rules and orders for the Government of the Committee and also all Sub-Committees -

Mr Gubling gave notice that at the next meeting of the General Committee he should move as follows: viz. "That the Secretary be instructed to furnish a précis of the transactions of this Committee to the Daily Press mentioning matters likely to be of general interest to the subscribers but no names of members taking part in any debate -

J. Biers. Secy 6/9/75.

Notices of Motion

1. Rev. Mr. Strongman Rules for the Sub-Committees

2. Mr Gubling Secretary to furnish précis to Press

Minutes

Mr S. Gardiner's Resignation

6th September 1875

Correspondence.

1. Mechanical-Drawing Class

1- letter from Mr Wacksmuth requesting permission to establish a class for instruction in Mechanical Drawing -
 Moved by the Rev Mr Strongman seconded by Mr Meeks "That Mr Wacksmuth's application be referred to the Library Sub-Committee with power to act" - Carried.

2. Christchurch Committee

2- letter from Mr Inglis and four other members Christchurch (Atheneum) Committee - as follows:

Copy
 To the Committee of the
 Atheneum Hall - Collins St East.

gentl^{ly} We beg to inform you that we have failed to carry out an arrangement with the Reverend Charles Clark to preach in the Atheneum Hall and we now beg to give up possession -

The amount stipulated in the agreement as liquidated damages to be paid by us to the Trustees of the Atheneum is £50 and in commutation of that sum we beg to call your attention to the fact that in addition to the weekly rent we have been charged the sum of eleven pounds in respect of Conversation and choir rehearsals &c and also that when Mr Clifford requested on consent to erect a fixed screen no objection was raised on our part. We are gentlemen - Your obedient servants

(signed) - John Fitts - David Gibson - J Richardson - Ezekiel Ordy - Thomas A. Inglis -

The Vice-President moved and Mr Barwick seconded "That a Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs Beers Benjamin and Sage be appointed to confer with the solicitors to the institution, Messrs Wisevold and Gibbs who be instructed to reply to the letter signed by Mr Inglis and four other members of the Christchurch Committee" - Carried -

Finance Sub-Committee

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 3 Sept^r/75 The clauses were read seriatim

6th September 1875

Finance Sub-Committee Report
 1- Receipts & Expenditure
 2- The Smith Librarian's Salary &c raised

Clause 1. Receipts and Expenditure August/75 - passed.
 " 2. Recommendation to raise Librarian's salary to £182 per annum - from 1 Sept/75

Clause 2 was passed on the motion of Mr Lewis seconded by Mr Jack
 The following accounts were also passed viz:

Secretary Salary for August	25-0-0
Librarian do	13-0-0
Assistant do	4-6-8
Hallkeeper 5 wks to 4/9/75	11-5-0
Melbourn Gas Co. June 75	10-1-8
C'mond do do	11-12-4
Victoria Insurance Co. Premium due 30/9/75 @ 15%	2-11-0
William Stephens. painting papering &c 30/6/75	2-0-0
J. Pomealy binding re to 30/6/75	4-15-9
W. Dawson & Sons newspapers to 30/6/75	33-14-8
Leechhead & Co periodicals to 30/6/75	35-9-6
Petty Cash	5-0-0
	£158-16-7

The report, as a whole, was adopted on the motion of Mr Jack seconded by Mr Sage.

Library Sub-Committee Report

- 1- New Books
- 2- do Muller's clearance list
- 3- Newspapers & periodicals for 1876

Army & Navy lists discontinued

Report of delegates from Library Sub-Committee re clearance of books alterations in library &c

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 6 Sept^r 1875

Clauses 1- & 2- New Books from Robertson - & power to Sub-Committee to purchase £10 secondhand books from Muller's Clearance list - were passed

Clause 3- The Revised list of periodicals and newspapers for 1876 - was passed as recommended less Army & Navy - lists ordered to be discontinued on the motion of Rev Mr Strongman seconded by Mr Benjamin -

The Rev Mr Strongman moved and Mr Beilieu seconded "That a report dated 1st Sept^r 1875, drawn up by Messrs Strongman & Culling delegated by

6th September 1875

Admission of Press

Mrs Bailliere moved as an amendment and Mr Edwards seconded "That the representatives of the Melbourne press be admitted to the meetings of this Committee."
The amendment was put and lost
The original motion was also put and lost

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows.

August 1875.

Members' payments during month			
Old Members @ £1-10/-	1		£1-10-0
" " " 2/-	23		23-0-0
" " " 1/-	50		25-0-0
New " " 2/-	15		15-0-0
" " " 1/-	26		13-0-0
Rejoice " " 1/-	5		2-10-0
			<u>£80-0-0</u>

Members' payments first 8 months of 1875	1198
New Members	379

Total Revenue first 8 months 1875 from all sources
£1824-17-4

V. Cape
Chairman
4, Oct 1875

6th September 1875

- Library Lib. Report
- Report from
- Receipts
- 500 vols to be printed
- 1. Report Catalogue
- 2. Report from NW. to E. Halling
- 3. History of Poets to NW
- 4. Biography E. C. L.
- 5. Central Library to be removed
- 6. Magazine stand to be removed
- 7. Pharmaceutics & books to be removed
- 8. This leaves light to be removed
- 9. Books of reference to be removed

the Library Sub-Committee "to revise and improve the accommodation of the library and its contents" be included in and passed with the Library Sub-Committee's report just read.

The report of the delegates, referred to, was then read

Mr Benjamin moved and the Rev. Mr Strongman seconded, that Clause 9 in report just read viz: Books of reference to be removed, case and all, to S.W. corner of Reading Room - be excised and that the books of reference therein alluded to, remain in the library"

The amendment was lost

The original motion was carried

The Library Sub-Committee's report including the report of the delegates - was therefore passed as a whole.

Books purchased
Geo Robertson 19 vols - £5-3-6

The Secretary laid on the table a report from Messrs Smith & Johnson as to ventilation of library and Reading Room.

On the motion of the Vice-President seconded by Mr Bailliere the report was referred to the House Sub-Committee

The Rev. Mr Strongman by consent of the meeting withdrew the notice of motion standing in his name

Mr Cubbing moved, pursuant to notice, and the Rev. Mr Strongman seconded "That the Secretary be instructed to furnish a report of the transactions of this Committee to the daily press, mentioning matters of general interest to the subscribers but no names of members taking part in any debate and that the report be first submitted to the Chairman for the evening

Ventilation of Library & Room

Rev. Mr Strongman's notice of motion withdrawn

Mr Cubbing's notice of motion

Special Meeting of Committee

Monday 13th September 1875

A special meeting of the General Committee of Management was held this Evening at half past seven o'clock.

Present The President (in the Chair)

" Vice President

Mr Bailliere

" Barwick

" Benjamin

" Biers

" Blair

" Edwards

" Eubling

" Fuge

" Henningham

" J. E. S.

" Jack

" Meeks

" Strongman

The Secretary read the requisition for the meeting which ran as follows.

Copy -

Melbourn 9th September 1875

The Secretary

Melbourn Athenaeum

Sir/

We request you, (under rule 19) to call a special meeting of Committee on Monday Evening the 13th inst.

Business -

To consider certain paragraphs affecting the interests of the Athenaeum which have appeared in the daily papers and take action thereon.

Signed. Richard Jack

H. Biers

Henry Meeks

Henry Fuge

David Benjamin

William J. E. S.

Special Meeting 13 Sept/75

Paragraphs in Papers.

The Secretary, by desire, read the following paragraphs

Daily Telegraph - 8th Sept 1875 -

"The usual monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Melbourn Athenaeum took place on Monday Evening, after the usual routine business had terminated. A letter was read from the Rev Mr Charles Clark's church committee, stating that they would not require the use of the hall upon future Sundays, and offering to pay for rent under the conditions of the agreement. The matter was placed in the hands of a sub-committee to deal with, with power for them to take advice from Messrs Messinger & Jellie, the institution's solicitors. A motion that was to have been brought forward, having for its purpose the alteration of the rules and regulations was withdrawn by the mover. The next and only other motion tabled was to the effect that the secretary be instructed to forward to the Melbourn Press for publication in the morning papers a précis of the proceedings at the monthly committee meetings. This was at once followed by an amendment that the members of the Press be invited to attend the monthly meetings and report there in the usual manner. An excited and extremely unparliamentary discussion followed, and resulted in both the motion and amendment being negatived."

Age - 8th Sept 1875 -

"The monthly meeting of the Melbourn Athenaeum Committee took place on Monday Evening. After the ordinary business had been disposed of, a letter from the Rev Charles Clark's church committee was read, in which the writer stated that it was their intention to pay for rent under the terms of agreement, and relinquish the use of the hall upon future Sundays. After some little discussion a sub-committee was appointed to confer with the Solicitors of the institution, and deal with the matter under their advice. A motion similar to one submitted to the Committee, and rejected by them some time ago, to the effect that the present rules and regulations should be altered and amended, to meet the requirements of the institution, was to have been brought forward, but was withdrawn by the mover. This was followed by a motion that the Secretary be instructed to furnish the Melbourn Press with a précis of the proceedings at the monthly committee meeting; and an amendment immediately followed to the effect"

Special Meeting 13 Sept 1875

Paragraph in
the papers

That it was desirable that the Press of Melbourne be invited to send their representatives to the meetings for the purpose of reporting them in the daily papers - After a somewhat heated discussion, both motion and amendment were negatived in the most decided terms

Mr Biers moved and Mr Benjamin seconded That a letter be addressed to the Editor of each Melbourne paper requesting that no particulars of the proceedings of this Committee be published by them unless the communication is under the hand of the Secretary - Carried.

Mr Biers moved and Mr Benjamin seconded That a Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs Jack, Blair and the mover be appointed to carry out the previous resolution - Carried.

W. Cope
Chairman
4th Oct 1875

Extraordinary Meeting of General Committee
Monday 13 September 1875

An Extraordinary meeting of the General Committee of Management was held this Evening at 8 o'clock.

- Present
- The President (in the Chair)
 - " The President
 - Mr Baillie
 - " Barwick
 - " Benjamin
 - " Biers
 - " Blair
 - " Edwards
 - " Eubling
 - " Fuge
 - " Heynigham
 - " Jervis
 - " Jack
 - " ^{Shanks} Strongman

Mr Short's letter
asking for
Special General
Meeting of
Members

The meeting was convened by the President in order to consider the following letter, which was read by the Secretary.

Melbourne
Sept 11th 1875

Copy

Sir Under rule 17, I beg to apply that a meeting of the subscribers of the Melbourne Athenaeum shall be convened by the Committee for the purpose of considering the statements made by "a subscriber" in the copy of this day's issue

I have the honor to be

Yours truly
Henry Short

The Secretary
of the Athenaeum

Extraordinary Meeting 13 Sept 1875

Mr Bess moved and the Meeting decided "That Mr Short be informed that the allegations contained in an anonymous letter to which he refers, being untrue, the Committee cannot call a general meeting of the members to discuss the statements made in that letter"

Carrick

W. Hope

Chairman

4th Oct 1875

Special Meeting of General Committee

Wednesday 22 September 1875

A special meeting of the General Committee of Management was held this evening in order to consider the following letter received from Mr Clifford, tenant of the large Hall - as per agreements dated respectively 18 August & 19 September 1875 -

copy.

Post Phillip Club Hotel
Melbourne Sept 20th 1875

The Committee
of the Athenaeum

Gentlemen

Some time ago I made arrangements with you to take the Athenaeum Hall for a term. I have already paid you nearly three times the amount of my entire takings, and have also expended more than double that amount in endeavouring to render my entertainments attractive but without success - I shall be glad therefore if you can see your way clear to cancel the remainder of the term for which I have taken the hall.

I need scarcely say your doing so, would place me under an obligation to you.

I remain

Very faithfully

(signed) J. P. Clifford

Present - Mr Bess (in the Chair)

Mr President Mr

Mr Benjamin

" Blair

" Edwards

" Denis

" Jack

and afterwards the President Mr

Mr Benjamin moved and Mr Blair decided "That an offer be made to Mr Clifford that upon payment of the sum of £10 in cash to cover rent

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due to close of term mentioned in first agreement and a further sum of £25 either in cash or acceptance with approved endorsement he will be released from his second agreement dated 19 September 1875.

Carried.

Mr Jack moved and Mr Ivers seconded that in the event of Mr Clifford not accepting the terms mentioned in the motion just carried, he be offered the alternative of paying £10 cash to cover rent due to close of term of first agreement and a promissory note with approved endorsement for say £75-13-4 the said payments to cover the whole of his liability to the Institution and any sum obtained from lettings of the large hall during the days included in his second agreement to be duly passed to his credit and returned to him on the maturity and payment of his promissory note

- Carried -

W. A. L. P.

Chairman

4th Oct 1875Monday 4th October 1875

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

The President (in the Chair)

" Vice President

Mr Barwick

" Benjamin

" Biers

" Blair

" Edwards

" Fuge

" Hemmingham

" Ivers

" Jack

" Meekle

" Strongman

Minutes

The Minutes of the regular monthly meeting held 6th September 1875 were read and confirmed.

Mr

The Minutes of Special and Extraordinary Meetings of Committee held on 13th Sept 1875 (at 7.30 and 8 pm.) and on 22nd September 1875 were also read and confirmed.

Correspondence

Dr. Eubling apology

1- letter from Mr. Eubling apologising for non-attendance at present meeting. Received

J. C. Howe

2- letter from Mr J. C. Howe requesting to be allowed to pay at the rate of £2-2-0 per week for the time he had actually occupied the portion of the large hall let to him instead of for the full 26 weeks as per agreement.

On the motion of Mr Benjamin seconded by Mr Biers, Mr Howe's letter was referred to the Emergency Sub-Committee with power to act.

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Correspondence cont.
Mr Sprygo
Cups & Saucers

3. Letter from Mr H. Thomas, requesting Committee to authorise the purchase of cups, saucers &c with the proceeds arising from letting large hall to the Dancing Class for a supplementary season of four nights - said cups saucers &c to remain the property of the Institution -

On the motion of Mr Biers seconded by Mr Judge the Secretary was instructed to inform Mr Thomas "that the Committee will be happy to let the Hall for the supplementary season proposed but cannot pledge themselves to devote the proceeds to any particular purpose".

4. Letter from Mr Inglis, Secretary Christchurch Committee dated Oct 2/75, asking for an interview between a Sub-Committee of the Athenaeum and a similar body from the Christchurch Committee "to confer in reference to lease of Hall for Sunday services -"

On the motion of Mr Necks seconded by the Rev. Mr. Angman, Mr Inglis' letter was referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of Messrs. Biers, Benjamin and Judge

5. Circular from the President Kyneton Mechanics Institute re Memorial to Legislative Assembly for extended powers of dealing with reserves placed in the charge of Mechanics' Institutes generally.

Moved by Mr Biers seconded by Mr Blair "That the Secretary be instructed to reply to circular, informing the President of the Kyneton Mechanics' Institute that while the Committee sympathise with the movement thus set on foot, they regret that the different position in which they are placed, - the whole of the Melbourne Athenaeum being built on purchased land - precludes them from rendering any assistance in the matter"

Carried.

Christchurch

Kyneton Mechanics Institute

4th October 1875

Library Sub-Committee Report

Clause 1
Clause 2
Recommendation Clause

- 1. New Books
- 2. Disposition of books or periodicals to be passed into library with int. direction of Committee.

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 4th October 1875

The following books were passed

Geo Robertson 5 vols. act.	-	17-2
J. Muller 50	-	9-2-0
Muller 1	-	3-6
Petty cash 56 vols.	£	10-2-8

On the motion of Mr Biers seconded by the Rev. Mr. Angman, the report as a whole, was adopted

Finance Sub-Committee Report

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 1st October 1875 -

The Report showed the Receipts and Expenditure for Sept. 1875 to have been examined and found correct, leaving a balance against the Institution of £138-12-8

Receipts for the month

Large Hall	62-15-6
Fuel Revenue	136-6-8
	£199-2-2

The Report contained a clause recommending that the Salary of the Assistant be raised to £75 per annum from 1st October 1875 -

The following Accounts were presented

Secretary Salary for Sept.	25-0-0
Librarian do do	15-3-4
Assistant do do	4-6-8
Bookkeeper 14 vols to 2/10/75	9-0-0
Melburn Gas Co 7/10 for July	12-6-8
Conrod do do	15-19-6
Geo Robertson books &c to 3/10/75	7-0-0
Nation Ho making tables	4-17-6
W H Roche of 12 Chart	6-6
Molesworth repairs &c to 2/10/75	6-0-6
Carried forward	109-0-2

Assistant's Salary to be raised

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Accounts case

Boat forward	109 - 0 - 2
J Armstrong advertising to 17/6/75	1 - 5 - 0
S. Muller books + periodicals to 17/75	25 - 9 - 0
Petty Cash	5 - - -
	£ 140 - 14 - 2

Mr Edwards moved and Mr Juge seconded "That the Finance Sub-Committee's report dated 1st October 1875 be adopted."

Mr Strongman moved as an amendment and Mr Biers seconded "That the Finance Sub-Committee's report dated 1st October 1875 be adopted, with the exception of the clause recommending an increase of salary for the Assistant."

Amendment lost
Original motion carried.

The Emergency Sub-Committee presented a report dated 9 September 1875

The report stated that the Insurance Companies in whose offices the Institution and contents are insured, having paid the premium for supposed extra risk during Mr Clifford's tenancy at 5% of whole £10,000 for which the Institution is insured, the Sub-Committee decided not to pay the charge, there being, practically, no risk.

Mr Biers moved and Mr Juge seconded "That the report just read be adopted, and the action taken by the Emergency Committee re Insurance be approved of."

Carried.

The Sub-Committee, appointed - at Special Meeting of General Committee - 13 Sept. to carry out the resolution of the Committee then passed, reported that they had

Emergency Sub-Committee report re Insurance

Report of Sub-Committee appointed 13 Sept to see letter to papers.

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Sub-Committee re letter to papers Extra

had drafted the following letter, copies of which were sent the same evening to the "Argus", "Daily Telegraph" and "Herald" newspapers.

copy Melbourne Athenaeum
Melbourne 13 Sept 1875

To the Editor of the "Argus"

Sir

I am instructed to inform you that at a full meeting of the Committee held this evening it was passed nem: con: "That a letter be addressed to the Editor of each Melbourne paper requesting that no particulars of the proceedings of this Committee be published by them unless the communication is under the hand of the Secretary."

This course has been thought necessary in consequence of certain paragraphs purporting to be reports of the proceedings of the Committee, having been communicated to you, but which reports were in reality only incomplete and garbled statements inimical to the interests of the Institution.

Yours truly

Yr obedient servant
(Agri) James Walsh
Secretary

Furnishing information to newspapers

Mr Biers moved the adoption of the report and asked the Chairman to put the question to Mr Warrington, whether he, Mr Warrington, had communicated to one of the staff of the "Daily Telegraph" the substance of a report which appeared in that journal on 14 Sept.

The Chairman put the question.

Mr Warrington replied that on the night of 15 September he communicated, verbally, the substance of what had occurred at the Committee meeting.

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meeting to a member of the Institution who was also a member of the Staff of the Daily Telegraph the said communication being made at the request of the said member -

Mr Blair seconded the adoption of the report which was carried.

Note of Censure

Mr Biers moved and Mr Blair seconded "That there be placed on the records of the Institution a censure respecting the action of one of the members of Committee (Mr R. W. Hennigham) who, in direct opposition to a decision of the Committee, arrived at by a special meeting of the 13th ult, communicated to one of the Staff of the Daily Telegraph newspaper a report of the proceedings of such special Committee meeting; such report moreover, being in itself untrue &c."

Carried.

Report Sub-Committee re Hughes' claim

The Sub-Committee appointed to deal with Mr Hughes' claim reported under date 4th Oct 1875 that the matter was finally settled, the sum of £13-13-6 having been paid to Messrs Misewood and Jells, covering £10 to Mr Hughes and costs on both sides - 3/3/6 - and a like sum of £13-13-6 having been received from Mr Vigoe to whom a receipt in full had been given -

The Rev. Dr. Strongman moved and Mr Jones seconded the adoption of the report Hughes' Claim Sub-Committee - Carried.

Christchurch agreement Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee appointed re Agreement with Christchurch Committee reported under date 4th Oct 1875 that the amount claimed up to 31 August had been paid through the Athenaeum solicitors, together with their costs - The account for rent due to 30 September had been rendered to Mr Doyle, Secretary to the Christchurch Committee

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Mr Biers moved and Mr Meeks seconded "That the report from the Christchurch Agreement Sub-Committee, just read, be adopted." Carried

Victoria Insurance Co. raising premium

The Secretary reported receipt of a notice from the Victoria Insurance Company, raising the rate charged by that Company on policy No 15155 for £2000 - in their office from 3% to 6%.

It was resolved that the Secretary, under the direction of the President, should endeavour to effect a similar insurance to that contained in the policy referred to, in some office other than the Victoria Insurance Company - and for 3%.

Said policy No 15155 to be allowed to lapse.

Requisition for Special Meeting from Mr Blair to class

The following Requisition was read by copy The Melbourne Athenaeum Melbourne Sept 18th 1875

J. S. Cope President of the Melbourne Athenaeum

We the undersigned, members of the Institution, respectfully request that you will be good enough to summon a special general meeting of the members, in accordance with rule 14, to take into consideration the charge preferred against certain unnamed members of the Committee in the Cigar newspaper of this date -

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|----------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| (Signed) | David Blair | Alfred Beakley | Wolfe Hunt |
| | Joe Culligan | Edmondward | John Anderson |
| | Maurice Brody | Robert Dwyer | Fred. Costa |
| | Thos Harrison | J. Warren Ball | Ludwig Hooker |
| | Mr. Solastka | S. S. Osborn | George Howard M.D. |
| | Thos. A. Young | Alfred J. Hoagson | John. Orr |
| | W. Henry Culling | Robert Scott | William Wright |
| | Wm. Edmondson | John Liffie | |

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Requisition for
present only
contd

Mr Benjamin moved and Mr Meek seconded -
"That Mr Blair be informed that after what has
transpired the Committee deem it unnecessary
to call a special meeting for the purpose -
indicated in the requisition -
Carried.

Roman Catholic
Journals

Attention having been drawn to the fact that there
exists a want of representative Roman Catholic
journals in the Reading Room - the Rev.
Mr. Strongman moved and Mr Benjamin seconded
"That the question of taking in one or more
Roman Catholic papers - such as "The Tablet"
"Dublin Weekly Freeman" "Dublin Weekly Nation" &
"Westminster Gazette" - be referred to the Library
Sub-Committee -
Carried

Nominations
Committee-man
in place of Mr
Gardiner
resigned

A vacancy having occurred in the Committee, consequent
upon the resignation of Mr Samuel Gardiner, the
following gentlemen were nominated in accordance
with the provisions of rule 33 -
Mr Beers nominated Mr F. W. Audwick -
Mr Benjamin seconded the nomination
The Rev. Mr. Strongman nominated Mr H. Thomas -
Mr Sage seconded the nomination

Secretary's statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows
September 1875
Members payments during the month
Old members £1 25 £25-0-0
" " 10s. 44 22-0-0
New " £1 9 9-0-0
" " 10s. 24 13-10-0
£69 10s.

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Secretary's Statement
Contd
Members Payments first 9 months
of 1875 1303

New Members do 415

Total Revenue first 9 months from all sources
£2023-19-6

Notice of Motion

The Rev. Mr. Strongman gave notice that at the
next meeting of the Committee he should move
as follows "That the hours fixed for the attendance
of the Secretary at the Institute be reconsidered"

J. Wolfe
Chairman
14 Oct. 1875

Monday 1st November 1875

The General Committee of Management met this Evening

- Present. The President (in the Chair)
- " Vice President
 - Mr Bailliere
 - " Barwick
 - " Benjamin
 - " Biers
 - " Blair
 - " Edwards
 - " Jago
 - " Hart
 - " Henningham
 - " Jervis
 - " Meeks
 - " Strongman

The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th October were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 14th October were also read and confirmed.

Mr Henningham handed in a letter having reference to the communication made by him to one of the Staff of "Daily Telegraph" newspaper on 13th September 1875

The letter was read and on the motion of Mr Edwards, seconded by Mr Bailliere, was ordered to be received and entered in full on the Minutes. The letter runs as follows -

Copy - Daily Telegraph Office
7 October 1875

R.M. Henningham Esq
Bristol

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter informing

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Mr Henningham in Explanation

Special Meeting

14th October 1875

A Special meeting of the General Committee of Management was held this Evening

- Present The President (in the Chair)
- Mr Bailliere
 - " Barwick
 - " Biers
 - " Edwards
 - " Jervis

Christchurch.

A letter was read from the English Secretary Christchurch Committee offering the sum of £70 in full settlement of claim for rent as per agreement.

Mr Biers moved and Mr Edwards seconded that the offer of £70, made by the Christchurch Committee, be accepted in lieu of rent due from 1st Oct 1875 rent due to 30 Sept (£15-7-8) being first paid - or a total sum of £85-7-8
Carried

Dog Show

A letter was read from Mr Hayden Secretary Victoria Caning Club applying for the use of Haze Hall as a lecture hall for the purpose of a Dog Show in December next.

On the motion of Mr Bailliere, seconded by Mr Jervis the Secretary was instructed to inform Mr Hayden that the Committee do not feel justified in letting the Hall for the purpose named -

W. J. Pease
Chairman
1st Nov. 1875

1st November 1875.

Mr. Hemmingham
in explanation

informing me of a vote of censure passed upon you -
by the Committee of the Athenaeum, for supplying the
"Daily Telegraph" with the result of a Committee meeting -
You add that the censure is based on the ground
that you deceived this office in the matter or at least
that the office was deceived.

The facts of the case are that I asked you to
tell one of our Staff of the result of the meeting in
question (as to the admission of the Press) and you
kindly consented. The same Evening the Secretary notified
that he was authorized to furnish reports, and I subsequently
mentioned to one member of the Committee that I thought
the paragraph in question was the first fruits of this
arrangement. The mistake arose in this office from the
misapprehension of the gentleman to whom you spoke.

The Committee have no power to bind a paper to
publish news, or to refrain from publishing. In such
a matter a journal simply acts in the public interests,
and in those interests, I am anxious to work cordially
and courteously with the Committee and would prefer
its reports - if any are sent - to those from an individual
source.

This I mentioned to the member of the Committee
already alluded to, and I believe I added, and
I must express great regret if I was guilty of
the great omission of not doing so, that the setting
aside of the proposed arrangement by the publication
of an individual paragraph was no fault whatever
of the gentleman who gave the information. I had asked
you specially to speak to one of the members of the
Telegraph Staff, because I wanted to know the result
of the discussion and of course, it was a matter of
indifference to the public who told us.

You did speak and in your own capacity - If
I was less explicit to the members of the Committee than
I ought to have been, my excuse must be that I did not
understand

1st November 1875

Mr. Hemmingham
in explanation

understand that he was speaking to me ex officio - Indeed
I could not profess to recollect the conversation in
detail; but I am sure I would have said nothing
contrary to this letter.

With any censure or decision of the
Committee "and for an untroubled report" I have
nothing to do but I beg to state distinctly that you
never in any way sought to deceive this office
with regard to the information in question. - You
are at liberty to make what use of this letter you
please.

(Signed) W. Willoughby.
Editor Daily Telegraph.

Correspondence

Letter from Mr. McCaskie requesting the Committee to
allow copies of his pamphlet re "Investigation Report
and Valuation of Policies National Insurance Co." to be
to be placed on the Reading Room tables.

On the motion of Mr. Benjamin seconded by
Mr. Blair Mr. McCaskie's pamphlets were declined
with thanks.

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated
20 Oct. 1875

The Report was adopted on the motion
of Mr. Bays seconded by Mr. Blair.

The following New Books were purchased viz:
J. P. Colburn 18 vols 3. 15- 6
S. Muller 49 7. 9- 6
66 6. 11- 15- 6

The following additional notes were passed in by the
General Committee
S. Muller 6 vols

- Library
- Sub-Committee
- 1. Tablet + Weekly Freeman
- 2. New M.S. Catalogue Book
- 3. New Books

1st November 1875

Election of Committee Man

A ballot was then taken for the election of a Committee-man in the place of Mr. S. Gardner resigned

There were two candidates nominated

Mr. W. Cuswick

Mr. W. Thomas - whose names had been duly posted in the Reading Room in accordance with Rule 33.

The Ballot resulted in seven votes being recorded for Mr. Cuswick and an equal number for Mr. Thomas.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Mr. Thomas, who was therefore declared duly elected

Finance Sub-Committee Report

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 1st November 1875 - The report showed the receipts and Expenditure for October to have been examined and found correct - Balance in favour of the Institution £78-11-9

Revenue for the Month

Large Hall 153-0-9
Small Revenue 208-3-10
£ 361-4-9

The following Accounts were passed

Secretary Salary Oct. 25-0-0
Hebrania 15-3-4
Assistant 5-8-4
Hallkeeper 4 months to 30/10/75 9-0-0
Melbourne Gas Co. August 13-3-9
China do do 8-3-10
St. Roberts 30-18-9
Pamela 5-5-0
Wollomoth 7-16-3
Cafeteria 119-19-3

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Accounts

Drift Journal 119-19-3
Makin & Co 17-15-0
Armstrong 10-19-3
Dunn Bros 8-8-0
Walter Raki 8-0-0
Wright, Sars 1-13-6
Pelly Cash 10-0-0
£ 146-15-0

The Finance Sub-Committee's Report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Sage seconded by Mr. Jones.

South Melbourne Gas Co.

Mr. Price moved and Mr. Barwick seconded that as the South Melbourne Gas Co. main now passes the front of the Institution the said company be allowed to lay on their gas to the Cellar passage and to place one or two of their meters in convenient parts of the building. Carried.

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows 3rd October 1875

Old members £2- 1- £ 2-00
" " 1/10/ 2 3-00
" " 1/1/ 62 62-00
" " 1/5/ 1 15-0
" " 1/1/ 86 43-00
New " 1/1/ 4 4-00
" " 1/1/ 17 8-10-0
Refused 1/1/ 3 1-10-0
£ 124-15-0

Members' payments first 10 months 1875 1479
New do do do do do do 487
Total Revenue first 10 months all sources £2385-4-1

1st November 1875

Hours for
Secretary's
Attendance

The Rev. Mr. Stangman moved, pursuant to notice,
and that the hours fixed for the attendance
of the Secretary at the Institution, be reconsidered.
Mr. Meeks seconded the motion, which was
carried.

The Rev. Mr. Stangman moved "That the hours of
attendance at present painted on the jamb of the
door of Secretary's room, be painted out.
Mr. Meeks seconded the motion.

The Vice President moved for an amendment
and Mr. Bliss seconded "That the words at present
painted on the jamb of door Secretary's room
be altered to read as follows "The Secretary's
Office is open from 9 to 11 am. and from
4 to 4 pm."

The Amendment was carried.

W. Lipe
Chairman
6 Dec 1875

Mr. Phillips
re Sunday
Entertainments

Mr. Fountain
Barber
re Sale of his
Library &c

Special Meeting

5th November 1875 -

A special meeting of the General Committee
of Management was held this evening

Present. Mr Benjamin (Chair)

" Barwick

" Bliss

" Edwards

" Eubling

" Hart

" Jones

" Stangman

" Thomas

and afterwards the Vice President.

A letter was read from Mr Alfred Phillips
requesting terms to for use of Hall for Sunday
readings &c.

On the motion of Mr Eubling seconded by Mr.
Edwards the Secretary was instructed to inform Mr.
Phillips that his application could not be entertained
for the present.

A letter was read from Mr Fountain Barber offering
to dispose of his library, reading constituents to
the Committee of the Wellcome Education.

On the motion of Mr Bliss seconded by
Mr Edwards the Secretary was instructed to inform
Mr Barber that the Committee were not disposed
to entertain his proposition, at present.

W. Lipe Chairman
6 Dec 1875

Monday 6th December 1875

The General Committee of Management met this Evening

Present.

- The President (in the Chair)
- Mr Bailliere
- Barwick
- Benjamin
- Biers
- Blair
- Edwards
- Eubling
- Fuge
- Hart
- Keunigham
- Evess
- Meeks
- Strongman
- Thomas

Minutes.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 1875 were read and confirmed.
 The Minutes of the Special meeting held on 5 November 1875 were also read and confirmed.

Correspondence

Metropolitan

Letter from Mr E. Miller Honorary Secretary Metropolitan Liedertafel declining to enter into a formal agreement re hire of halls for ensuing year, offering to pay three months' rent in advance, and complaining of want of accommodation for persons taking part in the Society's concerts.

On the motion of Mr Bailliere seconded by Mr Evess the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr Miller requesting a more definite proposition.

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 3 Dec 1875.

The report showed the receipts and expenditure for

Finance Sub-Committee

6 Dec 1875-

Finance Sub-Committee

for November 1875 to have been examined and found correct, leaving a balance in favour of the Institution of £ 85-15-3.

Receipts for the month

have hall 68-17-0
 Gen Reserve 128-13-2
 £ 197-10-2

The following accounts were passed viz

Secretary Salary November	25-0-0
Librarian do	15-3-4
Assistant do	5-8-4
Hallkeeper 5 weeks to 4/1/75	11-5-0
Melbourn Jan G. Sept 75	2-2-4
Chord do	14-13-6
Corporation Extra Camp to 19/11/75	8-
Cross Campbell's bridge to 17/1/75	19-8-5
J B Payne 1/4 th interest to 8/1/75	210
Half Inscr G Rem. due 16/1/75	2-11-0
Alban Alliance do do	2-11-0
Victoria Inscr G. to 1/1/75	1-5-6
Petty Cash	5-0-0
	£ 322-8-3

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

Library Sub-Committee report

- Clauses.
- 1- French literature
 - 2- New Books
 - 3- Adell copy
 - Melbourn Council

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 2 Dec 1875.

Clause 1. French literature - Mr Rusden's letter on this subject - referred to General Committee
 Mr Meeks moved and Mr Edwards seconded that Mr Rusden be informed that beyond the Revue des deux Mondes and L'Illustration the Committee do not at present contemplate the purchase of further French literature found -

6th December 1875

Library Sub-Committee called

Clause 2. New Books as follows were passed into the library viz.

Geo Robertson	20	vols	4	-	8	-	6
J. Muller	3		1	-	0	-	3
	23		5	-	8	-	9

Clause 3. An additional copy of Melbourne Punch - passed.

On the motion of Mr Bick seconded by Mr Thomas the Library Sub-Committee's report was adopted.

Institution closed Boxing Day

Mr Culling moved and Mr Blair seconded that the Institution be closed on Monday 27th December 1875

Carried.

Secy's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows viz

Secretary's Statement

November 1875

Members' payments during month

Old members @ £1-0-0	36 =	£36-0-0
" " " 15s	2 =	1-10-0
" " " 10s	48 =	24-0-0
New " " £1-0-0	4 =	4-0-0
" " " 10s	11 =	5-10-0
		£41-0-0

Members' payments first 11 months of 1875 1580

New members " " " 452

Total Revenue first 11 months from all sources

£2582-14-3

6th December 1875

Notice of Motion

Mr Culling gave notice that at the next meeting of Committee he would move as follows viz. That from the letter written by the Editor of the Daily Telegraph on the subject of press notices, it being clear that this Committee acted hastily and from incorrect information, the vote of censure recorded against Mr R. H. Remington be rescinded.

J. Hope

Chairman

5th Dec 1875