

5th January 1876.

Liby Sub Com
report cont

New Books as follow were also recommended
- Jer Robertson 22 vols 5-4-0
- J. Muller 21 " 4-11-0
43 vols £ 9-15/-

On the motion of Mr Biers, seconded by Mr Blair
the library Sub Committee's report dated 30th Dec 1875
was adopted.

Financial Statement
Dec 1875-

The Finance Sub Committee not having met, the
Secretary read the following particulars of financial
transactions December 1875 :- Balance against
Institution at close of year £ 26-8-8
Receipts for December 1875

Large Hall 56-2-0
Fuel Revenue 139-15-10
£ 195-17-10

Salaries Dec/75 - Mr Benjamin moved and Mr Blair seconded "That the
Salaries of the Officers of the Institution for December
1875 be forthwith passed - Carried -

Salaries December 1875.
Secretary - Dec/75 25-0-0
Librarian " 15-3-4
Assistant " 5-8-4
Hallkeeper 5 weeks to 8/1/76 11-5-0
£ 56 16 8

Annual Report. Mr Benjamin moved and Mr Fuge seconded "That a
Sub Committee consisting of the President, Vice-President
and Secretary be appointed, to draw up Annual
Report for 1875 - Carried

Wednesday 5th January 1876

The General Committee of Management met this

Evening

Present The President (in the Chair)
Mr Barwick
" Benjamin
" Biers
" Blair
" Edwards
" Fuge
" Meeks

A letter of apology for non-attendance was read from
W. Culling.

Correspondence.
Tucker
report
p. 77/78

1 letter from Mr Tucker requesting that one half
of deposit £1 paid by him some time back might
be credited as his half-yearly subscription last due.
- Request acceded to -

Librarian's
leave of absence

The President reported that in compliance with
a written application made to him he granted
the Librarian a week's leave of absence from 3rd
to 10th January 1876.

Mr Biers moved and Mr Fuge seconded
"That the President's action re leave of absence
to Librarian be approved of. Carried

Library
Sub-Committee
Report

The Library Sub Committee presented their report
dated 30th December 1875.

The report recommended the ordering of one
additional copy of each of the following magazines
viz: all of Round - Argosy - Atlantic Monthly - Belgravia - Blackwood
British Quarterly - Cassell's - Chambers - Contemporary - Cornhill -
Family Herald - Fortnightly Review - Fudge's - Gleaner - Harpers -
London Monthly - London Society - Miscellany - Once a Week -
Temple Bar - Tinsley - all from 1st January 1876

1. Additional
copies of Maps
2. New Books

Special Meeting Monday 24th January 1876

- Present
- The President (in the Chair)
 - " Vice President
 - Mr Bailliere
 - " Barwick
 - " Benjamin
 - " Biers
 - " Blair
 - " Edwards
 - " Fuge
 - " Hart
 - " Hennigham
 - " Meeks
 - " Strongman

Annual Report

The Report of the General Committee of Management for 1875 was submitted by the Sub-Committee appointed to draft it and was read over clause by clause - After a few slight alterations the Report as amended was adopted and was ordered (on the motion of Mr Strongman seconded by Mr Bailliere) to be presented, together with the Treasurer's Statement, at the Annual Meeting of Members on the 25th inst.

Vote of Thanks to President.

Mr David Benjamin moved and Mr Blair seconded a vote of thanks to the President for his services during the past year.

Carried unanimously -

W. Cape
Chairman
7. Feb. 1876

5th January 1876

"Professor" Meene
phonologist
as Consultant.

On the motion of Mr Benjamin seconded by Mr Meeks it was decided to accept Mr Meene phonologist as a tenant for the office now occupied by Mr Burt on the condition that placards are not to be exhibited outside the office.

Secretary's
Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as following:
December 1875

Members' payments during month

Old members	e £3.	1	=	£ 3-0-0
"	" £1	48	"	48-0-0
"	" 15s	1	"	15-0
"	" 10s	62	"	31-0-0
New	" £1.10s	1	"	1-10-0
"	" £1	5	"	5-0-0
"	" 10s	22	"	11-0-0
Rejoined	" 10s	1	"	10-0
				£ 100-15-0

Members' payments during year 1875 1421
 New members do do 480
 Total Receipts for year 1875 from all sources £ 2748-12-1

W. Cape
Chairman
7. Feb. 1876

25th January 1876.

Annual General Meeting of Members

Tuesday 25 January 1876

The President - Judge Cope - 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 16.

Minutes.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Members held on 26th January 1875 were read and confirmed.

Report.

The Report of the General Committee of Management for 1875, with the Treasurer's Statement duly audited was read, and, on the motion of the Vice President seconded by Mr. Darwick, was adopted.

Election of
Officers
1876.

The Election of Officers was then proceeded with.
President - Mr. Biers moved and Mr. Benjamin seconded that Mr. David Blain be Elected President of the Melbourne Athenaeum for the Ensuing Year.

Mr. Baillieu moved and Mr. Brown seconded that His Honor Judge Cope be Re-elected President of the Melbourne Athenaeum for the Ensuing Year.

Ballot
Scrutinisers.

A Ballot was taken Messrs. A. Miller and A. M. Jopp. being appointed Scrutinisers.

The result of the Ballot was as follows.
Judge Cope 67
Mr. D. Blain 37.
Majority for Judge Cope 30.

Judge Cope was therefore declared duly elected President of the Institution for the year 1876.

Vice President Mr. Sturt J. M. Strongman moved and Mr. David Blain seconded that Mr. H. R. Jupp be elected Vice President of the Melbourne Athenaeum for the Ensuing Year.

Mr. Fink proposed and Mr. H. J. Hart seconded that Mr. John Edwards be elected Vice President of the Melbourne Athenaeum for the Ensuing Year.

A show of hands was taken resulting as follows:

Mr. Jupp 38
" Edwards 34.
Majority for Mr. Jupp 4.

Mr. Jupp was therefore declared duly elected Vice President of the Melbourne Athenaeum for the Year 1876.

Treasurer

Mr. Benjamin moved and Mr. Sinclair seconded that Mr. Wilkie be Re-elected Treasurer for the Ensuing Year.
Carried.

Curator.

On the Motion of Mr. Usherwood seconded by Mr. Cunningham. Mr. Gillies was elected Curator for the Ensuing Year.

Auditors

On the Motion of Mr. Biers seconded by Mr. Benjamin Messrs. John Hall and A. M. Jopp. were elected Auditors for the Ensuing Year.

Committee

In addition to the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Curator, the following Members of Committee retired in accordance with the Rules

Viz.

25th January 1876.

Mr. H Thomas	37	votes
" J. Y. Anderson	36	"
Rev. J. M. Strongman	34	"
Mr. W. Cross	31	"
" J. Brocklebank	28	"
" J. A. C. Hunt	27	"
" H. R. Rusden	24	"
" R. Jack	20	"
" J. Barwick	19	"
" A. W. Amisick	16	"
" J. Dickson	15	"
" J. Anderson	9	"
" J. Cosgrove	7	"
" A. Mullis	3	"
" H. Harris	3	"

The Chairman declared Messrs J. S. Butters - Marcus Clarke, David Blair, David Benjamin J. Swynn, D. Blair and H. Thomas duly elected.

Mr. David Blair moved and Mr. Birss seconded a vote of thanks to the President His Honor Judge Cope

Carried Unanimously

The President elect moved and Mr. Benjamin seconded a vote of thanks to the honorary and paid Officers of the Institution.

Carried
J. Cope
31. Jan 1877

Vote of Thanks
President

Vote of Thanks
Officers

25th January 1876

Messrs. Barwick, Benjamin, Blain, Swynn, Jones, Jack Strongman and Thomas.

The following nominations for Gentlemen to fill the vacancies in the Committee were made viz.

- Mr. A. W. Amisick
- " J. Y. Anderson
- " J. Anderson
- " J. Barwick
- " D. Benjamin.
- " David Blair
- Doctor Blair
- Mr. J. Brocklebank
- " J. S. Butters.
- " M. Clarke
- " J. Cosgrove
- " Dickson
- " J. Swynn
- " H. Harris.
- " J. A. C. Hunt
- " W. Cross.
- " R. Jack
- " A. Mullis
- " H. R. Rusden
- Rev. J. M. Strongman
- Mr. H. Thomas.

A Ballot was taken with the following result.

Mr. Butters	44	votes.
" M. Clarke	44	"
" D. Blair	43	"
" D. Benjamin	42	"
" J. Swynn	40	"
D. Blair	38	"

Monday 7th February 1876

- Present - The President - Judge Cope - in the Chair
 " Vice President - Mr Huges
 " Curator - Dr. Wallace
 Mr Bailliere
 " Benjamin
 " Peers
 " Blair
 " Butters
 " Clarke
 " Dryer
 " Edwards
 " Keeningham
 " Thomas

Apology
for weeks

Our apology for non-attendance was received from Mr Weeks

Minutes

The Minutes of meeting held on 24th January 1876 were read and approved -

The Minutes of meeting held on 24th January were also read and approved.

Draft of Minutes Annual Meeting 1876 was read and approved of

Correspondence

1. Letter from E. Miller, Secretary Metropolitan Hiedestapl offering same terms as paid last year for use of two halls rehearsals - concerts &c

On the motion of Mr Bailliere, seconded by Mr Keeningham it was decided to accept the offer subject to termination of tenancy by three months' notice

2. Notice from Melbourne Gas Company of reduction in price of their gas after February 1st 1876 to $\$5/10$ per 1000 feet

Correspondence contd

7 February 1876

3. Notice from Collingwood Gas Company of reduction in price their Gas to $\$8$ per 1000 feet from 1st February 1876
 Mr Benjamin moved and Mr Bailliere seconded
 " That a contract be entered into with the Melbourne Gas Company to supply their gas to this Institution for twelve months at the rate of $\$10$ per 1000 feet
 Carried

LIBRARY
SUB. COMMITTEE

Sub-Committees 1876
 Mr Keeningham moved and Mr Bailliere seconded that the following gentlemen form the Library Sub-Committee of this Institution for the ensuing year viz: The President, Vice President, Dr Eubling - Messrs Bailliere, Blair, Mr. Clarke and Dryer
 Carried

FINANCE

Mr Keeningham moved, and Mr Bailliere seconded that the following gentlemen form the Finance Sub-Committee of this Institution for the ensuing year viz: The President, Vice President, Mr Blair and Eubling, Messrs Edwards, Hart and Dryer

On the motion of Mr Benjamin seconded by the Vice-President the name of Mr Henry Thomas was added to the Finance Sub-Committee for 1876
 Mr Keeningham's motion, with the name of Mr Thomas added, was then carried

HOUSE

Mr Keeningham moved and Mr Bailliere seconded that the following gentlemen form the House Sub-Committee of this Institution for the ensuing year viz: The Vice President, Messrs Benjamin, Peers, Butters, Dryer, Weeks & Thomas
 Carried

EMERGENCY

Mr Keeningham moved and Mr Bailliere seconded that the following gentlemen form the Emergency Committee of this Institution for the ensuing year viz: The President, Vice President, Messrs Benjamin, Peers, Butters, Dryer, Weeks & Thomas
 Carried

7 February 1876.

Rules

Mr Keeningham moved and Mr Dryer seconded
 "That a Committee be appointed to revise and
 re-construct the rules and regulations of this
 Institution, said Committee to consist of the
 President, Messrs Hart Thomas, Clarke, Baillure
 Butters as the mover
 Mr Jellbee (Curator) moved as an amendment
 and Mr Benjamin seconded "That the Committee
 be appointed by ballot

Amendment carried

It was further resolved that the Committee should
 consist of 5 members, 3 to form a quorum
 The ballot was then proceeded with and resulted
 as follows: in the election of Messrs Clarke,
 Baillure, Pees, Benjamin and Keeningham

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement
 as follows
 January 1876

Members payments during month			
Old members	£ 1-10s.	72	£ 3-0-0
" "	£ 1	61	61-0-0
" "	15s.	1	15-0-0
" "	10s.	75	37-10-0
" "	5s.	1	5-0-0
New "	£ 1-10s.	1	1-10-0
" "	£ 1-0-0	13	13-0-0
" "	10s.	13	6-10-0
Rejoined	£ 1-0-0	2	2-0-0
"	10s.	2	1-0-0
			£ 126-10-0

Members payments first month 1876
 172
 New members same period 27
 Total revenue first month all sources £ 106-6-9

7 February 1876

Emergency Committee by: The President, Vice President, Dr Blair, Messrs
 Baillure & Benjamin -

On the of Mr Benjamin seconded by Mr Blair
 the name of Mr Pees was added to the Emergency
 Sub Committee
 Mr Keeningham's motion, with the addition of
 Mr Pees name, was carried

Annual Report 1875

Tenders for printing the Annual Report of the
 Committee for the year 1875 were opened, as follows:

	1000	1500
Classon Massena & Co	15-14-0	25-0-0
Walter May & Co	12-0-0	15-0-0
Mason Firth & McCutcheon	9-8-0	11-15-0
Jessup & Moore	8-19-11	12-15-0
Shillwell & Knight	8-0-0	11-0-0
McCanna Bond & Co	8-10-0	10-12-6

On the motion of Mr Blair, seconded by Mr
 Thomas, Messrs McCanna Bond & Co's tender to supply
 1500 copies Report 1875 for £ 10-12-6 was accepted

Finance Sub Committee Report 5/1/76

The Finance Sub-Committee's Report dated 5 Jan 76
 showing receipts and Expenditure Dec 1875 as per
 financial statement read by Secretary at meeting of
 General Committee held 5 January 1876. was
 read and adopted on the motion of Mr Edwards
 seconded by Mr Jagg

Salaries Jan 76

Mr Benjamin moved and Mr Pees seconded "That the
 Salaries of the Officers of the Institution for January 1876
 be forthwith passed. Carried

Salaries n. January 1876

Secretary	25-0-0
Librarian	15-3-4
Assistant	5-8-4
Walter May & Co	9
	£ 54-11-0

7 February 1876

Notice of Mr Birmingham gave notice that at the next meeting of the General Committee he would move as follows viz:

"That the representatives of the newspaper press of Melbourne be invited to attend the monthly and general meetings of this Institution and report the proceedings at the same, in the usual manner"

W. Cope
6th March 1876.

Monday 6th March 1876

The General Committee of Management met this Evening

Present - The President (in the Chair)

Mr Bailliere

" Benjamin

" Beers

" Blair

" Butters

" Clarke

" Eubling

" Hart

" Henningham

" Meeks

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 1876 were read and confirmed

Correspondence

Clayton
Class re
Degree Bachelor
of Arts

1. Letter from Mr James Clayton re formation of class for gentlemen desirous of studying the work required for the Degree of Bachelor of Arts etc at the University
Referred to the Library Sub-Committee with power to act

Ryland
Prospective to
Architectural
Drawing

2. Letter from Mr D. D. Ryland re formation of a class for instruction in perspective and architectural drawing
Referred to the Library Sub-Committee with power to act.

P. de Laine
Vols of 'Engineer'

3. Letter from Mr P. de Laine complaining of the want of back volumes of the 'Engineer' etc in the library
The letter was read

Mr Benjamin moved and Mr Meeks seconded "That the next business of the Evening be proceeded with"
Mr Bailliere moved as an amendment and Mr Henningham seconded "That Mr de Laine's letter be received"
The Amendment was carried -

6 March 1876

Correspondence
to Secy
Engineer &c

Mr Bliss moved and Mr Hart seconded "That the Secretary be instructed to inform Mr Keene in reply to his letter that the information he received with regard to the Engineer was incorrect - as there is a file of that paper up to date in the library but under the rules - available for members only.
Carried,

Kidgell
re "Class Room"

4. letter from Mr C. Kidgell complaining of being turned out of the Class Room in October last - to make way for a class -
Mr Benjamin moved and Mr Clarke seconded "That a notice be exhibited stating that the rules are now under revision and that, for the present, the Class room is only available for Smoking and Conversation when unlet -"
The amendment was lost
The original motion was also lost

J Miller
leave to affix
label to papers
supplied by him

Mr Baillie moved as an amendment and Mr Culling seconded "That the room referred to in Mr Kidgell's letter be kept as a Class room only.
The amendment was lost
The original motion was also lost
5. letter from Mr J. Miller asking to be allowed to affix a label bearing his name to the copies of the "Australasian" supplied by him to the Institution - Permission granted

Melbourne Gas Coy.
Contract

The Secretary produced the contract with the Melbourne Gas Company duly signed - binding the Gas Company to supply the Institution with gas at the rate of 5/10 per 1000 feet and the Institution to use none other than the Company's gas - Term - one year from 1st Feb 1876

Metrop: hidestapel
Special request
for further
accommodation

The President reported that a deputation consisting of Messrs Miller and Herz of the Metropolitan hidestapel had waited upon the Vice President and himself and

6th March 1876

Metrop: hidestapel
cable

had requested certain alterations in approaches to large Hall, waiting room below &c
On the motion of Mr Blair seconded by Mr Baillie the question was referred to the House Sub-Committee.

Ventilation of
Reading Room

The Secretary having reported several complaints as to the want of proper ventilation in the Reading Room
Mr Blair moved and Mr Culling seconded "That the matter be referred to the House Sub-Committee with power to act" - Carried.

- Library Sub-Ce
Report
1. Mr Clarke Chairman
2. Books passed
in during month
3. New Lib. Catalogue
completed
Recommendations
1. Extra 3/10 for
Mr Miller
2. Special advertisements
3. Continue present
system of purchasing
books
4. No books direct
from London without
special order of
General Committee
5. Buy Alding
Editions of papers
10 vols
6. New Books

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 25 February 1876

New Books as follows were recommended

Mr Fountain Barber	194 vols	ret	27-18-0
Geo Robertson	39	for	16-10-8
J. Miller	420 no. books	ret	2-1-0
A J Smith	9		2-4-8
A Mackay	8		19-0
	252 vols		£49-13-4
	120 no. accounts		

- Finance Sub-Ce
Report
1. J. Edwards
Chairman
2. Receipts & Exp
Jan & Feb 1876
Recommendations
1. Stationary
2. Paper

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 3 March 1876 -

The report showed the receipts and Expenditure for January and February 1876 to have been examined and found correct. Balance in favour of the Institution £207-12-9

Receipts for January 1876
Large Hall 27-6-0
General Revenue 159-0-9
£186-6-9

6 March 1876

Finance Sub-Com
Report contd

Receipts for February 1876

Large Hall	52-19-5
General Revenue	114-10-11
£	167-18-4

The following Accounts were recommended for payment viz:

Melbourne for Coy Oct pps.	7-0-5
C'mod do do	6-9-8
Accounting N'paper	10-3-9
Journal of Commerce	4-0-0
Ambler	1-15-0
Petty Cash (January)	5-0-0
Secretary February	25-0-0
Librarian "	15-3-4
Assistant "	5-8-4
Hallkeeper 4 wks to 4/3/76	9-0-0
Melb for Coy Nov Dec pps Jan pps	18-7-5
C'mod do do	19-9-0
Whithead & Co periodicals	38-15-3
do Stationery &c	2-11-0
Davies & Sons N'paper	42-14-0
Geo Robertson	30-16-3
J. Muller	34-1-0
Jagusa & Mitchell	17-16-10
Craw Campbell & Co	7-17-4
Pomcely	4-8-3
Heston	7-0-0
Jordan Hotel	9-0-0
Shillwell & Knight	3-17-0
Cassella	2-12-0
Nation Co	2-16-0
Corporation Loan Rate	14-15-0
A. Miller and Catalogue	13-10-0
Drape & Sons	1-5-0
McCarron Bond Co	17-11-0
Sunday paper (see memo)	10-8-3
Petty Cash	5-0-0
£	393-11-1

6 March 1876

Finance Sub-Com
Report contd

On the motion of Mr Fuge, seconded by Mr Hart, the report was adopted.

Admission of Press

Mr Henningham moved and Mr Bailliere seconded that the representatives of the newspaper press of Melbourne be invited to attend the monthly and general meetings of this Institution and report the proceedings of the same, in the usual manner.

Mr Bress moved as an amendment and Mr Meeks seconded that the practice be resumed of the Secretary communicating any items in the affairs of the Athenaeum that may be of public interest and at the same time conducive to the interests of the Institution if published; such communication to be approved by the President.

The amendment was lost.

The original motion was carried.

Mr Bress' resignation
as a member
of the Rules
Sub-Committee

Mr Bress handed in the following copy to the President

Being unable, on account of the time at which it is convened, to attend the Sub-Committee for revising the rules, I beg to resign my position as a member of that Sub-Committee.

Yours truly
W Bress

Mr Bailliere moved and Mr Henningham seconded that Mr Bress' resignation as a member of the Sub-Committee for revising the rules, be accepted.

Mr Eubling moved as an amendment, and Mr Fuge seconded that Mr Bress be requested to withdraw his resignation. The amendment was carried.

Mr Bress stated that he would have no objection to withdraw his resignation provided the future meetings of the Sub-Committee were held at such an hour as would enable him to be present.

Monday 3rd April 1876

The General Committee of Management met this Evening

- Present. Mr Henningsham (in the Chair)
- " Peers
 - " D. Blau
 - D. Blau
 - D. Butters
 - " Marcus Clarke
 - " Dryer
 - " Edwards
 - " Eubling
 - " Meeks
 - " Thomas

and afterwards the Vice President

The Minutes of the meeting held 5 March 1876 were read and confirmed.

Minutes

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr J. W. Ball asking for the free use of the Small Hall from 9. am till 5. pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the 18th - 19th & 20th inst. for the purpose of holding a test Examination of his pupils prior to the June Examination at the University.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr Peers seconded by Mr Thomas, that in consideration of Mr Ball's connection with the Institution, he be offered the use of the Small Hall for the time mentioned at the reduced rate of 10/6 per diem.

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 30th March 1876.

New Books as follows were recommended.

Sp. Roberts	47 vols	at £14-10-5
J. Barber	32	" 2-15-6
Reynolds	10	" 2-4-7
Grille	7	" 2-1-10
	<u>96</u>	<u>22-0-4</u>
	93	7-6
	<u>99</u>	<u>£22-7-10</u>

Pasted by General Committee

Library Sub-Committee Report
 1. Clegh & Rylands' Classes
 2. New Books

6 March 1876

Increased Accommodation for Reading Members

Mr Peers moved and Mr Clarke seconded that the House Sub-Committee be instructed to take into consideration during the ensuing month, the question of the best method of increasing the accommodation for the members who read at the Institution; to submit their report on the subject at the next monthly meeting of Committee.
 Carried

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows.
 February 1876.

Members' payments during month

Old members @ 15/	1	=	£0-15-0
" " " 1/	27	=	27-0-0
" " " 10/	50	=	25-0-0
New " " £1/10/	2	=	3-0-0
" " " 1/	18	=	10-0-0
" " " 10/	28	=	14-0-0
Rejoined " £1	1	=	1-0-0
" " " 10/	1	=	10-0-0
			<u>£89-5/</u>

Members' payments for 2 months 1876	300
New " " " "	75

Total revenue for 2 months £354-5-1

Am Henningsham
 3/4/76

3 April 1876.

House Sub-Committee Report.

- Recommendatory Clauses
- 1. £10 to be spent in 'Whites Room' below
- 2. Grand piano to be sold
- 3. Draper laid on by R. Room
- 4. Increased accommodation for conversion of office into News Room

Clause 1. - That £10 be spent in repairs and furniture for artists' retiring room in basement - was passed on the motion of Mr Thomas seconded by Mr Draper.

Clause 2. That the grand piano in Small Hall, the property of the Institution be sold - was passed with the addition of the words "by auction, with a reserve of £15" on the motion of the Vice-President seconded by Mr Clarke

The consideration of clauses 3 & 4 - (Laying on of water to Reading Room and conversion of western office into news room) was, by consent of the Chairman - postponed to the present. On the motion of Mr Bees seconded by Mr Thomas the report of the House-Sub-Committee, with the exception of clauses 3 & 4 - was adopted.

Rules Sub-Committee Progress Report.

The Rules Sub-Committee presented their progress report dated 3 April 1876.

The report contained the following question for the decision of the General Committee - "What constitutes an 'attendance' on the part of a member of Committee?"

Mr Butters moved and Mr Bees seconded "That in order to constitute himself in attendance a member of any Committee or Sub-Committee, shall take his seat and take part in the business of the meeting" - Carried

The Report of the Rules Sub-Committee was then adopted.

New Set of Pressmen

Mr Clarke moved and Mr Eubling seconded "That a complete set of 'Hampton' Chests be purchased at a cost not to exceed 40/-" Carried

3 April 1876.

Hebraic Sub-Committee Report contd.

The Report as a whole, was adopted on the motion of Mr Clarke seconded by Mr Eubling.

Finance Sub-Committee Report

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 31 March 1876 - The report showed the receipts and expenditure for March 1876 to have been examined and found correct, leaving a balance in favour of the Institution of £80-8-9

- 1. Cheque-book
- 2. 7cs.

Receipts for the month

Large Hall 8-0-0
 General Purposes 110-15-0
 £176-15-0

The following Accounts were recommended for payment

Secretary	Salary March 1876	25-0-0
Hebraic	" "	15-3-4
Assistant	" "	5-8-4
Hallkeeper	4 wks.	9-0-0
Fontaine Barber		30-13-6
Draper Sons		5- --
Cross Campbell & Co		6-4-5
Green & Maslin & Co		3- --
Accounting		13-3-5
Petty Cash		5- --
		£117-13

On the motion of Mr Eubling seconded by Mr Butters the report, as a whole, was adopted.

House Sub-Committee Report

- 1. Mr Bees, Chairman
- 2. Mr. Printing Dept
- 3. Mr. Kitchen R. Room
- 4. Mr. Hospitality

The House Sub-Committee presented their report dated 16 March 1876. The Recommendatory Clauses were dealt with as follows - (see next page)

3 April 1876

Sunday
Opening

1 pm. to 6.30 pm.

The motions carried on the following evening
for Mr Blair & Cumbly Messrs Butters
Clarke, Dwyer & Thomas
Against Messrs Bevis, Mr Blair and
Mr. ~~James~~ J. Edwards

Secretary's
Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows

March 1876

Members payments during month			
Old members	£1-10/-	2	£3-0-0
"	"	33	33-0-0
"	15/-	2	1-10
"	10/-	63	28-10
New	£1	16	11-0-0
"	15/-	4	3-0-0
"	10/-	39	19-10/-
Rejoined	10/-	2	1-0-0
			103-10/-

Members payments past
3 months of 1876 457
New Members do 134
Total Revenue past 3 months from all sources £531-0-0

J. Hope
Chairman
1st May 1876

3 April 1876

Advertisements

Mr Butters moved and Mr Cumbly seconded
That the Secretary be authorized to expend
a sum not exceeding £5 in advertisements
setting forth the advantages of the Institution
Carried

New Buildings
Debt re.

Mr Cumbly moved and Mr Butters seconded That
a sub-committee consisting of the President, the
President Messrs Baillie, Benjamin Bevis,
Butters, Mr Blair, Dwyer, Mr Blair & the mover
be appointed to consider the best means of
paying off the debt, rebuilding the front and
re-organizing the Institution so that its position as a
Library and Scientific Institution may be maintained
and the members obtain proper accommodation in the
Library, Reading Room, Hall, Conversation Chess
and other rooms.
Carried

Social Groups

Mr Thomas moved and Mr Cumbly seconded That
a sub-committee be appointed to report to the
General Committee on the best way to induce the
members of the Athenaeum and friends to assemble
in the hall at convenient intervals of time for the
purpose of mutual entertainment beneficial to themselves
and the Institution.
Carried

Mr Thomas moved and Mr Cumbly seconded That
the sub-committee re Social Groups consist of
the President the Vice President Mr Feltham Mr
Blair, Mr Clarke, Mr Dwyer, Mr Bevis, Mr Cumbly
& the mover
Carried

Opening on
a Sunday

Mr Marcus Clark moved and Mr Dwyer seconded
That the sub-committee now sitting to alter the rules
be recommended to consider the desirability of opening
the Reading Room of the Athenaeum on Sunday from

Monday 1st May 1876

- Present
- The President (in the Chair)
 - " Vice President
 - Mr Bailliere
 - " Benjamin
 - " Biers
 - " Blair
 - " Butters
 - " Clarke
 - " Dryer
 - " Edwards
 - " Eubling
 - " Gillbee
 - " Merringham
 - " Thomas

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 1876 were read and confirmed.

Correspondence

Letter from "Messieurs Roberts" offering terms for the use of the large hall for dancing assembly - one quarter - On the motion of Mr Biers seconded by Mr Edwards the letter was referred to the Emergency Committee with power to act.

Finance Sub-Committee Report

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 28 April 1876 -

The report showed the receipts and expenditure for April 1876 to have been examined and found correct, leaving a balance in favour of the Institution of £14-0-2

Receipts for the month

- Large Hall 18-1-4
- General Revenue 129-11-5
- £ 147-12-9

- Clauses
1. Receipts & Expenditure
 2. Cheque form
 3. Accounts

1st May 1876.

Finance Sub-Committee

The following accounts were recommended for payment viz:-

Secretary Salary to April	25-0-0
Librarian " " "	15-3-4
Assistant " " "	5-8-4
Hallkeeper 4 weeks wages to 29/4/76	9-0-0
Melbourne Gas Co. gas Feb. & March	12-14-10
Evans Campbell & Co to 28/4/76	12-5-3
J Poncelet to 1/3/76	5-4-6
Melb. Sewerage & Water Supply Rates	8-0-0
Sundry exp - Draper's Gas 9/30/76	
Seeling Advertiser 19/6 Brisbane Courier 3/4	9-2-6
Postage Gas 12/6 Mr McKinlay 2/4	
Legg & Mitchell of W. Belmont	
£ 102-1-9	

Clause 2. Referring letter from Bank of New South Wales to General Committee - said letter containing refusal on the part of the Bank to furnish Institution with special cheque form at their (the Bank's) expense

Mr Butters moved and Mr Eubling seconded "That the Secretary be instructed to write to the City Bank enquiring if in the event of this Institution removing its account to said Bank, they the Bank, would furnish a special cheque form at their expense."

Mr Gillbee moved as an amendment and Mr Biers seconded "That the matter stand over until next regular meeting of the Committee the Secretary meanwhile to ascertain the practice of banks generally in this respect"

The amendment was carried - Mr Edwards moved and the Vice-President seconded the adoption of the Finance Sub-Committee's report dated 28 April 1876. Carried -

1st May 1876

New Buildings

Mr Culling Chairman of the Sub-Committee appointed re new buildings reported that the matter was still under consideration, Messrs Smith and Johnson, Architects to the Institution having been asked to furnish sketch-plans of proposed alterations.

Mr Clarke moved and Mr Butters seconded "that the Sub-Committee appointed re new buildings be recommended by this Committee to take into consideration the desirability of calling for designs other than those at present asked for from Messrs Smith and Johnson provided no expense be thereby incurred." Carried.

W.C.

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows - April, 1876

Members payments during month

Old members @ £1-10s	3	=	£4-10-0
" " " £1	22	=	22-0-0
" " " 15s	1	=	15-0
" " " 10s	29	=	14-10-0
" " making Dec 26 5s	1	=	5-0
New members " 30s	1	=	1-10-0
" " " 20s	10	=	10-0-0
" " " 10s	36	=	18-0-0
Rejoined " £1	3	=	3-0-0
" " " 10s	6	=	3-0-0
			£44-10s

Members payments first 4 months of 1876 563
New members " " " " 181
Total Revenue first 4 months from all sources £1678-12-10

1st May 1876

Library Sub-Committee's Report

1. Future meetings of Library Sub-Committee
2. Power to pass books into library at once
3. New Books
4. Resolutions

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 24 April 1876

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Bailliere seconded by Mr Butters and subject to the recommendation contained in Clause 1 - (Library Sub-Committee to meet a few days after arrival of Suez Mail and Pass books into library forthwith) being in accordance with the rules of the Institution. Carried

Books as follows were passed into the library

Geo Robertson	5 vols	1-12-10
S. Muller	17 "	5-8-11
	22 -	7-1-9

Several presentations (see report) were also announced

Rules Sub-Committee Report

The Rules Sub-Committee presented their progress report dated 1st May 1876. The report was adopted

Social Excursions Sub-Committee

The Sub-Committee appointed to take into consideration the best means of inaugurating a series of social Excursions, presented their report, recommending the matter to the favourable consideration of the General Committee -

Mr Thomas moved and Mr Bailliere seconded the adoption of the report - The motion was lost.

Proposed Lecture by Mr Ebery

The Secretary reported the receipt of a letter from Mr R. H. J. Ebery consenting to deliver a lecture on behalf of the Institution.

Mr Biers moved and Mr Meningham seconded that Mr Ebery's letter be acknowledged with thanks - Carried -

1st May 1876

Notice of Motion - Mr Henningham gave notice that at the next regular meeting of this Committee he should move as follows: That the Committee authorise the Secretary to purchase an Iron safe price not to exceed twenty guineas

J. A. Pease
Chairman
5 June 1876

Monday 5 June 1876

The General Committee of Management met this Evening

- Present - The President (in the Chair)
- " Vice President
- Mr Bailliere
- " Benjamin
- " Biers
- " Butters
- " Clarke
- " Dwyer
- " Edwards
- " Henningham
- " Meeks
- " Thomas

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of General Committee held 1st May 1876 were read and approved

Correspondence

Banks -
Special
Cheque
Forum

The Secretary read letters from several banks in reply to his application as to the prevailing custom with regard to special cheque forms. Mr Bailliere moved and Mr Henningham seconded "That the Banking Account of this Institution be transferred to the City of Melbourne Bank, on the understanding that the said Bank provide the Institution with a specially engraved cheque-form at their the bank's expense.

The motion was carried by 4 to 3 on the following division
For - Messrs Bailliere, Henningham
Clarke & Edwards.
Against - The Vice President - Mr Biers
Mr Thomas

Library
Sub-Committee
Report

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report stated

5th June 1876

Library Sub-Com. Report contd. New Books

dated 8 May 1876
The Sub-Committee reported having added books as follow to the library viz:

Geo Robertson	9 parts gross	2-5-0
do	2 vols	7-0
do	4 parts net	1-15-0
do	16 vols	9-12-0
J Drullen	7	3-6-2
	25 vols + 16 parts	£17-5-2

On the motion of Mr Bailliere seconded by Mr Thomas the report was adopted

Finance Sub-Committee Report.

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 2nd June 1876

The Report showed the receipts and expenditure for May 1876 to have been examined and found correct, leaving a balance in favour of the Institution of £161-18-5

Receipts for the Month

Large Male	£32-2-0
Female Revenue	211-12-11
	£243-14-11

The following Accounts were passed viz:

Secretary Salary for May	25-0-0
Librarian do	15-3-4
Assistant do	5-8-4
Hallkeeper 5 wks to 3/6/76	11-5-0
J. B. Payne Agent for 3/6/76	210-0-0
Ketch Bros C ^o premium due 3/6/76	3-16-6
Secondary a/c P. E. Raymond 1/15/76	
a J. Smith 7/4/76 J. C. Smith 1/14/76	10-7-7
A. Mackay 1/11/76 J. Wehsack 1/9/76	
S. Howe 1/8/76 J. S. Riddell 1/15/76	
Petty Cash	5-0-0
	£286-0-9

5th June 1876

Finance Sub-Com. Report contd.

Mr Thomas moved and Mr Clarke seconded the adoption of the Finance Sub-Committee's report - Carried

Rules Sub-Committee Report

The Sub-Committee appointed to revise the rules reported under date 26th May 1876 that they had completed the revision and submitted proof slips as revised for the approval of the General Committee -

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Birmingham seconded by Mr Bailliere

The Vice President moved and Mr Bailliere seconded "That the consideration of the Rules as revised by the Sub-Committee appointed for that purpose be postponed until Monday 10th July next - a special meeting of the General Committee to be called for that day." Carried

New Buildings Sub-Committee Clauses:
1. Sketch plans
2. Successful architect to carry out work
3. Large Hall to be temporary R Room
4. No time to be lost

The Sub-Committee appointed re New Buildings presented their report dated 31 May 1876. Mr Clarke moved and Mr Meeks seconded the adoption of the report striking out clauses 2, 3, & 4. Carried

House Sub-Com. Party Hall Report to City Council

The House Sub-Committee presented their report dated 2nd June 1876 - The Report was read

Excavations on adjoining property

Mr Dryer moved and Mr Clarke seconded "That the Trustees give notice to the Contractor for the Victoria Club Buildings that they will hold him responsible for any damage that may accrue to the Athenaeum building from his excavations on the land adjoining the Institution." Carried

5th June 1876.

Excavations on adjoining property carried

The Secretary having informed the Committee that both Mr Mitchell the Contractor for Victoria Club buildings and Mr A. H. Smith Architect to the Institution were in attendance -

Mr Dryer moved and Mr Butters seconded "That Mr Mitchell be called in" Carried Mr Mitchell was accordingly called in and consulted Mr Meeks moved and Mr Henningham seconded "That Mr Mitchell be instructed to put a shore against the western wall of the Institution at a cost not to exceed £10-10-0. without prejudice to any existing rights on the part of the Athenaeum - Carried.

Mr Mitchell having withdrawn Mr A. H. Smith was called in and consulted as to the effect of the excavations on adjoining property

Mr Clarke moved and Mr Benjamin seconded "That the President and Mr Dryer form a sub-committee to take legal opinion and act as they may think proper in the matter of protecting the rights of the Athenaeum with respect to the excavations on adjoining property" - Carried.

On the motion of Mr Henningham seconded by Mr Butters the meeting adjourned until Wednesday 7th June 1876 at 4.30 pm

Adjournment.

Marcus Clarke Chairman 3rd July 1876.

Adjourned Meeting of General Committee -

7 June 1876.

- Present - The President (in the Chair)
- Vice President
 - Mr Biers
 - Mr Blair
 - Mr Butters
 - Mr Dryer
 - Mr Edwards
 - Mr Hart
 - Mr Thomas

Mr A. H. Smith Architect to the Institution, was also present.

Report of Sub-Committee re Excavations.

The Sub-Committee consisting of the President and Mr Dryer presented the following report :-

"That in our opinion the responsibility of damage to the Athenaeum buildings arising from the excavations on the adjoining property should rest with the contractor Mr Mitchell - If he proceeds, let him do so at his own risk."

Mr Dryer moved and the Vice President seconded the adoption of the report - The motion was carried by 4 to 2, on the following division :-
For - The Vice President - Mr Dryer, Mr Biers, Mr Blair.
Against - Mr Butters, Mr Edwards

Injunction -

Mr Dryer moved and Mr Blair seconded "That the Solicitor to the Institution be instructed to take legal proceedings to obtain an injunction to restrain the Contractor, Mr Mitchell from damaging the Athenaeum property -

4th June 1876

Offer of land for sale at rear of large hall

A letter from Messrs C. & J. Haum offering for sale certain land at the rear of the large hall was read and received -

Reading Room and Small Hall to be closed

Mr Biers moved and Mr Blair seconded "That the Reading Room and Small Hall be closed until the completion of the steps now being taken to provide for their safety - Carried -

Sub-Committee re Injunction.

Mr Biers moved and Mr Blair seconded "That a Sub-Committee consisting of the President and Mr Dwyer be entrusted with the carrying out of the resolution as to the Injunction to restrain Mr Mitchell the Contractor from damaging the Athenaeum property" - Carried -

Marcus Clarke
Chairman
3rd July 1876

4th June 1876

Injunction call

The motion was carried by 4 to 2 on the following division -
For - The Vice President Mr Dwyer Mr Biers, Mr Blair -
Against - Mr Butters, Mr Edwards

Finance Sub-Committee Special Report re transferring Banking etc.

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their special report dated 4 June 1876 submitting voucher withdrawing the sum of £151-14-11 credit balance from the Bank of New South Wales, for the purpose of paying paid sum into the City of Melbourne Bank in conformity with resolution passed at last meeting of the General Committee -

On the motion of Mr Edwards seconded by Mr Butters the report was adopted.

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows -

May 1876.

Members' payments during month.

Old members	£1-10/-	2	=	£3-0-0
"	1-0/-	1	=	1-5-0
"	1-0-0	95	=	95-0-0
"	10/-	73	=	36-10-0
"	5/-	1	=	5-0
New	30/-	1	=	1-10-0
"	20/-	17	=	14-0-0
"	10/-	32	=	16-0-0
Rejoined	30/-	1	=	1-10-0
"	20/-	1	=	1-0-0
"	10/-	3	=	1-10-0
				£174-10/-

Members' payments first 5 months of 1876. 790
New Members " " 231
Total Revenue first 5 months from all sources £922-7-9

Special Meeting of General Committee

20th June 1876

- Present
- The President (in the Chair)
 - " Vice President
 - " Mr Benjamin
 - " Beers
 - " Blair
 - " Buttes
 - " Clarke
 - " Dr Fillbee
 - " Hart
 - " Hennigham
 - " Weeks
 - " Thomas

The President reported that the injunction to restrain Mr Mitchell from damaging the Athenaeum property had been obtained and duly served upon Messrs Mitchell (Contractors) & Buttes and Picksgill (lessors) - Also that a second shore had been erected cost of same to be defrayed by the party or parties against whom the case is ultimately decided.

A letter dated 20 June 1876 was received from Messrs Smith & Johnson advising the erection of four more stores against the western wall of the Athenaeum building - Moved by Mr Beers seconded by Mr Hennigham "That Messrs Smith & Johnson be empowered to make such arrangements as they may deem best for the safety of the building; such arrangements to be on the same terms as the second shore, unless Messrs Smith & Johnson can effect them on better conditions for the Institution." - Carried

Sketch plans for the proposed new buildings - referred by the Improvement ^{Sub} Committee to the General Committee were exhibited -

Injunction -

Further shores required -

Sketch plans proposed new buildings

20th June 1876.

Sketch plans proposed new buildings

Mr Hart moved and Mr Blair seconded "That the consideration of the subject of new buildings be deferred until the next regular meeting of this Committee - the Improvement Committee to meet meanwhile and bring up a report." - Carried.

Designs for Cheque-forms

Two designs for Cheque-form were exhibited, but their consideration was deferred until next regular meeting.

Marcus Clarke

Chairman

3rd July 1876.

Special Meeting of General Committee
23 June 1876

- Present - The President (in the Chair)
 Mr Bess
 " Blair
 " Clarke
 " Edwards
 Mr Cumberling
 Mr Keeningsham
 " Meeks
 " Thomas

Excavations
Shoring to

The Secretary read the following letter from Messrs
Smith & Johnson
June 22^d /76

copy
To James Walsh Esq
Secretary, Melbourne Athenaeum

Wth Sir In reply to your note of yesterday - we
have to report that we have been unable to get
Mr Mitchell to consent to put any shoring against
the wall of the Athenaeum - We therefore have
to request you to obtain for us an unconditional
order to have the building made secure by shoring,
We are Sir

Yours truly
(signed) Smith & Johnson.

Proposal from
Mr Mitchell
(Contractor)

The Secretary also read the following proposal from
Mr Mitchell
(copy)
Victoria Club Buildings
Collins St East
Melbourne June 21st /76

To the Chairman Committee
of the Melbourne Athenaeum
Gentlemen

In reference to our conversation of this
day,

23 June 1876

Mitchell's
proposal
cost

day, I beg to inform you that I have seen Messrs
Butters and Pickersgill - They declined to accede
to the proposition that I made you, but I beg to
submit, with the sanction of Messrs Butters and
Pickersgill, the following proposal - I will carry
out the terms of my letter of June 2^d last estimate,
and do the work as therein stipulated in consideration
of you paying me half of the amount of £127-10/-
the said sum to include cost of two stores already
put in - I make you this offer so as to enable
me to proceed with my contract, Messrs Butters
and Pickersgill agreeing to pay me the other
half, (this is without prejudice to rights of
either party concerned) - This offer to stand
good until Monday 26 June at 12 o'clock
noon - I need scarcely remind you that the
wind and weather are affecting the exposed foundations
considerably, and should a heavy fall of rain come on,
the building would be very unsafe - the law
costs would in all probability exceed the
amount I am asking

I am Gentlemen
Your obedient servant
(signed) David Mitchell.

law costs
to date.

In reply to a question the President reported
that the law costs to date were stated by
the Solicitors to be about £45 -

Acceptance of
Mr Mitchell's
proposal -

Mr Marcus Clarke moved and Mr Keeningsham
seconded "That it is prudent, for the purpose
of avoiding further litigation and expense, to
accept the offer made by Mr David Mitchell -
to underpin and protect the whole of the
western walls of the Institution for the sum of
One hundred and thirty seven pounds ten shillings.
The work

25 June 1876

Acceptance of
Mr Mitchell's
proposal
contd

The work to be done to the satisfaction of
the Architects to the Institution - And that
an agreement embodying the foregoing be
signed in proper form.

Carried.....

Marcus Clarke
Chairman.
3rd July 1876.

Monday 3rd July 1876

Present. Mr Clarke (in the Chair)
" Bevis
" Blair
" Butters
Dr Eubling
Mr Hart
" Hepburnham
" Thomas
and afterwards the Vice President

Protest.

Before the business of the evening commenced Dr
Eubling entered a protest against any report being
received from the Improvement Sub-Committee as the
meeting of that Sub-Committee upon which such report
was based was held without his cognisance as
Chairman of the Sub-Committee

The Chairman ruled the report inadmissible
under the circumstances

Apologies for non-attendance were received from the
President Dr Filbee & Mr Edwards - The cause being
in each case - indisposition.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 1876
were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of adjourned meetings held 7 June and
of special meetings held 20 & 23 June 1876 were
also read and confirmed

Correspondence

1. Letter from Messrs C. & J. Ham offering for sale
land at rear of large hall.

On the motion of the Vice President seconded
by Dr Eubling the Secretary was instructed to
decline the offer with thanks.

2. Letter from Dr Dyer President Victorian Poetry
Society soliciting a prize from the Committee
of the Melbourne Athenaeum

Hand of rear
of Hall

Poetry Society
Prize