

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 Mess 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	-
"	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

Special Meeting of Committee

30 January 1877

- Present The Vice President (in the Chair)
- Mr Beers
 - Mr Barca Blair
 - Dr Blair
 - Mr Butters
 - Mr Marcus Clarke
 - Mr Edwards
 - Mr Meeks
 - Mr Thomas

Annual Report

The Report of the General Committee of Management for 1876 was presented 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 on the motion of Mr Meeks seconded by Mr Blair and was ordered to be presented together with the Treasurer's statement at the annual meeting of members on the 31st inst.

Scrutineers: Payment

Mr Beers moved and Mr Butters seconded that if necessary this Committee authorize the payment of one guinea each to the four scrutineers to be appointed re Annual Election of Office bearers.

Collingwood Gas Co.

Letter from Secretary Collingwood Gas Company requesting the custom of the Institution. Received and Secretary instructed to make Enquiries from both Gas Companies as to length of term for which they would be willing to contract to supply gas @ 5/10 per 1000 feet.

M. Miller
12/2/77

15 January 1877

Library Sub Committee Report

The Library Sub Committee presented their report dated 12 January 1877

The following books were passed in 75:
Geo Robertson 30 vols / 11-3-6

The report as a whole, was adopted on the motion of Mr Clarke seconded by the Vice President.

Finance Sub Committee Report

The Finance Sub Committee presented their report dated 15 January 1877 -

The Report showed the receipts and expenditure for December 1876 to have been examined and found correct - Balance to Credit of Institution £375-19-2

after passed.

Secretary Dec.	25-0-0
Library	15-3-4
Assistant	5-8-4
W. Elphinstone Books	13-10
Short Books	4-10
Bentley Catalogue	25-0-0
<u>Total</u>	<u>£88-11-8</u>

Receipts for December 1876

Large Hall	143-5/
General Revenue	156-2-4
<u>Total</u>	<u>£299-7-4</u>

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

Balance Sheet 1876

The Secretary presented the Treasurer's Balance Sheet for 1876, which on the motion of Mr Butters seconded by Mr Benjamin, was referred to the Auditors of the Institution for their Examination.

Sub Committee re Annual Report 1876

Mr Benjamin moved and Mr Cunningham seconded that the President and Vice President form a sub Committee to draft and prepare Annual Report of the Institution for 1876 - with the assistance of the Secretary

Carried

M. Miller
12/2/77

Monday 12th February 1877

The General Committee of Management met this Evening -

Present, The President D'Fillbee (in the Chair)

" The President
 Mr Benjamin
 " Biers
 " J. E. Clarke
 " Marcus Clarke
 " Dryer
 " Jones
 " Jack
 " Meeks
 Rev. J. M. Strongman

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held 15 January 1877 were read and confirmed
 The Minutes of Special Meeting held on 30 January 1877 were read and confirmed
 The Draft of Minutes Annual General Meeting of Members held 31 January 1877 was read and approved of -

Correspondence.

Collis St. Independent Church re Rye Hall - Letting - refused - see page 1982

G. W. Rusden -

C'wood Gas Co.

Melb' Gas Co.

1. Letter from Honorary Secretary Collis St Independent Church offering £5-5-0 per diem for use of large hall for morning and evening services on 11th 18th & 25th March 1877 - Consideration deferred until a later hour of the evening.
2. Letter from Mr J. W. Rusden apologising for unavoidable absence - Received
3. Letter from Secretary Collingwood Gas Co offering to enter into a contract to supply gas @ 5/10 per 1000 feet for 12 months.
4. Letter from Secretary Melbourne Gas Com^y offering to continue supply of gas for 2 years @ 5/10 per 1000 feet - Moved by Mr J. E. Clarke seconded by Mr Jones "that the Secretary be instructed to write to both the Collingwood and Melbourne Gas Companies asking them if they are willing to supply gas on alternate months for a period of two years @ 5/10 per 1000 feet - If both agree Secretary to sign contracts accordingly - Carried -

The President announced that the Annual Election of General Committee would be in accordance with Rule 10 on Monday 5 February 1877

Mr D'Fillbee moved as Mr Baillieu seconded a vote of thanks to the Retiring President Mr Thomas Dwyer Esq. Carried by acclamation

Mr Biers moved as Mr Edwards seconded a vote of thanks to the Candidates for their services during the past year Carried

Mr Harris moved as Mr Madden seconded a vote of thanks to the Honorary Officers of the Institution for their services during the past year - Carried
 W. Millner

12 February 1874

New Catalogue

The new Catalogue of library, as completed, was placed on the table -

Mr Biers moved and Mr Benjamin seconded "that a copy of the new catalogue be sent to each of the Melbourne daily papers - Carried."

Mr Meeks moved and Mr Driver seconded "that the thanks of this Committee be accorded to Mr Marcus Clarke, Chairman of the library Sub-Committee during 1873 for the trouble taken by him in connection with the completion of the new catalogue - Carried."

The Chairman conveyed the vote of thanks to Mr Clarke who suitably acknowledged it

New Books

New Books as follow. were passed into the library -
Geo Robertson 9 & 6 papers bound £3-1-6

Accounts

The following Accounts were passed by:
Secretary Salary for January 25-0-0
Librarian " 15-3-4
Assistant " 5-8-4
Hallkeeper 4 mths to 10/2/74 9-0-0
Scrutineers 4 @ 1/1 4-4-0
Petty Cash 5-0-0
£63-15-8

Tenders for printing Annual Report

Tenders as follow. were received for printing Annual Report 176
No 1 10-0-0. 1500 copies
" 2 7-5-0 10-5-0
" 3 9-10-0 11-10-0
" 4 6-18-0 8-16-0

Mr J. E. Clarke moved and Mr Peter J. M. Strongman seconded "that tender No 4 be accepted for 1500 copies - Carried -"

The tender in question proved to be that of Messrs Mason Smith & McCutcheon

12 February 1874

Correspondence
Aust Health Socy

5. Letter from Australian Health Society, thanking the Committee for their compliance with the Society's request as to use of room for monthly meetings -
Received

Scrutineers' Report re ANNUAL ELECTION

The Secretary presented the Scrutineers' return as to the result of the Annual Election, as follows

Melbourne Athenaeum
Result of Election
VOTES
For President Mr W. Gillbee 336
 George Cope 277
 Mr J. Edwards 21. Majority for Mr Gillbee 59 votes
For Vice President Mr H. R. Fuge 3574
 " J. F. Baillie 272. Majority for Mr Fuge 82 "
For Treasurer Mr D. C. Wilkie returned unopposed
For Committee Mr J. W. Rusden 389
 " H. Biers 376
 " R. Jack 352
 " J. E. Clarke 343
 " H. Meeks 336
 " W. Lewis Junr 326
 Rev J. M. Strongman 321
 Mr. A. M. Topp 275
 " H. J. Hart 265
 " J. F. Baillie 258
 " R. H. Cunningham 253
 " J. Edwards 139
 " H. A. Clarke 111
 " J. W. Causinck 107
 " J. J. Batten 89

Elected

Votes polled
Forme 637
Aprime 45
Lofie 682

(signed) Robt Frier
" Sh. Bisher Scrutineers
" W. Batsan
" R. Birnie
(signed) Janet Walsh Secretary

12 February 1877

Sub-Committees
1877

On the motion of Mr Biers seconded by the Vice President
the following Sub-Committees were appointed for the
 ensuing year viz:

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|
| Finance. | Library |
| The Vice President | The Vice President |
| Mr J. E. Clarke | Mr Biers |
| " Dryer | " David Blair |
| " Jervis | Doctor Blair |
| " Jack | Mr Marcus Clarke |
| " Thomas | Judge Cope |
| House | Mr Rusden |
| Mr Benjamin | Rev J. M. Strongman |
| " Biers | Emergency |
| " Butters | The Vice President |
| " Marcus Clarke | Mr Benjamin |
| " Jack | " Biers |
| " Weeks | " Marcus Clarke |
| | " Jervis |

The President to be (ex officio) a member of all
Sub-Committees.

Mr Marcus Clarke moved pursuant to notice "That
a Sub-Committee be appointed to take steps to provide
increased accommodation for leading members"

Increased
accommodation
for leading members

Mr Jervis seconded the motion which was put and carried

Mr J. E. Clarke moved and Mr Dryer seconded "That
the Improvement Sub-Committee proposed by Mr Marcus
Clarke consist of seven members, five to form a quorum
Carried.

Mr Benjamin moved and the Rev. J. M. Strongman seconded
"That the following gentlemen form the said Improvement
Sub-Committee viz The Vice President, Messrs Biers Butters
Marcus Clarke, Jervis, Jack and the mover"

Mr Dryer moved as an amendment and Mr Jervis seconded
"That the Improvement Sub-Committee be chosen by ballot.
The amendment was lost - The original motion was carried

12 February 1877

Decoration of
Large Hall by
Approaches

Large Hall.
Sunday Service
in

Secretary's
Statement

Mr Biers moved and Mr Jervis seconded "That the
House Sub-Committee be instructed to take into consideration
the decoration of the large hall and approaches and bring
up a report as early as possible
Carried

The letter from the Collins St Independent Church
(see ante Correspondence nos 1) was next taken into consideration
In view of the proposed decorations the Secretary was
instructed to inform the applicants that the hall
would not be available on the dates specified

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as
follows:

January 1877

Members' Payments during month				
Old members @	£1-11-6	4	£6-6-0	
"	"	118	123-18-0	
"	"	1	1-0-0	
"	Jervis 12/6	20	12-10-0	
"	" 10/6	1	10-6	
"	" 10/6	1	10-0	
"	" 7/6	7	2-12-6	
New	"	1	1-11-6	
"	"	26	27-6-0	
"	"	8	5-0-0	
"	"	9	3-4-6	
Rejoined	"	1	1-11-6	
"	"	5	5-5-0	
"	"	4	2-10-0	
"	"	1	7-6	
			£194-6/-	

Members' Payments first month of 1877 207
New members " " 45
Total Revenue for first month from all sources
£220-12/-

Monday 26th February 1877
Special Meeting of General Committee

- Present The President, D. Fillbee (in the chair)
 " Vice President Mr Sturge
 Mr D. Benjamin
 " Biers
 Doctor Blair
 " J. E. Clarke
 " Levers
 " Jack
 " Thomas

On the motion of Mr Biers seconded by Mr J. E. Clarke it was resolved that it was not necessary to print the names of "patrons" in future annual report.

The House Sub Committee presented their report dated 20 February 1877 - dealing with the proposed decorations to High Hall & approaches -

On the motion of Mr Biers seconded by Mr Benjamin the report was received and adopted

Mr Biers moved and Mr Benjamin seconded that the Architects be instructed to draw up specifications of the proposed decorations & and call for tenders for same - said tenders to be submitted at the next meeting of this Committee.

Carried

A. Biers Secy 5/3/77

Rele "patrons"
Annual Reports

House Sub Committee
Special Report
Decorations
1. High Hall & Approach
2. Approaches -
(for particulars see report)

12 February 1877

Notice of
English
Mr Biers
alteration hour
of meeting

Mr Biers gave notice that at the next meeting he should move as follows "That in future this Committee will meet at 8 o'clock p.m."

Mr Biers
Correspondence
re the £137.10/-
paid Mr Mitchell

Mr Biers gave notice that at the next meeting of Committee he should move as follows "That the correspondence re the £137.10/- paid Mr Mitchell be read at next meeting"

A. Biers Secy 5/3/77

5 March 1877

Mr Meeks moved and Mr Jack seconded "That the Secretary of this Institution be authorised to see the Secretary of the Melbourne Gas Company with power to sign contracts with both companies should the Melbourne Co agree to supply their gas on alternate months with the Collingwood Coy or to sign contracts with Collingwood Coy only - in case the Melbourne Co shall refuse
Carried

Mr Biers moved and Mr Benjamin seconded "That the action of the last meeting of this Committee in adopting the House Sub-Committee's report dated 23rd February 1877 (re decorations &c) be now confirmed
Carried

The President here entered and took the Chair

The Committee proceeded to open tenders for the proposed decorations as follows:

No I Distemper exclusive of items 1, 2 & 3 (as per Smith & Johnson's Specifications) £435 - 0 - 0
Items 1 2 & 3 £15 - 0 - 0
Large Hall oil colour (£95 - £150
(above including gilding £120)

No II. Distemper including repairs £387 - 17 - 6
Nos 1 2 & 3 70 - 0 - 0
Reserve on Contract 75 - 0 - 0
£432 - 17 - 6
oil colour with 1, 2, 3 & reserve £527 - 10 - 6
gilding in large hall £150 - 10 - 6

No III - Distemper (including gilding & roof) £448 - 0 - 0
Nos 1 2 & 3 £16 - 0 - 0
oil colour £92 additional

Decorations
£350 to £400
Confirmation of Note

Tenders re
decorations

Monday 5th March 1877

The General Committee of Management met this evening

- Present - Mr Biers
" D Benjamin
" David Blair
Doctor Blair
Mr J. E. Clarke
" Marcus Clarke
Judge Cope
Mr Devers
" Jack
" Meeks
" Rudden
Rev J. M. Strongman
Mr Thomas
and afterwards the President
" Vice President

On the motion of Mr Benjamin seconded by Mr Blair Mr Biers was voted to the Chair

Minutes.

The Minutes of the meeting held 12th February 1877 were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the Special meeting held 26th February 1877 were also read and confirmed.

Correspondence
Gas Companies

1. Letter from Melbourne Gas Company declining to supply gas at contract price of 5/10 per 1000 feet for 2 years on alternate months with the Collingwood Gas Co.
2. Letter from Collingwood Gas Company consenting to supply gas at contract price of 5/10 per 1000 feet for 2 years on alternate months with the Melbourne Gas Co, also memorandum agreeing to supply gas at same price for two years continuing

Mr Meeks.

5th March 1877

Tenders for
decorations
cont

No IV Distemper, including £25 Extras, £329
or in oil colour £369.

- No V (1) Distemper, with gilding £321-16-4 including £25 for contingencies
 (2) do without gilding £249-16-4 do
 (3) Oil colour with gilding £391-15-4 do
 (4) do without gilding £319-15-4 do
 (5) Large Hall in oil with gilding omitting entrance hall staircase } £376-15-4
 landing & not including £25 for contingencies
 (6) Nos 1, 2 & 3 i.e. removing doors in eastern side of hall - repairing same in balcony - 2 doors to platform - brick up opening - making good plaster } £9-10/-

- No VI Distemper (with Extras £25) £389-11/-
 Oil colour Large Hall (do) 490-4-6
 or separate 1. gilding £184-14/-
 2. New gallery front £31-4/-
 3. Five items of repairs - 5
 zinc tubes in cornice - Chair
 rail back of platform - repairing } £10-10-0
 lead work on stairs - making
 good ventilating covers - & repairing
 flooring
 4. Items 1, 2 & 3 £19-10/-

Mr Jack moved and Mr Cross seconded "That sections 2 & 6 of tender No 5 is to complete the work in distemper without gilding for the sum of £249-16-4 and execute items nos 1, 2 & 3 for the further sum of £9-10/- be accepted." Carried

The tender upon examination, was found to be from Messrs J. S. Aucutt & Son who were therefore appointed to carry out the work subject to the approval and instructions of Messrs Smith & Johnson.

5th March 1877

Gas-fittings.
 10 all brackets £97 45-0-0
 11 single " 47/6 26-2-6
 fitting " 14 10
 88-12-6
 less allowance 3-10
 all brackets £85-2-6

Only one tender was received for the new gas-fittings in large hall - viz from Messrs Douglas & Cameron as follows
 Crystal brackets as per sample selected by House-Sub-Committee
 single (with glass globes or tripods) 47/6 each
 double " " 90/-
 fitting & supplying pipes &c £14-10/-
 allowance for old brackets (w) £3-10/-
 On the motion of Mr Biers seconded by Mr J. Clarke Messrs Douglas & Cameron's tender was accepted.

Library Sub-Com Report

Chairman 1877

Presentations

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 1st March 1877 as follows.

1. Mr Marcus Clarke has been elected Chairman of this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year
2. The following presentations have been received viz -
 fief. Lewis - The Sabbath, viewed in the light of Reason, Revelation & History
 - The Philosophy of the Sabbath
 Australian Presbyterian Calendar 1877
 Mackay's Australian Almanac 1877
 + 3 pamphlets
 The above from Mr M. L. Hutchinson
 A number of pamphlets papers &c from the Trade League & Victoria
 Pamphlet on the benefit to the Colonies of being members of the British Empire - from the Author J. Deenunton Woods.
 "Advance Thought" from the Author C. E. Glass
 1/2 doz pamphlets, receipts, remedies &c from J. H. H.
 2 copies "The Mother Colony of the Australians" an Essay on New South Wales from J. H. H. - from the Govt. Librarian.

3. 1 copy Return of Census of Australasia has been added to Reading Room - The Australasian Insurance & Banking Record & the Victorian Almanac have also been received.
 The Sub-Committee beg to recommend as follows:

1. That fresh labels be written & placed over the various compartments in the library
2. That the following books be added to the library.
 Highgate Station 6 vols set 1-5-8
 J. S. Aucutt 28 " 4 5-18-10
 J. S. Aucutt 74 " 25 annals 19-8-11
 Smith & Johnson 14 " 3-0-0
 A. Smith 1 " " 5-0-0
 S. Muller 14 " 4-0-6
 137 vols £33-18-11
 65 annals

additional Papers

New Labels
Library Compartment

New Books

5 March 1877

Finance Sub-Com.
Report Cash
Accounts

Secretary July	£ 25- 0- 0
Librarian	15- 3- 4
Assistant	5- 8- 4
Treasurer	6- 15- 0
Mellor & Co	35- 4- 1
Electricals etc	46- 16- 3
Whitson Sons	38- 11- 1
Craw Capital	25- 10- 11
Expenses new building	23- 2- 6
Shelwell Knight	3- 15- 6
W Petrol	2- 12- -
J Casselden	2- 12- -
Clason Massina & Co	3- 7- 6
Pompey	2- 12- 6
Armstrong	10- 14- 5
Osment	2- 10- -
McKinley & Co	4- 15- -
Sundry exps	13- 2- 3
Petty Cash	5- 0- 0
	£ 242- 16- 8

On the motion of the Vice President seconded by Mr J. E. Clarke the Finance Sub-Committee's report dated 2 March 1877 was adopted.

The Improvement Sub-Committee presented their report dated 19 February 1877 as follows.

The Improvement Sub-Committee beg to report as follows:
Mr Marcus Clarke has been elected Chairman of this Sub-Committee.

The Sub-Committee beg to recommend as follows:

1. That a scheme for the completion of the front of the building at a cost not to exceed £1000 be considered so soon as possible.
2. That pending the consideration and carrying out of the proposed completion of the front of building the western offices

Improvement
Sub-Committee
Report

Chairman

1. New building

2. Western offices
see over

5 March 1877

Library Sub-Com.
Cath.

The following books received by the mail steamer and recommended by the Library Sub-Committee were also submitted:

Gen Relations	22 vols	act	9-11-4
Small Class B.	3	-	1-5-6
	25	-	£ 10. 16- 10

On the motion of Mr Beer's seconded by Mr Marcus Clarke the Library Sub-Committee's report dated 1 March 1877 was adopted and the new books for mail, as above, were ordered to be passed into the library.

Advertisement of
New Books

Mr Marcus Clarke moved and Mr Blair seconded that a list of the principal books recently received by mail steamer and otherwise be advertised in the three morning papers — Carried.

Finance Sub-Com
Report

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 2 March 1877 as follows:

The Finance Sub-Committee beg to report as follows:

1. Mr Richard Jack has been elected Chairman of this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.
2. The Receipts and Expenditure for January and February 1877 have been examined and found correct. They show a balance of £421-9-6 to the credit of the Institution.

Receipts for January

have made	£ 6-9-0
Genl Revenue	214- 3- -
	£ 220- 12- 0

Receipts for February

have made	21- 0- 0
Genl Revenue	256- 5- 8
	£ 277- 5- 8

3. Accounts as follows are recommended for payment — (see next page)

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House Sub-Com.
Report contd

On the motion of Mr Marcus Clarke seconded by Mr Jack the House Sub-Committee report dated 23 Feb. 1877 was referred back to the said Sub-Committee to ascertain the facts re encroachment on right of way and bring up a report thereon.

Mr Jeyes' notice of motion withdrawn

Mr Jeyes withdrew the following notice of motion standing in his name viz:
"That in future this Committee meet at 8 o'clock p.m."

Mr Dryer's notice of motion copied

The following notice of motion standing in Mr Dryer's name lapsed in consequence of Mr Dryer's non-attendance
notice of motion - "That the correspondence re the £137-10/- paid Mr Mitchell be read at next meeting"

Rules -

Mr Jack moved, pursuant to notice, as follows:
"That a Sub-Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the position of the Athenaeum, in regard to the omission from new Edition of Rules of Portion of old rule 45, such omission being in opposition to a vote of a majority of subscribers in meeting assembled"
"That such Sub-Committee be authorized to obtain (if deemed necessary) the opinion of Mr Hoboyd or other leading Counsel on the matter referred to."
"That Messrs Beers, Rusden, Skeels, Jeyes, and the mover be such Sub-Committee, three to form a quorum"
Mr Beers seconded the motion

Point of order

Mr Marcus Clarke rose to a point of order - "That Mr Jack's notice of motion could not be entertained because it assumed that the rules of 1876 were not the rules of the Institution"
The President stated that he recognized the printed rules before him (dated 1876) as the rules of the Institution. He accordingly ruled Mr Jack's notice of motion out of order

5 March 1877

Improvement Sub-Committee Report contd

offices be converted into a "newspaper room" for the accommodation of subscribers using the Melbourne and colonial newspapers, leaving the present room free for readers of books and periodicals.

On the motion of Mr Marcus Clarke seconded by Mr Beers the Improvement Sub-Committee's Report dated 19 February 1877 was adopted

Western office House Sub-Com to proceed with alterations

Mr Beers moved and Mr David Blair seconded that the House Sub-Committee be empowered to call for tenders for alterations in Western Office and to carry out the work forthwith if the cost do not exceed £50
Carried

House Sub-Com Report

Encroachment on Right of Way Victoria Club

The House Sub-Committee presented their report dated 23 February 1877 as follows
re Encroachment on right of way at rear of Athenaeum
The House Sub-Committee beg to report that they caused the following letter to be written to Messrs Butters and Pickersgill
The Melbourne Athenaeum.
copy Melbourne. 16 February 1877

Messrs Butters & Pickersgill
Melbourne

Gentlemen
I am instructed to inform you in reply to your letter of 15th ult. that the Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum will offer no objection to the removal of the gates of the Institution to the line suggested by the Victoria Club the expense of such removal to be borne by the Club and the work to be carried out under the supervision of the Architect of the Athenaeum
I am
Gentlemen

Your obedient servant (signed) James Walsh. Secy

Messrs Butters & Pickersgill's reply is herewith submitted

5 March 1877

Secretary's Statement

		Brought forward	110 - 12 - 0
Old Members	@ 12/6	29 =	18 - 5 - 6
"	7/6	1	7 - 6
New	(Gift)	1	10 - 10 -
"	"	24	25 - 4 -
"	"	10	6 - 5 -
"	"	9	3 - 7 - 6
"	"	2	1 - 0 - 0
Rejoined	"	5	5 - 5 - -
"	"	2	1 - 5 - 0
			<u>£ 181 - 18 - 6</u>

Members' Payments first two months of 1877 391
 New to do do do do do do 91

Total Revenue for first 2 months from all sources £494 - 17 - 8

W. Milner
 9/4/77

5 March 1877

Mr J. E. Clarke's notice of motion withdrawn

Mr J. E. Clarke withdrew the following notice of motion standing in his name -
 "That portion of Rule II not having been repealed it is the opinion of this Committee that such portion of said rule (applying to the qualification of members for voting) be retained in the new rules"

Rules Sub-Committee

Mr Jack moved and Mr J. E. Clarke seconded "That a Sub-Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the rules of the Institution." - Carried -
 Mr J. E. Clarke moved and Mr Devere seconded "That the Rules Sub-Committee consist of 7 members to be elected by ballot and 5 to form a quorum -
 Judge Cope moved as an amendment and Mr D. Benjamin seconded "That the Rules Sub-Committee consist of 5 members to be elected by ballot and 3 to form a quorum -
 The amendment was carried.
 The ballot was then taken and resulted in the election of the following gentlemen to form the Rules Sub-Committee viz Messrs Jack, Peas, Rusden, Marcus Clarke and Meeks...

Good Friday Easter Monday

On the motion of Mr Jack seconded by Mr Rusden it was resolved to close the Institution on Good Friday and Easter Monday -

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary laid on the table his usual monthly statement as follows -

February 1877

Members' Payments during month			
Old members	areas.	£ 3 - 1 - 6	1. 3 - 1 - 6
"	"	£ 2 - 1 - 0	1. 2 - 1 - 0
"	"	£ 1 - 11 - 6	3. 4 - 14 - 6
"	"	1 - 1 - 0	95 99 - 15 - -
"	"	1 - 0 - 0	1 - 0 - 0
		<u>Ad forward.</u>	110 - 12 - "

Special Meeting of General Committee 19th March 1877

Present Mr Beers (in the Chair)
 " D. Benjamin
 " J. E. Clarke
 " Evers
 " Jack
 " Meeks
 " Rusden
 " Thomas
 and afterwards the President
 & Vice President

Library Sub-Committee Report.

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 12th March 1877 as follows

New Books...

The Library Sub-Committee beg to recommend books as follows:-

Geo Robertson	24 vols	val	10-18-11
W Robertson	5 "	"	1-12-5
Mr Hutchison	1 "	"	16-3
J. Oullen	1 "	"	16-3
	34-		£ 14-3-10

On the motion of Mr Beers seconded by Mr Evers the Library Sub-Committee's report dated 12th March 1877 was adopted.

Decorations.

The Chairman explained that the principal object of the meeting was to decide whether the decorations of the large hall should or should not be carried out in oil colours instead of distemper. By doing away with the proposed alteration of the balcony front and finishing the part of the ceiling in distemper only, the cost exclusive of Gas (72s) would be £263-15-4

19th March 1877

Decorations
oil colour
instead of
distemper.

Mr Beers moved and Mr Jack seconded "That the decorations of the large hall be carried out in oil colours in lieu of distemper with the exception of the part of the ceiling - and that the balcony front remain as it is -"

Carried

W. J. Meek
19/3/77

Monday 9th April 1877

The General Committee of Management met this Evening

- Present
- The President (in the Chair)
 - " Vice President
 - Mr D Benjamin
 - " Beers
 - " J E Clarke
 - " Marcus Clarke
 - " Rusden
 - Rev J M Stringman
 - Mr H Thomas
 - " Jack

The Minutes of the meeting held 5 March 1877 were read and confirmed

The Minutes of the special meeting held 19 March 1877 were also read and confirmed.

Minutes

Correspondence

Deed of Association

C. E. Glass the first offer

1. Memorandum from Mr Marcus Clarke requesting the Secretary to forward him a copy of the original Deed of Association of the Institution - The Secretary explained that the original deed of Association was not in his possession -

Mr Marcus Clarke moved and Mr Thomas seconded "That the Secretary be instructed to see where the original deed of Association is"

The Secretary was further instructed to prepare a list of all deeds the property of the Institution

2. The following letter from Mr. C. E. Glass was received and ordered to be recorded in the Minutes
copy
81 Collins St East
March 9 1877

C. Welch Esq

Secretary - Athenaeum
Sir/ Referring to the expressed intention of rebuilding that portion of the Athenaeum premises which is at present tenanted by me, I take the

9th April 1877

Earliest opportunity of requesting that you will give me the first offer of the office when ready, and I would further request that you will be good enough to place this application on record, so that whenever the question of letting may be brought up, my claims as an old tenant and a first applicant may receive that preference which may reasonably be expected -
I am Dear Sir

Your obed^t Servt.
Cyril Chat B. Glass

Gilding in Large Hall

3. Letter from Messrs Smith & Johnson strongly advising the Committee to authorize the addition of gilding to the decorations of the large hall at a cost of £70 - Moved by Mr J E Clarke seconded by Mr Marcus Clarke "That the large hall be gilded as per Messrs J St Quentin & Sons tender for the sum of £70 -
Carried

Library Sub-Committee Report

New Novels from London

Annual vols.

The Library Sub-Committee presents their report dated 5th April 1877 as follows -

The Library Sub-Committee beg to recommend as follows -

1. That the arrangement with Mr Geo Robertson for the supply of a monthly parcel of latest fiction from London per mail steamer as per letter dated 9th Oct 1876 (see letter book folio 116) be extended for a further period of six months

2. That the following standing order for Annual Volumes be given to Mr Geo Robertson -

- 2 Chambers Journal
- 2 Cassell's Magazine
- 1 Good Words
- 1 Sunday at Home
- 1 Leisure Hour
- 1 Sunday Magazine
- 2 The Edinburgh (as published after vol 16)

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Library Sub-Com
Report

High Cost Review

New Books

Finance Sub-Com
Report

3- That the Secretary be authorised to pay a yearly subscription of £1-1-0 (from the year 1874) in the name of the Institution to the New Shakespeare Society London in order to obtain their publications.

4- That the "High Cost Review" be procured regularly from this date

5- That new books as follow be added to the library:
 Corp Robertson 55 vols set 18-6-0
 Smith Elder & Co 3 " " 1-5-6
 J. Muller 15 " " 2-10-10
 P. C. Reynolds 6 " " 3-19-3
 79 £26-1-7

On the motion of the Vice President seconded by the Rev. J. M. Sturgeon the Library Sub-Committee's report dated 5 April 1877 was adopted.

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 6 April 1877 as follows:

The Finance Sub-Committee beg to report that they have examined the Receipts and Expenditure for March 1877 and have found the same to be correct - Balance in Bank to Credit of Institution £500-19-8

Receipts for the Month
 Large Hall 13-0-0
 Genl Revenue 46s - 10-2
 £159-10-2

During the month the sum of One hundred pounds has been paid to Messrs J. St Quentin Sans on account of decorations the authority for said payment being certificate from Messrs Smith & Johnson, Architects

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Finance Sub-Com
Report

House Sub-Com
Report

Alterations in
Western Offices

Encroachment on
Right of Way

The following accounts are recommended for payment Accounts for April 1877

Secretary Salary March/77	25-0-0
Hebraian " "	15-3-4
Assistant " "	5-8-4
Hall Keeper 5 weeks to 7/4/77	11-5-0
McCormac Jan'y - March	3-19-4
C'wood " Feb'y + March	3-15-3
McCormac Bind Co Catalogue	63-12-4
do " June of "	3-11-
P. C. Reynolds books to 3/3/77	5-18-10
Smith Elder & Co " "	4-15-6
W. Robertson " to 3/3/77	1-12-5
Armstrong h' papers to 3/3/77	11-14-3
Sundry exp - MacKay 7/6/77	3-7-11
Witchison 2/1/11 - }	5-0-0
Betty Cash	10-16-
Mason Lill & McCutchen Report 7/6/77	£174-19-6

On the motion of Mr Jack seconded by Mr Thomas the Finance Sub-Committee's report dated 6 April 1877 was adopted

The House Sub-Committee presented their report dated 26 March 1877 as follows:

The House Sub-Committee beg to report as follows:
 1- The tender of Mr J. Drake to carry out alterations in the western offices has been accepted and the work is now in progress

2- re Encroachment on Right of Way
 On answer to Enquiries as to position of Dutchtube re Right of Way the following letter from Mr Mearns has been received

Melbome 22 March 1877
 copy
 W. P. Biers Esq
 We return you the plan left with us and

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Review Schedule
Lange Hall

The Schedule of charges for Lange Hall was referred (on the motion of Mr Beer recorded by Mr Jack) to the House Sub-Committee to be altered as increased, the Secretary was authorized to take his instructions from the Emergency Sub-Committee

Regulations re
New News Room

The Secretary was instructed to look to the House Sub-Committee for regulations regarding the management of the new News Room, and was authorized to insert advertisements in the daily papers notifying the approaching re-opening of the Lange Hall and the addition of new books to the library

Protective Drapery
for Lange Hall

On the motion of Mr J. E. Clarke recorded by Mr Benjamin the House Sub-Committee were authorized to purchase protective drapery for the Lange Hall at a cost not to exceed £10.

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows -

March 1877

Payments				
All members	c	£1-11-6	3	= £4-14-6
"	"	1-1-0	35	= 36-15-0
"	"	12-6	14	= 8-15-0
"	"	7-6	4	= 1-10-
"	"	1-11-6	1	= 1-11-6
New	"	1-1-0	20	= 21-0-0
"	"	12-6	16	= 10-0-0
"	"	4 months 10-6	2	= 1-1-0
"	"	7-6	7	= 2-12-6
Revised	"	1-1-0	16	= 7-1-0
"	"	12-6	2	= 1-5-0
				£96-10-6

Members payments for 3 months of 1877 501
New " " " " " " 138
Total Revenue for first three months from all sources £639-7-10

W. Miller
May 7 1877

9 April 1877

House Sub-Committee
Report on

Encroachment on
Right of Way
(see also below)

beg to report that by a preliminary search we find that the Rights of way have never passed out of the original Trustees - Messrs Black, Foxton & Co's hands - An exhaustive search would entail expenses of at least £5-5-0

The Estates of Messrs Butcher & Pickersgill can however in no case have a right to build on or appropriate the part of the right of way they have done and you have no doubt a right to restrain them; but before taking any proceedings I advise the search referred to.

Yours truly
Geo. J. Maxwell

Recommendatory Clause

- 1. New furniture
- 2. Minor repairs
whitewashing

The Sub-Committee beg to recommend as follows

1. That such additional furniture as is required for the new and old Reading Rooms be procured forthwith by the Chairman of this Sub-Committee and the Secretary

2. That such items of minor repairs whitewashing be necessary in parts of the building (other than the Lange Hall and approaches) be carried out under the supervision of the Chairman of this Sub-Committee

On the motion of Mr Beer recorded by Mr J. E. Clarke the House Sub-Committee's report dated 26 March 1877 was adopted

The Secretary was instructed to show Mr Butcher Messrs Maxwell's letter on the subject of the encroachment made by the Victoria Club on the right of way at the rear of the Institution.

The Secretary reported the completion of the contracts with the Melbourne and Collingwood Gas Companies for the supply of gas on alternate months at the rate of 5/10 per 1000 feet.

Encroachment on
Right of Way

Gas Companies
Contracts

7 May 1877

Correspondence

Parry asking for refund

Williams re Sunday lecture Small Hall

Metropolitan Hiedestapel Inconvenience caused by organ

Removal of Organ

Library Sub-Committee Report

"Nineteenth Century"

London Weekly Times

Encyclopaedia Britannica

Melbourn Review to be bound

Distribution of papers

The Society would have to relinquish the hall upon such evenings as it is required for a supper room in connection with the large hall

6 - letter from Mr Parry asking Committee to refund him a portion of the money paid by him for the hire of the large hall on 27 + 28 April -

Mr Jack moved and Mr J. E. Clarke seconded "That Mr Parry be informed that the Committee cannot accede to his request but, taking into consideration the circumstances of the case, offer him the gratuitous use of the large hall for any one (vacant) evening within a month from this date." - Carried

7 - letter from Mr Williams asking terms of Small Hall for one or more lectures (on Spiritualism) on Sunday Evening - The Secretary was instructed to inform Mr Williams that the hall is not at present available -

8 - letter from the Secretary of the Metropolitan Hiedestapel complaining of the inconvenience caused by - and requesting removal of - the organ in the large hall - Moved by Mr Biers, seconded by the Vice President "That the proprietors of the organ be requested to remove it at their earliest convenience" - Carried

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 3 May 1877 as follows -

The Library Sub-Committee beg to recommend as follows -

1 - That 3 copies of the new Review entitled "The Nineteenth Century" and 2 additional copies of the London Weekly Times (making 5 in all) be subscribed for from this date

2 - That the latest edition of the "Encyclopaedia Britannica" be ordered and the volumes added to the Reference Library as they appear

3 - That the "Melbourn Review" be bound regularly

4 - That the Secretary be instructed to write to Mr W. Watson of Coburg notifying him that by writing to the press on the subject of the mutilation of

Monday 7th May 1877

The General Committee of Management met this evening Present

The President (in the Chair)

" Vice President

Mr Benjamin

" Biers

" David Blair

" J. E. Clarke

" Marcus Clarke

" Jack

" Rusden

" Strongman

" Thomas

Minutes -

The Minutes of the meeting held 9th April 1877 were read and confirmed.

Correspondence Jeffrey Writing Class

1 - letter from Mr Jeffrey re Establishment of a writing class - Referred to Library Sub-Committee with power to act

Mr Millan Gray modelling

2 - letter from J. M. Millan re formation of a class for instruction in Gray modelling - Referred to the Library Sub-Committee with power to act.

Miscellaneous files books re

3 - letter from Messrs Messinger & Co reporting that they had obtained the deed of association and giving a list of documents, the property of the Institution, held by them - Received

E. H. Fox use of ground day of election

4 - letter from Mr E. H. Fox asking for use of vacant room at the west side of entrance to the Institution on the 11th inst - day of General Election. The Secretary was authorised to let the room to Mr Fox for the sum of £3.3.0

Melbourn Oration Socy

5 - letter from the Secretary of the Melbourn Oration Society asking terms of Small Hall at per annum for weekly night rehearsals - The Secretary was instructed to inform the applicants that the charge would be (as per schedule) £50 per annum with the understanding that

4 May 1877

Emergency Sub-Committee Report

German hideoutage charge hall

The Emergency Sub-Committee reported under date May 1877 as follows.

The Emergency Sub-Committee beg to report that an application has been made by the German hideoutage for certain accommodation which has been offered to them upon the following terms:

1. Large Hall & Day concerts with hall - 8 pm to 2.30 am with supper room £66 without supper room £57
2. Large Hall Day concerts gentlemen only 8 to 11.30 pm £31-10/-
3. Small Hall 52 rehearsals £50

or. nos 1, 2 & 3 with supper room for a total of £133 per annum - or without supper room a total of £125 - the latter charges being a reduction of 10% off schedule rates.

On the motion of the Vice President seconded by Mr Biers the report of the Emergency Sub-Committee dated May 1877 was adopted and the action taken by the Sub-Committee, comprised -

Finance Sub-Committee Report

Receipts & Expenditure April 1877

St Quentin & Son 2 instalments £100

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 4th May 1877 as hereunder.

The Finance Sub-Committee beg to report that they have examined the Receipts and Expenditure for April 1877 and found same to be correct -

Balance in bank £482-14-8

Receipts for the month

Large Hall 21-10-0

General Purposes 244-3-10

£265-13-10

During the month a second instalment of £100 has been paid to Messrs St Quentin & Son on account of decorations to the authority for such payment being certificate from the Architect Messrs Smith & Johnson.

4 May 1877

Library Sub-Committee Report

New Books

Rejection of Clause 2

House Sub-Committee Report

Schedule of Charges - revised - alterations in front

Decorations of Large Hall &c.

Minor repairs

Protective drapery Large Hall

of papers in the Reading Room he has taken it out of the power of the Committee to detect the offender, and requesting him in future to make complaint to the proper officer.

5. That the following books be passed into the library

Geo Robertson 46 vols + 6 paper cards	net £16-8-0
J. Muller 8 -	3-3-6
P. Reynolds 1 -	5-5
55 + 6 paper cards	£19-16-11

Mr David Blair moved and the Rev Mr Sturgis seconded that clause 2 of the report just read be struck out - Carried.

On the motion of Mr Marcus Clarke seconded by Mr David Blair the Library Sub-Committee's report dated 3rd May 1877 was adopted, clause 2 being first struck out -

The House Sub-Committee presented their report dated 16th April 1877 as follows -

- The House Sub-Committee beg to report as follows -
1. The Schedule of Charges for halls and other accommodation has been carefully revised and is herewith submitted
 2. The alterations in front are now approaching completion and the new Reading Room will shortly be ready for use.
 3. The decorations of large hall and approaches have been completed, the Secretary's room and the ladies' Reading Room have been coloured, and sundry minor items of repairs colouring &c, as directed by the General Committee have also been attended to.
 4. Protective drapery for large hall has been purchased at a cost of about £2-10/-
- On the motion of Mr Biers seconded by the Rev Mr Sturgis the House Sub-Committee's report dated 16th April 1877 was adopted -

7th May 1877

Finance Sub-Committee Report

The Sub-Committee beg to submit herewith an Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure for 1877 (see Return book folio 523)

The following accounts are recommended for payment:

Account

Secretary April	25-0-0
Librarian "	15-3-4
Assistant "	5-8-4
Hall Receipts 4 mths to 5/5/77	9-0-0
Cl'wood Gas (7) April	7-16-4
St Quentin Stn 3 instalments	100--
Water Rates to 30/6/77	8--
Crane Cable Co to 13/4/77	8-13-8
Crematorium Utility to 2/3/77	6-16--
Powceley to 5/3/77	5-7-9
Leggison & Mitchell to 3/3/77	3-11-6
Defty Cash	5--
Douglas & Son Gasfitting to Hall	85-2-6
	£284-19-5

On the motion of Mr Jack, seconded by the Vice President, the Finance Sub-Committee's report dated 4th May 1877 was adopted.

Rules Sub-Committee

Mr Jack, as Chairman of the Rules Sub-Committee explained that the report of the said Sub-Committee was not yet ready.

Absentee Members

The Vice Mr. Strongman called for a return of members of Committee absent from three consecutive meetings. The Secretary was instructed to prepare a list of attendances by the next regular meeting of Committee.

Painting Over Woodwork outside Institution

Mr Biers moved and Mr J. C. Clarke seconded that the House Sub-Committee be empowered to call for and accept tenders for painting the new wood work on the outside of the large Hall.

7th May 1877

Success Birthday

The Secretary having asked for instructions with regard to Success Birthday, it was resolved not to close the Institution on that day.

Advertisements

The Secretary was authorised to expend, until further orders a sum not exceeding £5 per month in advertisements in such manner as he might consider best suited to the interests of the Institution.

Documents the property of the Institution

The Secretary laid on the table a list of deeds and documents the property of the Institution.

Motion of motion

Mr Marcus Clarke gave notice that at the next meeting of the Committee he would move as follows: That the Committee authorise Mr Marcus Clarke to inspect and to have copied the deed of Association named in the first paragraph of the letter of Messrs Misewald of 26th dated 2nd May 1877 as read at meeting of the Committee on 7th May 1877.

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary submitted his usual monthly statement as follows -

April 1877			
Old Members	£1-11-6	5	£7-17-6
"	1-1-0	104	109-14--
"	1-0-0	1	1-0-0
"	12-6	39	74-7-6
"	12-6	2	1-1-
"	12-6	4	1-10-6
New Members	1-11-6	1	1-11-6
"	1-1-	28	29-8-
"	12-6	11	6-17-6
"	10-6	1	10-6
"	10-6	1	10-6
"	7-6	5	1-17-6
Returned	1-1-	5	5-5-6
"	12-6	3	1-17-6
"	7-6	2	15-6
			£193-12-6

Members payments first 4 months of 1877 - 712
New members - 185
Total Revenue first 4 months from all sources £923-1-8

W. Fuller
4/6-1877

Monday 4 June 1877

The General Committee of Management met this evening.

Present

- The President
- Vice President
- Dr D Benjamin
- Bess
- Dana Bliss
- Butter
- J E Clark
- Manus Clark
- Dryer
- Jess
- Jack
- Wells
- Ruggles
- Thompson
- Thomas

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 7 May 1877 were read and approved.

Letter from Mr B. M. O. Howell, requesting permission to establish a female class in connection with the Institution. Referred to the Library Sub-Committee with power to act.

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 1 June 1877 - showing the balance to the credit of the Institution to be £216.12.7

On the motion of Mr Jack seconded by Mr Thomas the report was adopted.

The House Sub-Committee presented their report dated 4 June 1877. Stating that the Mess Room at the Messon side of the main entrance had been completed. That 5 lbs. chair coty 7/5 each had been purchased & 3 lbs. The Mess Messon Room had copies sent to request

4 June 1877

made by the Committee and had received the assent from the Mess Hall - Mr Bess moved and Mr Jack seconded the adoption of the Mess Sub-Committee report dated 4 June 1877. - Carried.

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 3 May 1877. Stating that a deputaion had visited on the premises of the Messon complaining of certain minor imperfections regarding the lettering which had lately appeared in the paper otherwise he stated that the column in which the paragraph appeared was considered to be of a partially factitious nature and that the statement was not intended to be taken seriously.

Books as follows were recommended

J. O. Robinson	445 vols	14-17-2
J. Drullen	5	1-3-6
D. Reynolds	2	4-1
J. Y. Baulkiss	1	18-11
53		17-3-8
44 papers		

Mr Manus Clark moved and Mr Dana Bliss seconded the adoption of the Library Sub-Committee report dated 3 May 1877. - Carried.

Mr Bess moved and Mr Jack seconded that the words of the Royal Warrant be distinguished at the sword point pane - Carried.

Mr Jack Chairman of the Rules Sub-Committee explained that the report of the Sub-Committee could not be presented until after the result of Mr Manus Clark's notice of motion taken at this evening.

Mr Manus Clark moved and Mr Dryer seconded that the Committee authorize Mr Manus Clark to inspect and to have copied the book of Association named in the first paragraph of the Act of Messon Messon of 2 May 1877 as read at the meeting of the Committee on 7 May 1877.

4 June 1877

The motion was put & lost

The following accounts are passed

Secretary May	25-0-0
Librarian	15-3-4
Assistant	5-8-4
Wallkeeper 4 weeks to 2/4/77	9
Librarian's Expn to 8 June 210	
Expenses for the people 3/1/77 14/5/77	24-11-8
Expenses for the people 6/1/77 9/1/77	18-5-
Expenses for the people 12/5/77	
Expenses for the people to 16 Aug	12-18-8
Expenses for the people	5-8-10
Expenses for the people to 2/4/77	3-19-3
Expenses for the people	3-16-6
Expenses for the people	4-7-8
Expenses for the people	5
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	£ 342-19-3

The Secretary laid on the table a return of attendance of members Committee since February 1877

The Secretary further presented his usual monthly statement to follow

May 1877			
Accessions	£ 1-11-6	5	7-14-6
"	1-1-	62	65-2-
"	12-6	22	15-15-6
"	10-6	1	10-
"	10-	16	2-5-
"	7-6	1	1-11-6
"	1-11-6	20	21-15-
"	12-6	14	8-10-6
"	10-6	11	4-2-6
"	7-6	5	5-5-6
"	1-11-	3	1-17-6
"	12-6		
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			£ 133-2-0

Quarterly payments - part 5 of 4/77 864
 New members 232
 Total Revenue part 5 of 4/77 from all sources £ 1121-12-5

J. W. M. 2/4/77

Monday 2nd July 1877

The General Committee of Management met this evening Present.

- Mr Beers
 - " David Blair
 - " J. E. Clarke
 - " J. Dryer
 - " Jones
 - " Jack
 - " Meeks
 - " Rusden
 - " Strongman
- and afterwards The President
" Vice President

On the motion of the Rev. Mr. Strongman seconded by Mr. J. E. Clarke Mr. Beers was voted to the Chair - The minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 1877 were read and confirmed.

Minutes.

Correspondence
From Beers
Ackd by Mr. Beers
2nd hand periodicals

1. letter from Mr. J. M. Catcheson Superintendent and Secretary Melbourne Reformatory Asylum thanking the Committee for their donation of books and periodicals - Received

The President here entered and took the Chair

Applications re
Increase of
Salary

2. letter from Mr. W. Smith Librarian applying for increase of salary
 3. Similar letter from S. Stogold Wallkeeper
- On the motion of Mr. Meeks seconded by Mr. Dryer both applications were referred to the Finance Sub-Committee for their report at the next meeting of the General Committee.

Finance Sub-Committee
Report

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 29th June 1877 as follows:
 The Finance Sub-Committee beg to report as follows:
 The receipts and expenditure for June 1877 have been examined and found correct - They show a balance in favour of the Institution of £ 212-13-4