

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.

Poetry Society
Prize

3 July 1876

Correspondence
Call

The Secretary was instructed to reply that the Committee exceedingly regretted their inability to comply with the request

Library
Sub-Committee
Report

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 29 June 1876 - They reported having added the following books to the library

Geo Robertson	42 vols from	17-16-8
J. Muller	7 ^{6 pamphlets} _{1 of papers}	3-8-11
Reynolds	11	6-0-0
Clara Maxima	3	7-6
	13 vols _{6 pamphlets - 14 parts}	£24-12-11

Presentations 2 each Internal Journals by D. Bales Headly + Essay on News - Recd by Bleasdale acc for Mr J. B. Buller

Recommendatory
Clauses
1. New Catalogue
2. Library Revision
3. Revision of Rules
4. New Books from London

The recommendatory clauses as per margin were passed per se

On the motion of Mr Blair seconded by Mr Eubling the report as a whole was passed.

Finance
Sub-Committee
Report

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 3 July 1876
The Report showed the receipts and expenditure for June 1876 to have been examined and found correct, leaving a balance in favour of the Institution of £165-14-2

Receipts for the month

Page Hall	62-0-0
General Revenue	173-18-8
	£235-18-8

The Rough Balance Sheet for half year ending 30 June 1876 was submitted and ordered to lie on the table.

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Finance

The following accounts were passed

Secretary - Salary for June	25-0-0
Librarian	15-3-4
Assistant	5-8-4
Walter Roper	9-0-0
Corporation	24-11-8
Mellor & Co	13-6-5
W. Dean	9-19-6
Geo Robertson	59-17-8
J. Muller	38-10-2
P & Reynolds	6-0-0
John Armstrong	13-2-3
Drafter Renda	20-
Janey Wiles	7-18-0
Petty Cash	5-0-0
	£252-17-4

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Blair seconded by Mr Here

Improvement
Sub-Committee

Mr Eubling as Chairman Improvement Sub-Committee moved that Messrs Smith & Johnson's plan be accepted as the most suitable and affording the best accommodation for the members of the Institution
No second. Motion lapsed.

Architects
Report

A report was received from Mr C. H. Smith, Architect to the Institution to the effect that the underpinning to the Athenaeum building was progressing satisfactorily

Banking &c

Mr Bees moved - pursuant to notice "That the motion to remove the account of the Institution from the Bank of New South Wales be rescinded and that the Institution resume its relations with that bank."
The Vice President seconded the motion which was put and lost

Special Meeting
to Revise Rules
15th July 1876

- Presat. Mr Hart (in the Chair)
- " Benjamin
 - " Beers
 - " Butters
 - " Clarke
 - " Dwyer
 - " Hecmington
 - " Meeks
 - " Thomas

And afterwards the Vice President

The Secretary submitted a proof of Revised Rules as prepared by the Sub-Committee appointed for the purpose

- Rules 1 and 2 were passed without alteration
- " 3. The words "The members of" were inserted at the commencement
- " 4. The words "for the transaction of business" were struck out
- " 5 & 6 were passed without alteration
- " 7. the word "six" was inserted in lieu of "three" in the second line, on the motion of Mr Beers & Decided by Mr Benjamin
- " 8. The words "to be read at the Annual Meeting and" in lines 6 & 7 were struck out
- " 9 was passed without alteration
- " 10 the words "or persons" were added after the word "person" in the 9th line
- " 11. was altered to read as follows "In case of an Equality of votes the question of who shall be elected shall be settled by the Chairman of the General Meeting."
- " 12 was altered to read as follows "The result of the election signed by the majority four Secretaries and the Secretary or a majority of them shall be posted in the reading room or library on the day preceding the election"

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Design for Cheque form

The Secretary submitted two designs for cheque forms Mr Butters moved and Mr Blair seconded that the sketch form marked A be adopted with modifications making the whole design plainier. Carried

Additional names to Improvement Sub-Committee

Mr Culling moved and Mr Butters seconded that the names of Messrs Clarke and Hecmington be added to the Improvement Sub-Committee Carried

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows
June 1876

Members payments during month

Old members @ 30s	1	£ 1-10-0
" " " 20s	34	34-0-0
" " " 10s	41	20-10-0
" " " 10s	4	2-0-0
New " " 30s	1	1-10-0
" " " 20s	15	15-0-0
" " " 10s	22	11-0-0
Rejoined " " 10s	5	2-10-0
		£ 88-0-0

Members payments first 6 months 1876 913
New members " 369
Total received first 6 months from all sources £1158-6-5

Mr Benjamin
Chairman

7/8/76

10 July 1846

Rules
contd

his seat, unless reasonable cause, to the satisfaction of the General Committee be assigned for such absence."

The Draper moved and Mr Keeneyham seconded that the words after "vacates his seat" be struck out.

The amendment was put and lost. The original motion was carried.

Rule 31. was passed without alteration

" 32. Mr Keeneyham moved and Mr Draper seconded the adoption of Rule 32 with certain additions, the whole rule to read as follows: "The paid officers of the Institution shall be entitled, on application to the General Committee, to three weeks leave of absence in each year, such leave to be taken in such years as the Committee may determine"

The motion was put and lost

The rule was therefore struck out

" 33 (now 32) the words for misconduct in line 2 were struck out.

" 34 (now 33) and 35 (now 34) were passed without alteration

" 36 (now 35) the word "may" was substituted for the words "are hereby empowered to" in line 1 and the words "all and" in line 2 were struck out and the words "or any other personal property" were inserted after the words "and newspapers" in line 2.

" 37 (now 36) was passed without alteration.

" 38 (now 37) the words "and library" were inserted after the words "in the reading room" in line 7, and the words "at the least" at end of rule, were struck out.

" 39 (now 38) - The final sentence of this rule was altered to read as follows: "Such balances shall to be printed and ready for circulation at least four days previous to each Annual General Meeting."

" 40 (now 39) 41 (now 40) 42 (now 41) and 43 (now 42) were passed without alteration.

" 44 (now 43) the word "of" was inserted after the words "think first" at end of line 1.

10 July 1846

Rules
contd

Rule 13 was altered to read as follows: "At the Annual General Meeting the President, Vice President Treasurer and one-half of the fourteen members of the General Committee shall retire from office; the fourteen members by rotation and an election by ballot as provided by rule 10 shall take place to supply the vacancies of such retiring members, who, if otherwise qualified, shall be eligible for re-election; the seven retiring members shall be those who have been longest in office without re-election"

" 14 + 15 were passed without alteration

" 16 was altered to read as follows: "Any person contributing one guinea has heretofore contributed ten guineas in one sum to the Institution shall be a life member, and hereafter enjoy all privileges and shall be exempt from further subscriptions"

" 17 was passed without alteration

" 18 the words "half-a-guinea" were substituted in lieu of "10s." in line 3

" 19 was passed without alteration

" 20 the words "at least" were inserted between the words "in" and "two" in line 4

" 21 the words "at least" were inserted between the words "in" and "two" in line 4

" 22 was passed without alteration

" 23 the words "at such" were inserted between the words "and" and "hour" in line 2. the word "the" was inserted between the words "of" and "General" in line 7.

" 24 to 27 inclusive were passed without alteration

" 28 the words "original or" in line 7 were struck out

" 29 the word "supply" was substituted for the word "give" in line 5.

" 30 Mr Benjamin moved and Mr Clarke seconded the adoption of Rule 30 which read as follows: "Any of the fourteen members of the General Committee who shall fail to attend the meetings of the General Committee during the period of three consecutive months shall be held to have vacated his

10th July 1876

Rules contd

Rule 45 (now 44) The words "Subject to the provisions herein before contained" were inserted at the commencement of the rule -

" 46 (now 45) The words "which may" were inserted in lieu of the word "to" in line 3

" 47 (now 46) The word "General" was inserted between the words "Special" and "meeting" in line 2 the words "any Existing" were substituted for the word "the" in line 1 Clause 1. the word present in line 3 of Clause 1 was struck out, the word "any" was substituted for the word "the" before the word "Existing" in line 2 Clause 2 and the word "present" was struck out of line 3 Clause 2.

" 48 (now 47) and 49 (now 48) were passed without alteration.

" 50 (now 49). The word "which" was substituted in lieu of the words "what particular" in lines 1 & 2 and the word "only" was inserted between the words "inspection" and "at" in line 3 -

" 51. was divided into two portions -

Mr Marcus Clarke moved and Mr Thomas seconded that Rule 51 (now 50) be adopted as follows -

"The Reading Room and library of reference shall be open daily from 8 am till 10 pm, - Except on Sundays, when it shall be open from 2 pm till 10 pm.

Mr Beer's moved as an amendment and Mr Meeks seconded "That the words "Except on Sundays when it shall be open from 2 pm till 10 pm." be struck out -

(The amendment was lost by 6 to 4)

The original motion was carried

Mr Keeningham moved and Mr Dwyer seconded

"That rule 51a (now 51) be adopted as follows -

"The library of Circulation shall be opened daily from 8.30 am till 9 pm. Except Saturdays when it shall close at 2 pm. and Exceptly Sunday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day New Year Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday Queen's Birthday, Prince of Wales Birthday and such other day or days as the Committee shall think fit -

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Rules contd

Rule 52 was altered to read as follows: "Proper registers shall be kept of all books taken out of and returned to the library, such registers to be laid before the General Committee at each monthly meeting if required -

" 53 the words "by the Secretary" in line 1 were struck out. the word "respecting" was inserted between the words "or" and "the" in line 5. the word "to" was substituted in lieu of the word "shall" in line 6 and the words "by the Secretary" were struck out of line 8 and the words "if required" were added to the end of the rule

" 54 The words "or any portion of them" were inserted between the words "rules" and "the General Committee" on line 3 and the word "interpret" was substituted in lieu of the word "decide" on the same line -

" 55. The word "or" was substituted in lieu of the word "and" in lines 2 and 4 and the word "twenty" for the word "forty" in line 6.

" 56. was passed without alteration -

The final clause (no number) was passed the words "which were" being struck out of line 1.

Mr Keeningham moved and Mr Butters seconded "That the Special General Meeting of Members to adopt the foregoing rules be called for Thursday 24 August 1876 - Carried -

Special -
General Meeting

Amr Benjamin
J. Morrison

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Monday 7th August 1876

The General Committee of Management met this evening Present Mr Benjamin (Chair)

- " Beers
- " Clarke
- " Edwards
- " Eubling
- " Hart
- " Henningham
- " Meeks
- " Thomas

The Minutes of the regular monthly meeting held 3 July 1876 were read and approved.
 The Minutes of Special Meetings held 10th and 19 July 1876 were also read and approved.

Correspondence

1. letter from Miss Hauck requesting permission to form German Class in connection with the Institution. Referred to the library Sub-Committee with power to act.
2. letter from Miss Knight requesting permission to form French Instruction Class in connection with the Institution - Referred to the library Sub-Committee with power to act.

The Secretary having reported that Mr Blair had been absent from three regular meetings of Committee Mr Henningham moved and Mr Hart seconded that the Secretary be instructed to write to Mr Blair drawing his attention to the fact of his absence and requesting to be informed whether it was his wish to continue his connection with the Institution as a member of Committee.
 Carried

Special Meeting 19th July 1876

A special meeting of the General Committee of Management was called for this evening in order to receive the report of the Improvement Committee re New Buildings -

- Present
- The President (in the Chair)
 - " Vice President
 - Mr Beers
 - " Blair
 - " Clarke
 - Dr Fellbee
 - Mr Hart
 - " Thomas

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr Eubling -

Report recommending approval of plans of new Committee rooms

The Secretary presented the report dated 13 July 1876. Mr Hart moved and Mr Thomas seconded that the Report of the Improvement Sub-Committee dated 13 July 1876 now read lie on the table and be considered at the next regular meeting of the General Committee - the plans meanwhile to be exhibited in the Committee room.
 Carried

David Benjamin
Chairman

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4th August 1876

Improvement
Sub-Committee
Report

The Improvement Sub-Committee presented their report dated 13 July 1876 recommending that the plan of Messrs Smith & Johnson be approved as the best for carrying out the proposed improvements. On the motion of D. Culling seconded by Mr. Keenigham the Improvement Sub-Committee's report dated 13 July 1876 was adopted.

Library
Sub-Committee
Report

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

The clauses reporting the revision of the library were passed.

Objection was taken to the action of the Library Sub-Committee in passing books into the library without first bringing said books before the General Committee. It was pointed out that power had been given to the Sub-Committee by the adoption of their report dated 27 April 1876.

The Chairman ruled that the granting of such power to the Sub-Committee was contrary to the rules of the Institution. The Committee, however, resolved to pass in the books already selected by the Library Sub-Committee it being understood that in future all books so selected were to be brought before the General Committee.

The last lot of books selected by the Library Sub-Committee and recommended for addition to the library were as follows:

J. Drullen	15 vols net	3-1-7
Reynolds	1	6-9
J. Robertson	80 : 45 parts	20-0-8
	104 vols + 5 pts	23-9-0

The remaining clauses of the report, as far as margin, were passed - the words "to Mr. George Robertson" being struck out of Clause 3.

The question as to whether the publication Room as the "Two Worlds" should be exhibited in the Reading

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Library
Sub-Committee
Report

Room, having been referred by the Library Sub-Committee to the General Committee it was resolved on the motion of Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Thomas that the said publication be so exhibited. The report as a whole, with the alterations as above, was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clarke seconded by Mr. Culling.

Finance
Sub-Committee
Report

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 4 August 1876

The Report showed the receipts and expenditure for July 1876 to have been examined and found correct, leaving a balance of £152-15-10 in favour of the Institution.

Receipts for the month

Hazel Hall	114-0-10
General Revenue	91-15-6
	£ 305-14-4

It was resolved to act upon the recommendation embodied in the Finance Sub-Committee's report to the effect that the Australian Ladies Association be sued for the sum of £4-4-0 due by them to the Institution.

The following accounts were passed:

Secretary	July	25-0-0
Librarian	or	15-3-4
Assistant	or	5-8-4
Hallkeeper	5 wks.	11-5-0
Mellor for Q		10-10-7
Geo Robertson		13-0-3
E Whitehead		43-18-3
W Dawson 15s		36-14-3
J Pomealy		5-2-9
John Jolitt		6-10-
Colford		172-15-9

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Arcade and the consequent increase of passenger traffic, the Architects be requested, in furnishing the new plans, to consider the desirability of enlarging the Athenaeum entrance towards Little Collins Street.

Carried

Mr Beers moved and Mr Meeks seconded that the sum of £137-10/- be voted towards the payment of Mr Mitchell's contract re superfluous the Institution on the western side -

Carried

The Secretary reported receipt from Messrs Wiseman & Jells of an invoice for £11-1-6 costs re injunction to in connection with the excavations on the adjoining property -
Referred to the Finance Sub Committee

Mr Cumberlege moved and Mr Meuningham seconded that the question of affording increased accommodation as per Messrs Smith & Johnson's plans adopted by this Committee be laid before a general meeting of subscribers on Wednesday 13 Sept and at that meeting power be applied for under clause 57 and 58 Chapt 8 of the Rules of the Institution to borrow the money necessary for the work

Carried

Mr Cumberlege moved and Mr Meuningham seconded that the Improvement Sub Committee be requested to prepare a financial scheme for the consideration of the subscribers at the special meeting and also to draw up plans showing the amount of increased accommodation provided and any further information they may consider necessary.

Carried

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Finance
Sub Committee
report
accounts

Drumt forward	172-15-9
Casselden	2-12-0
Baras & Bro N.Y.	2-16-0
Drapes & Saw	1-5-0
Draft in hand for books	20
Vic: Done & Co Secy fee	2-
Eraser Campbell & Co	12-8-8
Secondary fees	2-14-11
Petty Cash	5-0-0
Total	£221-12-4

On the motion of Mr Edwards seconded by Mr Beers the report of the Finance Sub Committee dated 4 August 1876 was adopted.

Mr Thomas moved as follows: "That in order to encourage the Instructor of the Singing Class (Mr Perraton) in his attempt to make monthly social evenings in the large hall a permanent institution he be allowed the use of the hall at the rate usually charged for lectures with certain privileges reserved for members viz £2/2/- per evening."

No seconders

Mr Thomas moved and Mr Cumberlege seconded that the question of allowing Mr Perraton the large hall at reduced terms in connection with the proposed social evenings be referred to the Emergency Sub Committee with power to act.

Mr Meuningham moved and Mr Beers seconded as an amendment "That Mr Perraton be allowed the use of the large hall for the purpose required on the usual terms."

The amendment was put and lost - The original motion was carried.

Mr Marcus Clarke moved and Mr Cumberlege seconded that in consideration of the building of the new

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Mr Keeningham moved and Mr Marcus Clarke seconded "That 500 copies proof of revised rules be ordered for the use of the members at the Special General Meeting to be held on 24 August 1876" Carried

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows 3 July 1876

Members payments during month			
Old members @ £2-0-0	1	£	2-0-0
" " " 1-10-0	3		4-10-0
" " " 1-0-0	33		33-0-0
" " " 15/-	1		15-0
" " " 10/-	56		56-0-0
New " " 1-10/-	3		4-10-0
" " " 1-0-0	23		23-0-0
" " " 15/-	2		1-10-0
" " " 10/-	50		25-0-0
Rejoined " " 1-0-0	2		2-0-0
" " " 10/-	5		2-10-0
			£26-15/-

Members payments prior 7 months 1876 1092
 New members do do 347
 " " during July 78
 Total Receipts prior 7 months from all sources £1464-3-9

W. Biers Secy 4/9/76

Special Meeting of Committee

Thursday 17 August 1876

- Present - The Vice President (Chair)
 Mr Benjamin
 " Biers
 " Blair
 " Butters
 " Edwards
 " Hart
 " Keeningham

An apology for non-attendance was received from Mr Marcus Clarke

A letter was read from Mr James Campbell Ballarat offering £144 for the use of the large Hall from 24 November 1876 to 6 January 1877 inclusive - said letter being referred from the Emergency Sub-Committee to the General Committee with a recommendation that the offer be accepted
 Mr Biers moved and Mr Blair seconded "That Mr Campbell be offered the use of the Hall for the term named by him for the sum of £150" Carried

W. Biers Secy 4/9/76

Special Meeting of Committee

Monday 21 August 1876

Present Mr Hart (Chair)

- " Benjamin
- " Beers
- " Clarke
- " Dwyer
- " Edwards
- " Thomas

The meeting was called to consider a report from the library sub-committee but on an explanation from Mr Thomas Clarke (Chairman library sub-committee) that there had not been any meeting of the library sub-committee owing to the want of a quorum, the General Committee proceeded to select books - the following works being ordered to be passed into the library on the motion of Mr Beers seconded by Mr Clarke -

For Roberts 18 vols £5-1-0

A. Beers
Secy 19/8/76

Special General Meeting of Members.

Thursday 24th August 1876.

In compliance with a requisition signed by 20 members a special General Meeting was held this evening in the Large Hall to adopt the revised rules of the Institution.

The President (His Honor Judge Copr) in the Chair.

The Secretary read the advertisement from the Times calling the meeting.

Mr Beers moved and Mr Butters seconded "That no speaker address this meeting on our subject more than once, or for a longer period than ten minutes."

Mr Hunningham moved as an amendment and Mr Mason seconded "That no speaker address this meeting on our subject more than once or for a longer period than five minutes."

The Amendment was carried.

Mr Merks moved and Mr Clarke seconded "That the rules about to be submitted to the meeting be read privately."

Mr Butters moved and Mr Dwyer seconded, ^{as an Amendment.} "That the revised rules as submitted be taken as read with the exception of Rules 3. 8. 10. 17. 28. 50. & 51."

Amendment Carried

Mr Dwyer moved and Mr Beers seconded the adoption of rule 3 as follows. — The members of the Institution shall consist of 1st Honorary Members as per Rule 15; 2nd Life members as per Rule 16; 3rd an unlimited number of members paying £1. 1s yearly, 12/6 half-yearly or 7/6 quarterly.

Carried

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within one month from the date of payment of such subscription, to refuse membership to such person; and on such refusal the paid subscription shall be refunded.
Carried

Mr. Buttrus moved and the Rev. J. M. Strongman seconded the adoption of Rule 28 as follows: —
"One amendment only upon any motion shall be discussed at a time, but if such amendment be lost, another may be moved before the original motion is put to the vote. Upon an Amendment being carried, it shall be held to have quashed the original motion, and shall take its place; any number of amendments may, however, be moved on such substituted motion."
Carried

Mr. Dwyer moved and Mr. Buttrus seconded the adoption of Rule 50 as follows: —
The Reading Room and the Library of Reference shall be opened daily from 8 A.M. till 10 P.M. except on Sunday, when it shall be open from 2 P.M. till 10 P.M.
The Motion was Put and Lost

Mr. Meeks moved and Mr. Buttrus seconded the adoption of Rule 51 as follows: —
The Library of Circulation shall be opened daily from 8.30 A.M. till 9 P.M. excepting Saturday, when it shall be closed at 2 P.M., and excepting Sunday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Durri's Birthday, Prince of Wales' Birthday, and each other day or day as the Committee shall think fit.
Carried

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Mr. Dwyer moved and Mr. Birmingham seconded the adoption of rule 8 as follows —
"The General Committee (excepting the Justices) shall be nominated between the hours of 10 A.M. and 10 P.M. on the day on which the Annual Meeting is held. Each nomination to be signed by two members and to be accompanied by the written consent of the nominer. The list of such nominations to be exhibited in the reading room and library until the conclusion of the election."
Carried

Mr. Marcus Clarke moved and Dr. Embling seconded the adoption of Rule 10 as follows —
"The election of the General Committee (excepting the Justices) shall be by Ballot, to be conducted as follows: —
Every member desirous of voting shall, on application to the Secretary at the Institution, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 6 P.M. on the day of Election, which shall be the Monday next after the Annual Meeting, receive a Balloting paper containing the names of the nominers for the General Committee, and he or she shall vote for the Person or Persons he or she desire to hold the respective Offices for which they have been nominated, by retaining their names on the list and crossing all others, and he or she shall then and there deposit his or her voting paper in a box provided for the purpose. Any Balloting paper to be void if it shall be found to contain more names for any office than are required by the Rules of the Institution."
Carried

Dr. Embling moved and Mr. Buttrus seconded the adoption of Rule 17 as follows. —
Any person desirous of becoming a member of the Institution shall pay one of the specified subscriptions to the Secretary, the General Committee shall, however, have the power within

24th August 1876

Mr. Hunningham moved and Mr. Biers seconded
that the remainder of the Rules submitted to this meeting
(viz. Rules 1, 2, 4 to 7 inclusive, 9, 11 to 16 inclusive,
18 to 27 inclusive, 29 to 49 inclusive and 52 to 56
inclusive) be adopted Carried

Mr. Hart moved and Mr. Hunningham seconded that
the rules as adopted shall be engrossed on parchment
and signed by at least a majority of the members
of the General Committee and when so completed
shall be duly placed in the custody of the Secretaries
and shall hereafter be taken to be, and they are
hereby declared to be, the Rules of the Melbourne
Atheneum Carried

Mr. Butters moved and Mr. Dryer seconded a vote
of thanks to the Chairman

Carried

W. Cope
31 Jan 1877.

Monday 14th September 1876

The General Committee of Management met this Evening

Present - Mr. Biers (in the Chair)

" Bailliere

" Benjamin

" Blair

" Butters

" Clarke

" Dryer

" Edwards

" Eubling

" Fellner

" Hart

" Hunningham

" Meeks

" Thomas

and afterwards the Vice President

On the motion of Mr. Benjamin seconded by Mr. Blair
Mr. Biers took the Chair

Minutes

The Minutes of the monthly meeting of Committee held
7 August 1876 were read and approved.
The Minutes of Special Meetings of Committee held
14th and 21 August 1876 were also read and approved.
The Secretary submitted draft minutes Special General
Meeting of Members held 7th August 1876 but the
Committee declined to hear them read.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr. Blair apologising for his absence from
three successive meetings of Committee.
Received, on the motion of Mr. Edwards seconded
by Mr. Dryer

2. Letter from Dr. R. L. J. Cleary with reference to his
promised lecture on behalf of the Institution.

On the motion of Mr. Blair seconded by Mr. Benjamin
Mr. Cleary's letter was referred to the Library Sub-Committee
with power to act.

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Mr Benjamin raised a point of order to the effect that the new rules of the institution not being yet signed by a majority of the Committee, were not in force. The Chairman ruled that the signing was merely an administrative act, and not of necessity under the rules legally in force.

Mr Blair rose to speak to the point of order. The Chairman reminded Mr Blair that the Chair had ruled Mr Dryer moved and Mr Cunningham seconded "That Mr Blair be allowed to speak" - Carried.

With the consent of his recorder and the meeting Mr Butters withdrew his resolution - He then moved as follows - That inasmuch as there is no rule to guide the Committee in controlling the Reading Room and Library of Reference a ballot of the subscribers be taken, asking for authority thereon, such ballot to be kept open for seven days, in order to give all the subscribers an opportunity of voting, and that a majority thereof decide - Mr Cunningham seconded the motion Mr Blair moved as an amendment and Mr Edwards seconded "That no regulation or resolution pertaining to any matter of management or any alteration of a rule shall be discussed or decided at any meeting of the Committee without one month's notice being given to every member of the Committee - The amendment was lost.

The motion was carried by 9 to 4 on the following division - For. The Vice President Mr Hart Carter, Eubling, Bailliere, Dryer, Thomas, Butters and Cunningham. Against - Messrs Blair, Edwards, Benjamin and Thecks.

Mr Hart moved and Mr Dryer seconded "That the term 'Subscriber' appearing in the previous resolution shall only apply to those whose names are subscribed as members of the institution up to this day viz the 4th September 1876 - Carried.

4th Sept 1876

Correspondence contd

3. Letter from R Osborne requesting the Committee to return him a portion of his subscription of the recently paid. The Secretary having explained that the case was one deserving charitable recognition, was authorised on the motion of Mr Bailliere seconded by Mr Butters to refund Mr Osborne 1/6.
4. Letter from Mr James Campbell Ballarat, accepting the terms proposed by the Committee for the use of the large hall from 24th Nov 76 to 6 Jan 77 inclusive - 2/6 150- Received.
5. Letter from Mr J. E. Healy as follows
 Copy
 68 Queen St
 Melbourne 4th Sept 76.

To the Committee of the
 Athenaeum - Melbourne

Gentlemen - Having obtained legal advice concerning the new rules of your institution, of which I am a member, I beg to inform you that I desire to avail myself of the privilege which members possess regarding the Reading Room and I accordingly require to use that room on Sundays with the same freedom which I enjoy on every other day of the week - Will you in your administrative capacity be pleased to give instructions to the officers of the institution to have the said Reading Room open in future on Sundays -

I am Gentlemen
 Of faithfully
 Yours,
 J. E. Healy

Mr Butters moved and Mr Bailliere seconded "That under Rule 36, the Committee make a regulation to the following effect - The Reading Room and Library of Reference shall be opened daily from 8 am till 10 pm - Except on Sundays when it shall be open from 2 pm till 10 pm

4th Sept 1876

The following accounts were passed—

Secretary Salary August	25-0-0
Hebraian " "	15-3-4
Assistant " "	5-8-4
Wall Paper 4 mat. wgs	9-0-0
Melb Gas & Ldg wgs	17-14-8
Ernst Campbell & Co	15-10-10
Armstrong	2-8-
Petty Cash	5-0-0
	£95-5-2

Misworded of fibb of £61-1-6 - Secretary to ask for rebate
 Mr Edwards moved and Mr McKeuningham seconded the adoption of the Finance Sub Committee's report dated 1st Sept 1876.

Mr Dryer moved and Mr Eubling seconded as an amendment "That the consideration of Messrs Misworded fibb of be postponed until the next meeting of this Committee"
 On explanation, Mr Dryer, with the consent of his seconders and the meeting, withdrew his amendment. The motion was then put and carried.

Mr Meeks moved and Mr McKeuningham seconded "That the rest of the business be postponed and the meeting be adjourned" as an amendment
 Mr Baillie moved, and Mr Dryer seconded "That the report of the Improvement Sub Committee re proposed financial scheme be now read and considered"
 The amendment was carried by 6 to 5

The Improvement Sub Committee's report dated 1st Sept 1876 was then read.
 Mr Eubling moved and Mr Dryer seconded "That the Improvement Sub Committee's report dated 1st Sept 1876 be adopted."
 Carried

Improvement Sub Committee Report re new buildings

4th Sept 1876

Mr McKeuningham moved and Mr Carke seconded "That the following gentlemen be appointed a Sub Committee to carry out the arrangements for the ballot relating to the opening or non-opening of the Reading Room at Hebraian of Reference on Sunday's next Meeks, Hart, Batters, Thomas and Carke"
 Carried

Australian Natives' Assn of (paid)

The Chairman reported that the Australian Natives' Association had paid, without being asked for it, the sum of £44-4-0 reported at last meeting to be due by them to the institution.

Hebraian Sub Committee Report New Books

The Hebraian Sub Committee presented their report dated 31 August 1876
 Mr Eubling moved and Mr McKeuningham seconded "That the books recommended by the Hebraian Sub Committee as follows be passed into the Hebraian - Carried"

List of Books -
 W. Robertson 1 vol 9-0
 J. Robertson 45 " 10-18-0
 A. Smith 1 " 13-6
 47 nos £12-0-6

Mr Meeks moved and Mr Edwards seconded "That the consideration of the remaining clauses of the Hebraian Sub Committee's report dated 31 August 1876 be postponed - Carried"

Finance Sub Committee Report

The Finance Sub Committee presented their report dated 1st Sept 1876
 The report showed the receipts and expenditure for August 1876 to have been examined and found correct - Balance to the credit of the Institution £331-4-6

Receipts for the month
 Haystack 141-10-6
 General Revenue 157- - 8
 £398-11-2

Special Meeting General Committee

8th September 1876

Present The President (in the Chair)

" Vice President

Mr Beers

" Clarke

" Edwards

" Hart

" Thomas

The Meeting was called in order to receive a report from the Ballot Sub-Committee -

Mr Beers submitted a question for the ruling of the Chairman.

The Chairman stated that as the question had no connection with the object for which the meeting was called he declined to entertain it -

The Ballot Sub-Committee presented their report dated 6th September 1876.

Mr Hart moved and Mr Clarke seconded that the Report of the Ballot Sub-Committee be received - Carried.

Mr Hart moved and Mr Clarke seconded that the report of the Ballot Sub-Committee be adopted

- Carried by the vote of the Chairman - on the following Division -

For - The Chairman - Messrs Hart, Clarke & Thomas
Against - The Vice President - Messrs Beers & Edwards

J. Ape

Chairman

2nd Oct 1876

Ballot Sub-Committee report
Clauses

1. Scrutiness
2. List of members
3. Voting papers
4. Hows Ballot Co remain open
5. Declaration of Result.

4th Sept 1876

Notice re
Meeting
Proposed Loan
for new buildings

Mr Culling moved and Mr Henningham seconded

" That the following form the notice to be given and the motion to be submitted to the special general meeting of members re proposed loan is:

- A special general meeting of the members of the Melbourne Athenaeum will be held in the large hall of the institution on Wednesday September 13th 1876 at Eight o'clock pm.

To consider the following proposition - That an additional sum of £6000 be borrowed for the purpose of increasing the accommodation of the Melbourne Athenaeum by the erection of new buildings and such other improvements as may be considered necessary by the Committee and that the Trustees be empowered to borrow the said sum of £6000 on mortgage over the real property of the institution. - Carried.

Adjournment. Mr Bailliere moved and Mr Henningham seconded

" That this meeting stand adjourned until Monday 11th Sept 1876. - Carried.

The meeting was then adjourned to the date mentioned.

J. Ape

Chairman

2nd Oct 1876

Adjourned Meeting General Committee

11th September 1876

- Present
- The President (in the Chair)
 - " Vice President
 - Mr Benjamin
 - " Beiss
 - " Butters
 - " Clarke
 - " Dryer
 - " Edwards
 - " Hart
 - " Henuingham
 - " Meeks
 - " Thomas

Library Sub-Com
 Report
 Balance of Classes
 New Classes
 Mr Robertsons
 Letter re books
 from London

The Balance of Library Sub-Committee's report dated 31 August 1876 was read

re Books from London
 Mr Beiss moved and Mr Edwards seconded "That the requisite business connected with the proposal for procuring £100 worth of new books annually from London be transacted through Mr George Robertson"

Mr Henuingham moved as an amendment and Mr Bailliere seconded "That advertisements be inserted in the papers calling for tenders from all Melbourne booksellers and importing firms generally for the supply of new books from London -

Amendment lost
 Original motion carried

The Emergency Sub-Committee presented their report dated 15 August 1876 recommending that the question of proposed Social Evenings in connection with the Singing Class be postponed *seno die*.

On the motion of Mr Benjamin seconded by Mr Bailliere, the report was adopted -

Emergency Sub-Committee Report
 Social Evenings

11 September 1876

Temperance
 Year Book

It was resolved not to advertise in the Temperance Year Book.

Rules.

Mr Butters moved and Mr Clarke seconded "That the Secretary forthwith rule red ink lines across the space left after rule 49 in the engrossed copy of the new rules, and number the remaining rules consecutively No 50, 51, 52, 53, 54 + 55. - Carried

Mr Henuingham moved and Mr Dryer seconded "That 2000 copies of the new rules be printed. - Carried -

Confirmation of
 £137-10/-
 to Mitchell for
 underpinning

Mr Beiss moved and Mr Henuingham seconded "That the vote of £137-10/- for payment of Mr Mitchell's contract - underpinning Western Wall of the Institution be not comprised. - Carried -

Confirmation
 £100 vote
 re
 books from
 London

Mr Clarke moved and Mr Benjamin seconded "That the vote of £100 per annum for the supply of new books from London asked for in Library Sub-Committee's report adopted 7 August 1876 be not comprised. - Carried

Notice to
 subscribers re
 new rules

Mr Henuingham moved and Mr Dryer seconded "That when the Rules and Regulations are printed and ready for issue, the Secretary shall insert a short notice in the Metropolitan papers informing subscribers that they can obtain copies gratis upon application to the Secretary. - Carried.

Halls not to be
 let beyond
 7 January 1877

Mr Dryer moved and Mr Bailliere seconded "That in view of the proposal to erect new buildings the Secretary be instructed not to let the large or small Hall of the Institution for any date later than 7 January 1877 unless authorized so to do by the President. - Carried.

11th September 1876

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly Statement as follows
August 1876

Members' Payments during month

Old members @ £1-10/-	1	£1-10-0
" " " 1-1-0	8	8-8-0
" " " 1-0-0	107	107-0-0
" " " 15/-	2	1-10-0
" " " 10/-	102	57-0-0
New " " 1-1-0	7	7-2-0
" " " 1-0-0	19	19-0-0
" " " 12/-	2	1-5-0
" " " 10/-	32	16-0-0
Rejoined " " 1-1-0	1	1-1-0
" " " 1-0-0	3	3-0-0
" " " 10/-	5	2-10-0
" " " 7/-	1	7-6
		£219-18-6

Members' Payments first 8 months 1876 - 1382
New members " " " " 402

Total Revenue all sources first 8 months 1876
£1862-14-11

J. Ape, Chairman
2nd Oct 1876

Special General Meeting of Members.

Wednesday 13th September 1876

The President - Judge Cooper - in the Chair.

The Secretary read the Advertisement from the Times - concerning the Meeting.

Dr. Embling moved and Mr. Dwyer seconded - that an additional sum of £6,000. be borrowed for the purpose of increasing the accommodation of the Melbourne Athenaeum, by the erection of new buildings, and such other improvements as may be considered necessary by the Committee: and that the Trustees be empowered to borrow the said sum of £6,000. on mortgage over the real property of the Institution.

Mr. P. S. Sinclair moved and Mr. G. W. Rusden seconded as an amendment:-

That in the opinion of this Meeting it would be unadvisable to contract the proposed loan until after the appointment of Officers at the next Annual Meeting.

The amendment was put and carried.

J. Ape

31. Jan 1877.

Monday 2nd October 1876

The General Committee of Management met this Evening

- Present. The President (in the Chair)
- " Vice President
 - Mr Baillien
 - " Peers
 - " Blain
 - " Butters
 - " Clarke
 - " Dryer
 - " Edwards
 - " Eubling
 - " Gillbee
 - " Hart
 - " Meeks
 - " Thomas

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held 14th September 1876 were read and confirmed

The Minutes of Special Meetings held 8th + 11th September 1876 were also read and confirmed

Correspondence

J. E. Healy
see Minutes 4th Sept

1. Letter from Mr J. E. Healy (see Minutes 4th Sept 76) claiming right of admission to Reading Room on Sundays
On the motion of Mr Dryer seconded by Mr Edwards the Secretary was instructed to transmit a copy of the new rules to Mr Healy, drawing his attention to their provisions.

Christie
Increase accommodation
Shorthand Class

2. Letter from Mr R. Christie asking for increased accommodation for his Shorthand Class

Mr. Ball
Increase accommodation
Civil Service Class

3. Letter from Mr J. W. Ball asking for increased accommodation for his classes

On the motion of Mr Eubling seconded by Mr Baillien the Secretary was instructed to inform Mr Christie & Ball that the subscribers having decided not to

2nd October 1876

Correspondence

increase the present accommodation of the Institution until after the next Election of officers the Committee regret that they are unable to comply with their (Messrs Christie & Ball's) very reasonable request.

Count de Zaba
use of Halls
for lectures

4. Letter from Count de Zaba requesting the use of the hall free or at a reduced rate for his lecture on Universal History -

On the motion of Mr Dryer seconded by Mr Clarke it was resolved to grant Count de Zaba the large hall for the sum of £2-2-0 or the small hall free - for one night - and for the purpose named.

Metropolitan
Reading Room
100 additional
chairs

5. Letter from the Secretary of the Metropolitan Reading Room requesting the Committee to furnish the large hall with 100 additional chairs

Moved by Mr Peers seconded by Mr Butters "That the Reading Room be informed that as there is no general demand for further seating accommodation the Committee decline to accede to their request, and suggest that for the four meetings they hold in the year the hiring of extra chairs by them would be but small expense." - Carried

Protest
J. E. Clarke

Protest from Mr J. E. Clarke against Mr J. E. Healy's vote in ballot re Sunday opening -
Read and received

Protest
J. W. Ball

Protest from Mr J. W. Ball and 13 other members of the Institution against opening the Reading Room on Sunday -
Read and received

Tenders for printing
New Rules

Tenders were opened for printing & furnishing 2000 copies new rules - The tender of Messrs Carron, Reid & Co to provide 2000 copies as required for £5 was accepted.

2nd October 1876

Library Sub-Com.
Report
- Clause.
1. Lecture by Mr. Elvey
abandoned.
2. New Books

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated
20th September 1876

New Books as follows - were selected
S. Mullen 26 vols net 5-15-7
P. E. Reynolds 14 " " 3-8-0
- Geo Robertson 15 " " 3-4-5
50 vols £12-8-0

On the motion of Mr Marcus Clarke seconded by
the Vice-President the Library Sub-Committee's report
dated 20th September 1876 was adopted.

Finance Sub-Com.
Report.

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated
29th September 1876

The Report showed the Receipts and Expenditure for
September 1876 to have been Examined and found correct
leaving a balance in favour of the Institution of £480-19-4

Receipts for the month
Large Hall 23-12-6
General Purpos 221-9-
£ 245-1-6

The following accounts were passed viz:

Secretary - Sept. 25-0-0
Librarian " 15-3-4
Cassant " 5-8-4
Hallkeeper 4 wks to 30/9/76 9-0-0
Mellor Gas Co. Sept. 17-19-4
Corporation Tax Rate to 31/12/76 14-15-0
Water Supply to 3/12/76 8-0-0
Mat. (of H3) Dr. Co. Premiums 12-11-0
J. W. Oldsworth repairs to 28/8/76 11-7-8
J. S. Reddie repairs to 17/7/76 4-14-6
Jordan & Gokh n' repairs to 30/9/76 7-0-0
Armstrong n' repairs to 30/9/76 10/11/3 }
adv. " 10/8/76 2/18/6 } 13-5-9
Carried forward £ 134-4-11

2 October 1876

Finance Com.

Prot forward 134-4-11
by Carron Bank Co. 5-8-6
Expenses of Ballot 20-14-6
Sundry exps. Rocks & Co 3/1/3 }
J.C. Smith Prof. Laurie Stratton 1/4 } 8-1-6
Whitehead & Co 1/3 of Robertson 16/- }
Petty Cash. 5-0-0
£143-1-5

On the motion of Mr Edwards seconded by Mr Thomas
the Finance Sub-Committee's report dated 29th Sept 1876
was adopted

Confirmation of
note £ 61-1-6
& Misworlds of

Mr Edwards moved and Mr Thomas seconded "That
the note of £ 61-1-6 in payment of Mr James
Misworlds account for Expenses incurred re injunction
re with regard to Excavations on adjoining property
be not comprised. - Carried -

Scrutineers'
Report

The Secretary presented a report drawn up by the
Scrutineers appointed to conduct the recent ballot
re opening Reading Room on Sundays
The report was read and received

Mr Butcher's
Notice of Motion

By consent of the meeting Mr Butcher withdrew.
The following notice of motion standing in his name.
" That an amount not exceeding £ 250 be
set apart for the permanent decoration and improved
lighting of the large hall, and that on the passing
of this resolution the Secretary be authorised to
instruct the Architects to proceed with the work
forthwith - and that a Sub-Committee be appointed
to assist the Architects therein -"

Mr Meek's
Notice of
Motion

The following notice of motion standing in Mr
Meek's name was ruled out of order by
the Chairman on the ground that the Committee
had no power to deal with the matter as requested
by the motion (See next page)

2 October 1876

Secretary's Statement.

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows

September 1876

Members' Payments during Month		
Old Members @ £4-	1.	£4-0-0
" " " " 3	1.	3-0-0
" " " " 2/11	1.	2-1-0
" " " " 2/11	2.	4-0-0
" " " " 1/11/6	3.	4-14-6
" " " " 1/10/.	4.	6-0-0
" " " " 1/11/.	59.	61-19-0
" " " " 1/11/.	44.	44-0-0
" " " " 15/.	1.	15-0
" " " " 12/6	22.	13-15-0
" " " " 10/.	25.	12-10-0
" making B.B. Lib. 5/.	1.	- 5-0
New Members " 1/11/.	31.	32-11-0
" " " " 12/6	15.	9-7-6
" " " " 7/6	6.	2-5-
Rejoined " 1/11/.	6.	6-6-0
" " " " 12/6	1.	12-6
Error - see No 1131		5-0
		£208-6-6

Members' Payments first 9 months of 1876 1605
 New Members do do 459

Total Revenue first 9 months from all sources
 £2107-16-5.

J. Cape
 Chairman
 64 New, 1876

2 October 1876

M. Beech's Notice of Motion

Notice of Motion referred to -
 "That the portion of No 45 in the old Rules referring to the closing of the Institution on Sundays, not having been repealed, it be incorporated with the new rules -"

M. Beech's request for Ruling of President

M. Beech submitted the following for the ruling of the President

copy "That of rule 45, passed on the 6th day of September 1871, such portion as refers to the Reading Room as Library of Reference (see copy of rule underlined, attached) is still in force, no alteration, addition or amendment having, subsequently to that date, been made in or to such portion of said rule.

Sept 8th 1876. (Copy) M. Beech

Rule referred to

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

The President declined to give his opinion on the subject.

Notice of Motion.

M. Dwyer gave notice that at the next meeting of Committee he should move as follows:
 "That in the opinion of the Committee the interests of the Institution will be more impartially consulted if the Solicitors who are the advisers of the Committee be not members of the Institution."

Monday 6th November 1876

The General Committee of Management met this

Evening Present The President (in the Chair)

" Vice President

Mr. Benjamin

" Bees

" Blair

" Clarke

" Dwyer

" Edwards

" Meeks

" Thomas

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 1876 were read and confirmed.

A letter was received from Mr. Walsh, Secretary to the Institution applying for leave of absence on 8th 7th 21st 22nd 23rd & 24th Nov and 20th 21st 22nd and 23rd Dec 1876 Application granted.

Mr. Edwards moved and Mr. Blair seconded " That the library be closed on 4th till 9th inst and the Reading Room between the hours of 12^{noon} and 8^{pm} on the said day Carried.

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 2nd November 1876 New Books as follows - were recommended.

Geo Robertson	444 vols	val	8-7-10
R Mackay	1 "	"	3-6
S. Muller	4 "	"	1-1-7
	449	"	£ 9-12-11

Minutes

Secretary Application for leave of absence

Cups Day at Prince of Wales Birth Day

Library Sub-Committee Report

1. Magazines 177
2. Weather Chart
3. Insulin Department
4. New Books

6 November 1876

Library Sub-Committee Report contd

On the motion of Mr. Clarke seconded by Mr. Blair the Library Sub-Committee Report dated 2nd November 1876 was adopted.

Mr. Clarke as Chairman of the Library Sub-Committee presented the manuscript of the new Catalogue which was ordered to be printed.

Finance Sub-Committee Report

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 3rd November 1876

The Report showed the receipts and expenditure for October 1876 to have been examined and found correct leaving a balance in favour of the Institution of £ 423-4/-

Receipts for the Month
 have been £ 23-10-6
 General Revenue £ 53-10-6
 £ 144-1-

On the motion of Mr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Bees the report was adopted together with the following accounts of

Secretary Salary October	25-0-0
Librarian "	15-3-4
Assistant "	5-8-4
Hallkeeper 5 th Nov to 4 th 1876	11-5-0
Mellor Jan to Sept & Oct	21-8-2
Parnely to 22/9/76	4-8-0
Drum Capbell & Co to Oct 76	6-4-4
Mr. Kuley & Co. Purch & Advt	4-16-0
Dr. Mitchell Shoring 13/10/76	150-5-0
" " Fitting & Binding pipes 12/10/76	
	£ 243-18-2

Special Meeting of General Committee
16 November 1876

Present Mr Marcus Clarke (in the Chair)
" Beers
" Guya Blair
" Thomas
Dr Blair

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 16 November 1876.

Books as follows were selected
E. Mudge 183 vols £43-12-0
Geo Roberts 32 " 6-8-3
S. Mulla 1 " 12-2
216 - £50-12-5

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

New Catalogue - On the motion of Mr Beers seconded by Dr Blair it was resolved to print 1000 copies of the new Catalogue

Tenders were opened for printing the new Catalogue
On the motion of Mr Beers seconded by Mr Beers & Blair the tender of Messrs Carr & Co to furnish 1000 copies at the rate of 4/15 per sheet (cover 2/10) and 7/6 per page was accepted - it being the lowest tender sent in -

J. A. Wolfe
Chairman
4th Dec 1876

Library Sub-Committee Report

New Books

New Catalogue

Tenders for printing Catalogue

6 November 1876

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

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows: October 1876

Members payments during month						
Life Members (R Scott & Co)	£	10	-	10	-	0
Old Members	£	1	-	11	-	6
" " "		1	-	1	-	0
" " "		1	-	0	-	0
" " "		12	-	6	-	11
" " "		10	-	0	-	2
" " "		7	-	6	-	1
New " "		1	-	11	-	6
" " "		1	-	1	-	0
" " "		1	-	0	-	0
" " "		12	-	6	-	11
" " "		7	-	6	-	8
Rejoined " "		1	-	1	-	0
" " "		12	-	6	-	2
£94-6/-						

Members payments first 10 months 1876 1404
New Members " " " 576
Total Revenue from all sources £2284-19-5

J. A. Wolfe
Chairman
4 Dec 1876

14 December 1876

The General Committee of Management met this Evening Present

- The President (Chair)
- Vice Presidents
- Mr Bailliere
- Benjamin
- Biers
- Blair
- Butters
- Clarke
- Edwards
- Hart
- Hewingham
- Meeks
- Thomas

The Minutes of the meetings held on 6 7 16 November were read & approved.

Library Sub Committee The Library Sub Committee presented their report dated 30 November 1876

The report recommended books as follows
Geo Robertson 37 vols & paper net £7.15.6

On the motion of Mr Benjamin seconded by Mr Blair the report was adopted

The Finance Sub Committee presented their report dated 1 Dec 76.

The report showed the receipts & Expenditure for November 1876 to have been Examined & found correct showing a balance in favour of the Institution of £424-5-10

14 December 1876

The following accounts were passed

Secretary	25-0-0
Librarian	15-3-4
Assistant	5-8-4
Kneekeeper	9
Geo Robertson	3-13-6
Jordan Girth	3-2-6
P Reynolds	3-15-11
Quinn Allen Esq	2-11-
Hull	2-11-
Vick	1-5-6
J B Payne 1/2% interest	210
H Stubbs Esq	8
Samuel Aps	4-13-1
Petty Cash	5-
J. Muller	26-3-11
Geo Robertson	57-18-11
Total	£383-7-0

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Edwards seconded by Mr Blair - no Perrators of for £5-10/ being left in the hands of the Secretary

Mr Meeks moved & Mr Hart seconded that the Institution be closed on Christmas Day - Boxing Day & New Year Day Carried

Mr Edwards moved & Mr Thomas seconded that the Library be closed for clearing & repairs on 2. 3 & 4 January 1877 - Carried

Mr Meeks moved & the Vice President seconded that the Secretary be authorised to let the books during the month of January - Carried

15 January 1877

The General Committee of Management met this evening

- Present Mr Biers
 " Benjamin
 " Butters
 " Marcus Clarke
 " Edwards
 " Gilbey
 " Hart
 " Hemmingham
 " Thomas
 and afterwards the Vice President

Chairman: On the motion of Mr Edwards seconded by Mr Clarke Mr Biers took the Chair

Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting held 14 December 1876 were read and approved

Correspondence
 Orphan Asylum
 Thanks
 1. Letter from the Secretary Melbourne Orphan Asylum thanking the Committee for the use of the Chess Room for several years at a merely nominal charge. Received

Australian Health Society
 Request for use of Room
 2. Letter from the Honorary Secretary Australian Health Society asking for use of room for monthly meetings of the Society - cost of gas only to be charged. Moved by Mr Edwards, seconded by Mr Benjamin "That the Secretary be instructed to afford the Australian Health Society such accommodation as can be given without prejudice to the regular lettings of the rooms. Carried

Butters & Pickersill
 re Shipping Gates at Quai of Institution
 3. Letter from Messrs Butters & Pickersill calling the attention of the Committee to the desirableness of shifting the gates of the Institution to a line flush with the fence of the Victoria Club. Resolved by the House that the Committee will please to act (in the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Clarke)

4 December 1876

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows: November 1876

Old members	1-11-6	2.	3.	3-0
"	1-10	1.	1	10-
"	1-1	524	524	12-
"	1-	1-	1-	-
"	12/6	22.	13	15-
"	10/6	1.		10 6
"	10/	3.	1	10-
"	7/6	1.		7 6
New	10/10/	1.	10	10-
"	11/1-	16.	16	16.
"	12/6	7.	4	7 6
"	10/6	1.		10 6
"	10/	1.		10-
"	7/6	4.	1	10-
"	12/6	1.		12 6
			111-	4 6

Members payments 1st 71 months 1876 1878
Total Revenue 11 months £25246 - 11 - 3

[Signature] 15/1/77