

3 December 1877

Secretary's Statement

November 1877

Members Payments during month

Life Members 11 Yale & £10-10-1 £10-10-

Old " " 1-1 47 49.7

" " 12/6 12 7.10

" " 10/6 1 10.6

" " 7/6 6 2.5

New " 1-11/6 1 1.11.6

" " 1-1-0 7 7.7.0

" " 12/6 3 1.17.6

" " 7/6 3 1.2.6

Rejoined 1-1-0 2 2.2.0

" " 12/6 2 1.5.0

had no Room. ag 10/6 1 10-

" " 7/6 1 7.6

£86.5.6

Members Payments first

11 months of 1877

10/6

New Members

443

Total Revenue all sources first 11 months

£2570-14-7

W. Miller

Monday 14th January 1878

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Presat.

The President (in the Chair)

" Vice President

Mr. David Benjamin

" H. Beis

David Blair

Mr. Jones

R. Jack

Chas. Rusden

Rev. J. M. Symonds

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

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The Minutes of the meeting held 3 December 1877 were read and confirmed

Correspondence

Letter from Mrs. Charles relative to the formation of a French class. Referred to the Library Sub Committee

The Library Sub Committee presented their report dated 10th January 1878 as follows

Books as follows are recommended

Scott's Relation 45 vols net £18-16-6

The Librarian reports the library to be in an excellent state of order -

On the motion of Mr. Blair seconded by the Rev. J. M. Symonds the Library Sub Committee's report dated 10th Jan'y 1878 was adopted and additional books to the value of £2-14-6 were passed into the library -

14 January 1878

On the motion of Mr. Peis seconded by the Rev. J. M. Stymma it was decided to hold a special meeting of the Committee on Monday 28 January 1878 to receive the draft of Annual Report for 1877.

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows December 1877.

| | | | |
|-------------|--------|----|-----------|
| Old members | £2-2-0 | 1 | £2-2-0 |
| " | 1-11-6 | 3 | 4-14-6 |
| " | 1-2-0 | 1 | 1-2- |
| " | 1-1-0 | 96 | 100-16- |
| " | 12-6 | 29 | 18-7-6 |
| " | 10-6 | 1 | 10-6 |
| " | 7-6 | 10 | 3-15- |
| " | 5- | 1 | 5- |
| News | 1-11-6 | 1 | 1-11-6 |
| " | 1-1- | 20 | 21- |
| " | 12-6 | 5 | 3-7-6 |
| " | 7-6 | 12 | 4-10- |
| Rejoinal | 1-1-0 | 4 | 4-4- |
| " | 12-6 | 1 | 12-6 |
| " | 7-6 | 3 | 2-6 |
| | | | £167-10-6 |

Members payments during 1877 1867
 News " Same period 481
 Total Revenue from all sources £2040-10-11

M. Miller

14 January 1878

The Finance Committee presented their report as follows.

The Finance Sub Committee beg to report that they have examined the receipts and expenditure for December 1877 and find the same correct - Balance to credit of the Institution £244 - 6 - 5

Revenue for the month
 - Haystack 94 - 3 - 0
 - Sale of Revenue 232 - 5 - 6
 £376 - 8 - 6

During the month the sum of £66-15-10 has been paid to Dr. Joseph Rolleston as £25 bonus to the Secretary

The following accounts are recommended for payment
 Secretary Salary Decr 25-
 Librarian - 17-6-3
 Assistant - 6-10-
 Treasurer to date 6¹²/1780 15-
 Petty Cash 5-
 £68-16-8

On the motion of Mr. Jack 2^d by the Vice President the Finance Sub Committee's report was adopted and the Secretary laid on the table the Balance Sheet for 1877.

On the motion of Mr. Peis seconded by Mr. Benjamin the said Balance Sheet was referred to the Auditors -

On the motion of Mr. Peis seconded by Mr. Benjamin the following gentlemen were appointed a Sub Committee to prepare the draft Annual Report -
 viz. The Vice President, Dr. J. M. Stymma and Mr. Marcus Clarke

Special Meeting of Committee
28 January 1878

Present
The President (in the Chair)
Mr David Benjamin
Mr Beers
Doct^r Blair
Marcus Clarke
Mr Jones
Mr Weeks
Mr Pender
Dr Ostrugma

The Report of the General Committee of Management for 1877 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 Beers seconded by Mr Weeks and was ordered to be presented at the Annual Meeting of Members on the 30th inst -

W. Weeks

Annual General Meeting of Members
Wednesday 30 January 1878
The President (D. Fellows) in the Chair

The advertisement calling the meeting was read. The said advertisement had appeared in two daily papers held and a notice had been posted in the Reading Room in accordance with Rule 70.

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Members held 31 January 1877 were read and confirmed.

The Report of the General Committee of Management for 1877 with the Treasurer's Statement duly audited was read and, on the motion of Mr P. S. Sinclair, seconded by Mr R. J. M. Strongman, was adopted.

The appointment of Scrutineers to superintend the conduct of the Annual Election was the proceeded with - Messrs M. Brodyky, A. Birnie, H. Shelton & W. Batson were appointed at a fee of £1-1-0 each.

Messrs Andrew Burns and Walter Thompson Junr were elected auditors for the ensuing year.

As notified in the report the following gentlemen retired from office but remained eligible for re-election - The President - Vice President - Treasurers and the following members of Committee - Mr David Benjamin - Doct^r Blair, Doct^r Blair, Messrs J. St. Butter - Marcus Clarke, Judge Cope, Mr Jeremiah Dwyer and Henry Thomas

30 January 1878

The President announced that the Annual Election of General Committee would be held in accordance with Rule 10 on Monday 4th February 1878

Dr David Blair moved and Mr Sinclair seconded a vote of thanks to the President and other honorary officers, for their services during the past year. Carried.

M. J. Gillies

List of Nominations

For President Mr J. J. Hillbee proposed by Mr D. Benjamin seconded by Mr H. Weeks
For Treasurer Mr D. E. Millie proposed by Mr H. Weeks seconded by Mr H. Bees

For Committee Mr D. Benjamin proposed by Mr J. Hillbee seconded by Mr R. Jack
" " D. Blair " " J. Hillbee " " D. Benjamin
" " J. B. Bond " " W. Thompson " " J. H. Hunt
" " H. C. Clarke Res. J. W. Watson " " C. C. Campbell
" " Marcus Clarke D. Benjamin " " W. Jones
" " E. Brownward " " R. Jack
" " H. R. Gage R. Jack " " W. Jones
" " J. H. Hunt Mr G. S. Ford J. White
" " A. P. Martin A. L. Lopp J. B. Bond
" " W. Thompson J. Doyle J. H. Hunt
" " A. L. Lopp A. P. Martin J. B. Bond

Monday 11 February 1878

The General Committee of Management met this evening

- Present The President (Mr J. Hillbee) in the Chair
 " Vice President Mr Richard Jack
 Mr David Benjamin
 " H. Bees
 " J. B. Bond
 " David Blair
 " J. E. Clarke
 " H. R. Gage
 " J. H. Hunt
 " A. P. Martin
 " H. Weeks
 " J. W. Watson
 " W. Thompson.

Minutes The Minutes of the meetings held on 14th & 28th January 1878 were read and approved

The Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 30 January 1878 were also read and approved.

Scrutiners' Report re Annual Election

The Secretary presents the Scrutiners' Report re Annual Election as follows
Melbourn Athenaeum

Result of Election (1878)

- For President - Mr J. Hillbee by Mr R. C. S. E.
 For Vice President Richard Jack
 For Treasurer Mr D. E. Millie
 For Committee
 " H. R. Gage
 " David Blair } Electa
 " David Benjamin }
 " Marcus Clarke }

11 February 1878

Sub Committee On the motion of Mr Beers seconded by Mr Jack the following gentlemen were elected members of the Finance Sub Committee for the ensuing year -

- Finance
- The President
- " Vice President
- Mr J E Clarke
- " Judge
- " Jovers
- " Bush
- " Thompson

On the motion of Mr Beers seconded by Mr Bond Blair the following gentlemen were elected members of the Library Sub Committee for the ensuing year

- Library
- The President
- " Vice President
- Mr Beers
- " Blair
- " Marcus Clarke
- " Martin
- " Russell
- Rev J M Strongman

On the motion of Mr Beers seconded by Mr Jovers the following gentlemen were elected members of the House Sub Committee for the ensuing year

- House
- The President
- " Vice President
- Mr Benjamin
- " Beers
- " Bond
- " Marcus Clarke
- " Meek

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11 February 1878

Scrutiness Report

- | | | |
|--------------------|-----|-----------|
| Mr George Bush | 150 | } Elected |
| " W Shempson | 150 | |
| " G P Martin | 143 | |
| " J B Bond | 140 | |
| " E Domowara | 130 | |
| " A M Lopp | 129 | |
| Major W. A. Clarke | 87 | |

Notes passed
 Journal 256
 Informed 1
 257
 4/2/78

signed R Beers
 W Shelton
 W Watson
 M Bond
 James Mabel Secretary

Members Judge Blair, Benjamin, Marcus Clarke Bush Shempson & Martin are elected for the year. Mr J B Bond (in the place of Mr Jack Elected Vice President) for one year

Send Annual Report

Orders were received for printing Annual Report - 1st of Messrs Messrs Smith & McCutcheon to supply 2000 copies for £12-0-0 was accepted - Paper for covers to be furnished by the Athenaeum

Accounts

The following accounts were passed

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Secretary Salary January | 25-0-0 |
| Librarian | 17-6-8 |
| Assistant | 6-10 |
| Bookkeeper 4 months wages to 9/2/78 | 10 |
| Whitehead periodicals to 31/1/77 | 41-9-7 |
| Houson Sons in papers | 46-11-5 |
| Petty Cash | 5 |
| £ 157-17-8 | |

11 February 1878

Emergency.

On the motion of Mr Deers seconded by Mr Blair the following gentlemen were elected members of the Emergency Sub-Committee for the ensuing year.

The President
Vice President

Mr Benjamin

Deers

Judge

Deers

W. Fuller

Monday 4th March 1878

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present

The President W. Fuller Esq (Chair)

Mr Deers

Mr Blair

Mr Bond

Mr Hage

Deers

Judge

Deers

Rusden

Mr J. M. Strongman

Mr W. Thompson

Minutes -

The Minutes of the meeting held 11 February 1878 were read and confirmed.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from Mr C. F. Bradley claiming compensation for damage done by rain-water to map in his office.

On the motion of the Rev. J. M. Strongman seconded by Mr Judge the Secretary was instructed to inform Mr Bradley that the Committee declined to entertain the question of compensation herein as not involving any rights to be conceded from landlord to tenant.

2. Letter from Mr J. W. Ball asking for leave to establish a further branch of his Civil Service Examination Class.

Referred to the Library Sub-Committee with power to act.

Over

4th March 1878

The House Sub Committee presented their report dated 27 February 1878 as follows.

Mr Beers has been appointed Chairman of this Sub Committee for the ensuing year

In order to obtain more space in the News Room it is recommended by the Sub Committee that one of the two newspaper stands at present in the News Room be removed to the Reading Room - newspapers from the adjoining colonies to be displayed on it

That in lieu thereof a reading slope be fixed along the northern wall of the News Room.

That a luncheon be laid down on the floor of the Reading Room between the tables & in lieu of the matting at present in use. Estimated cost £20

Mr Beers moved and the Rev. J. M. Simpson seconded the adoption of the House Sub Committee's report dated 27 February 1878. - Carried -

The Library Sub Committee presented their report dated 28 February 1878 as follows.

The Sub Committee beg to recommend as follows.

1. That copies of the 'Medicine' & 'Daybreak' presented by Mr W. Weston, be placed on the Reading Room tables.

2. That Mrs. Antoinette Charlin be allowed to form an Athenaeum Lunch Class subject to the usual conditions.

4th March 1878

3. That the contract with Mr George Robertson to supply the latest novels per mail steamer at an average cost of 8/6 per vol: be renewed for 12 months -

4. That the firm of G. & Co. binders to the Institution having stopped payment, advertisements be inserted in the daily papers calling for tenders for the binding of the Institution - Specifications to be seen in Secretary's office - and that this Sub Committee has power to accept such tender as they may deem most advantageous -

5. That the Government Gazette be kept for reference for a period of six months -

6. That the following new books be added to the library

| | | | |
|---------------|---------|-----|----------|
| Geo Robertson | 24 vols | net | 9. 4. 3 |
| J. Deuller | 5 - | - | 1. 4. |
| | 29. | - | 10. 8. 3 |

During January and February mail books as follows have been added to the library

Geo Robertson 24 vols net £10-4-

On the motion of Mr Beers seconded by Mr Blair the Library Sub Committee's report dated 28 February 1878 was adopted -

The Finance Sub Committee presented their report dated 29 February 1878 as follows

The Vice President, Mr Richard Lack has been elected Chairman of the Sub Committee for the ensuing year -

14 March 1878 -

The receipts and expenditure for January and February 1878 have been examined and found correct - Cr Balance £401-12-1

Receipts January & February

| | |
|--------------|-----------|
| Bay State | 26-5-0 |
| Genl Revenue | 354-14-4 |
| | £380-19-4 |

Accounts as follows are recommended for payment

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Secretary February | 25-0-0 |
| Librarian | 17-6-8 |
| Assistant | 6-10- |
| Hallkeeper 3mths to 23/78 | 7-10- |
| Mellor's for the year | 14-11-1 |
| C'more " " | 10-3- |
| Crane Caplin to 11/2/78 | 23-11-9 |
| Crusking & papers to 31/1/77 | 12-7-3 |
| McCarron Bnd to 23/1/78 | 4-12-6 |
| Carson Messia | 3-- |
| Domely to 2/1/78 | 4-8- |
| Whitehead to 31/1/77 | 2-9-6 |
| Stillwell & Knight " " | 2-12-6 |
| Casselden papers " " | 2-12- |
| Receipts to Annual Election 1878 | 5-9- |
| Sundry exp. (see vouchers) | 10-7-2 |
| Debts Cash | 5-- |
| | £157-10-5 |

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows January & February 1878

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|
| Old members @ £1-11-6 | 7 | 11-0-6 |
| " " " 1-1-0 | 180 | 189 |
| " " " 12/6 | 23 | 14-7-6 |
| " " " 7/6 | 21 | 7-17-6 |
| | found | £222 5 6 |

14 March 1878

| | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|--|-----------|
| | Print forms | | 222-5-6 |
| New members @ £1-1-0 | 36 | | 37-16- |
| " " " 12/6 | 14 | | 8-15- |
| " " " 7/6 | 1 | | 10- |
| " " " 7/6 | 19 | | 7-2-6 |
| Rejoined @ £1-1-0 | 7 | | 7-7-0 |
| " " " 12/6 | 1 | | 12-6- |
| " " " 7/6 | 1 | | 7-6- |
| | | | £284-16-0 |

Members' payments for 2 months of 1878 310
 New members " 70

Total Revenue for 2 months all sources £380-19-4

R Jack 1/4/78

1st April 1878

Finance Sub-Committee

The Secretary having given in January last his own private cheque (post dated 6 March) to Messrs Crum Campbell & Co on account of binding to be done by them and the firm having since stopped payment - the mortgage of the said estate has sued the Secretary on the said cheque - Taking into consideration the circumstances of the case the Sub-Committee recommended that a cheque for £23-11-9 passed in favour of Crum Campbell & Co for work paid for by the said post dated cheque given by the Secretary be left in the hands of the Chairman of this Sub-Committee and the Secretary to be disposed of in accordance with the law of the case.

The following accounts are recommended for payment by

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| Secretary | 25-0-0 |
| Librarian | 14-6-8 |
| Assistant | 6-10- |
| Ballkeeper | 10- |
| Metropolitan Socy | 15-6-10 |
| W Bates | 9-8-2 |
| Ration Co | 10-10- |
| Annual Credit | 4-4- |
| Other Cash | 5- |
| | £103-5-8 |

On the motion of Mr Berr, seconded by Mr Nash the Finance Sub-Committee's report dated 29th March 1878 was adopted

Monday

1st April 1878

The General Committee of Management met this Evening

- Present
- The Vice President (in the Chair)
 - Mr. H Berris
 - .. David Blair
 - .. J B Bond
 - .. J E Clarke
 - .. W R Gage
 - .. W Lees
 - .. Geo Hush
 - .. C F Martin
 - .. W Weeks
 - .. Rev J M Simpson
 - .. W Walter Thompson
- and afterwards The President

Minutes The Minutes of 4 March 1878 were read and approved.

Correspondence Letter from Mr W Hemen requesting permission to use the Reading Room as part consideration of subscription paid by his son - The Secretary was instructed to inform Mr Hemen that the Committee could not accede to his request

Finance Sub-Committee The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report as follows.

29 March 1878

The receipts and expenditure for March 1878 has been examined and found correct. Balance to Cr of Assistant £407-13-5

Receipts for Month

- by Sale 27-4-6
- Genl Revenue 107-17-6
- £135-21-

1st April 1878

Library Sub-Com The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 28 March 1878 as follows.

1. Mr David Blair has been elected Chairman of this Sub-Committee for the ensuing year

2. The tender of Mr Wetmore for the binding of the Institution for the ensuing year has been accepted.

3. The following presentations have been received

1 Chart insectivorous birds & 2 charts Victorian snakes - from the Minister of Education

4. New Books as follows are recommended viz

| | | |
|----------------|--------------|----------|
| Prof Rolleston | 43 vols. net | 19-11-10 |
| S. Muller | 10 . . . | 3-18-9 |
| W B Scott | 2 . . . | 5 |
| lit tinctin | 15 . . . | 1-17 |
| P. & Reynolds | 6 . . . | 1-7-6 |
| | 76 . . . | £ 27-0-1 |

On the motion of Mr Biers seconded by the Rev Mr Sturgeon the Library Sub-Committee's report dated 28 March 1878 was adopted.

Secretary's Statement The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows.

March 1878.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|----|------------------|--|
| Members payments during month | | | |
| Old members @ £1-11-6 | 52 | 3-3-0 | |
| " " " 1-1- | 44 | 46-4- | |
| " " " 12/6 | 16 | 10- | |
| " " " 7/6 | 4 | 1-10- | |
| | | Balance £ 60-17- | |

1st April 1878

| | | | |
|----------------------|-------|--------|----------|
| Old forward | | | £60-17-0 |
| New members @ £1-1-0 | 17 | 17-17- | |
| " " " 12/6 | 16 | 3-15- | |
| " " " 7/6 | 9 | 3-7-6 | |
| Refused | 1-1-0 | 3-3- | |
| " " " 12/6 | 1 | 17-6 | |
| | | | £ 89-17- |

Members payments first 3 months 1878 412
 New Members " " 102
 Total Receipts all periods same period £ 516-1-4

[Signature] £ 516-1-4

Monday 6 May 1878

Present
 The Vice President Dr Richard Dack (with them)
 Mr David Benjamin
 " Bevis
 " David Bevan
 " J. B. Bond
 " J. C. Clarke
 " R. H. Fugge
 " W. J. Gresson
 " Geo. Hush
 " C. P. Martin
 " Rev J. M. Sturgeon

Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st April 1878 were read and approved

Correspondence
 1. Letter from Dr Wischmann relative to the formation of a German class - Referred to the Library Sub Committee
 2. & 3. Letters from the Hon^y Secretary Metropolitan Free School dated respectively 20th April and 6 May 1878 expressing "dissatisfaction" at "the (recalled) want of consideration" shown to them and requesting the Committee of the Athenaeum to make arrangements whereby the Small Hall of the Institution might be uninterruptedly occupied by the Metropolitan Free School for their reference on each consecutive Sunday night throughout the year.
 Referred to the Emergency Sub Committee with instructions to interview, if possible, a representative from the Metropolitan Free School and to bring up a report on the subject.
 4. Letter from Dr Marcus Clarke resigning his position as a member of the Committee on the ground of inability to attend meetings.

6 May 1878

Dr Benjamin moved and Mr J. C. Clarke seconded that Mr Marcus Clarke be requested to withdraw his resignation and that the provisions of rule 30 be pointed out to him - Carried -
 It was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the Vice President who stated his willingness to see Mr Clarke and present the letter embodying the Committee's request -

Library Sub Committee report.
 The Library Sub Committee presented their report dated 2nd May 1878 as follows

During the month the following mail-books have been passed into the library viz
 Geo Robertson 25 vols net 10-9-3

The Sub Committee recommend -

1. That presentations as follows be accepted
 1 Cent Magic } from Mrs
 1 Modern Spiritualism } Emma Hardinge
 1 Ghostland - Occultism } Dr. Dutton
 1 copy of Jerah (to continue) from Mr A. W. M. Harg.

2. That books as follows be passed into the library

| | | |
|---------------|-------------|---------|
| Geo Robertson | 11 vols net | 5-19-6 |
| J. Mullen | 6 . . . | 15-4 |
| Rev L Beckson | 4 . . . | 13-11 |
| Ed B. Scott | 2 . . . | 4 - |
| A. J. Smith | 1 . . . | 4-6 |
| W. Robertson | 5 . . . | 1-17-6 |
| 29 vols. | | £ 9.9-9 |

5 May 1878

Library Sub Com. Report

On the motion of Mr Blair seconded by Mr A Bees the library sub-committee's report was adopted the volume ~~of the collection~~ being ~~not~~ withdrawn from the list of books accepted.

Finance Sub Com. Report

The Finance sub-committee presented their report dated 5 May 1878. The report showed the receipts and expenditure for April 1878 to have been examined and found correct - Balance Cr of Disbursement £494 - 4 - 2

Receipts for the month
 Hare Hall 30 - 12 - 0
 General Revenue 182 - 10 -
 £213 - 21 -

The following accounts were recommended for payment

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Secretary - April | 25 - 00 |
| librarian | 14 - 6 8 |
| Assistant | 6 - 10 |
| Hallkeeper 5 weeks wages to 4/5/78 | 12 - 10 |
| Disburse: for Cr March April | 22 - 15 |
| J. Muller | 30 - 16 9 |
| Geo Robertson | 63 - 5 |
| W. Westmore | 10 - 13 3 |
| J. Tomcely | 5 - 14 |
| Water Rates | 7 - 18 |
| Buckley & Mann | 23 - 1 |
| Carrington J. | 22 - 5 9 |
| Jordan & Jotch | 17 - 16 9 |
| Sundry 4/8 | 4 - 19 2 |
| Other Cash | 5 - - |
| £275 - 11 - 4 | |

6 May 1878

In the motion of Mr Cross seconded by Mr Hush, the Finance sub-committee's Report dated 5 May 1878 was adopted.

House Sub Com. report

The House sub-committee presented their report dated 5 May 1878 as follows: "The House sub-committee beg to report that Lincoln has been laid down in the Reading Room, as authorized, at a cost of £23 - 1 - 0 - that new reading slopes have been fixed in the West Room and that the remainder of the improvements recently recommended have also been carried out and appear to give general satisfaction."

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows:

April 1878

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|----|--|----------------------|
| Members' payments during month | | | |
| Old members @ £2 - 2 - 0 | 1 | | £2 - 2 - 0 |
| " " 24th hb. 1 - 11 - 6 | 1 | | 1 - 11 - 6 |
| " " " 1 - 1 - 0 | 55 | | 54 - 15 - |
| " " " 12 - 6 | 18 | | 11 - 5 - |
| " " " 10 - 6 | 1 | | 10 - 6 |
| " " " 7 - 6 | 8 | | 3 - - |
| New " " 2 - 2 - 0 | 1 | | 2 - 2 - 0 |
| " " " 1 - 1 - 0 | 18 | | 18 - 18 - |
| " " " 12 - 6 | 6 | | 3 - 15 - |
| " " " 10 - | 1 | | 10 - |
| " " " 7 - 6 | 8 | | 3 - - |
| Refused " 1 - 1 - 0 | 1 | | 1 - 1 - 0 |
| " " " 12 - 6 | 5 | | 3 - 7 - 6 |
| | | | £108 - 12 - 6 |

Members' payments first 4 months 1878 535
 New " same period 136
 Revenue " " £729 - 3 - 4
 W. Muller

Monday 3 June 1878

The General Committee of Management met this evening

- Present
- The President (in the Chair)
 - " Vice President
 - Mr Dana Benjamin
 - " W. Bess
 - " Dana Blair
 - " J. B. Bond
 - " J. E. Clarke
 - " Marcus Clark
 - " W. R. Tuge
 - " W. Ceres
 - " Geo. Bush
 - " W. Weeks
 - " Rev. J. M. Strongman
 - " Walter Thompson

The Minutes of the meeting held 6 May 1878 were read and approved

Correspondence

1. Letter from Mr. Isidore Myers asking permission to establish a "Hebrew Class" in connection with the Institution - Referred to the Library Sub Committee with power to act.

Library Sub Committee report

The Library Sub Committee presented their report dated 30th May 1878 - as follows

The Library Sub Committee report that during the month the following books have been passed into the library 3

Geo. Robertson 24 vols net £9-10-10

3 June 1878

The Library Sub Committee recommended the purchase of the following 3

| | | |
|----------------|-------------|--------|
| Geo. Robertson | 19 vols net | 4-13-3 |
| L. B. Scott | 7 | 19-9 |
| A. J. Smith | 1 | 2-6 |
| P. C. Reynolds | 1 | 5-5 |
| W. Hutchins | 2 | 12-8 |
| J. Muller | 6 | 1-9-8 |
| | 36 vols | £8-3-3 |

On the motion of Mr Blair seconded by the Rev. J. M. Strongman the Library Sub Committee's report dated 30th May 1878 was adopted

Finance.

The Finance Sub Committee presented their report dated 3rd June 1878 as follows

The Finance Sub Committee beg to report that they have examined the receipts and expenditure for May 1878 and find same to be correct - Balance to Credit of Institution £413-12-10

Receipts for the Month

| | |
|--------------|-----------|
| Haye Hall | 92-7-4 |
| Genl Reserve | 103-15-10 |
| | £196-3-2 |

The following accounts are recommended for payment 3

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Secretary Salary May | 25-0-0 |
| Librarian " | 14-6-0 |
| Assistant " | 6-10- |
| Hall Keeper | 10-0-0 |
| J. B. Payne Hospit. to 8 June | 210-0-0 |
| J. B. Davis - New News Room | 21-16- |
| Mason Smith & Co. repair | 10-7- |
| forward | 300-19-8 |

3 June 1878

Mr Marcus Clarke's letter of resignation was accordingly withdrawn

re closing on
Whit Monday
& separation
day

The Secretary having requested instructions as to closing the Institution on Whit Monday and Separation Day the Chairman ruled that the provisions of rule 50a should be carried out

Secretary's
Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows

May 1878

| | | | |
|---------------|---------|----|----------|
| Old members @ | £1-11-6 | 8 | 12-12-0 |
| " | 1-1- | 33 | 34-13-0 |
| " | 15/- | 1 | 15- |
| " | 29/- | 10 | 6-5-0 |
| " | 7/6 | 5 | 1-17-6 |
| New | 1-11-6 | 1 | 1-11-6 |
| " | 1-1-0 | 15 | 15-15- |
| " | 12/6 | 7 | 4-7-6 |
| " | 7/6 | 3 | 1-2-6 |
| Rejoined | 1-1-0 | 3 | 3-3- |
| " | 12/6 | 2 | 1-5- |
| " | 7/6 | 1 | 7/6 |
| | | | £83-14-6 |

Members' payments past 5 months of 1878 624
 New Members ditto 162
 Total revenue " £925-6-6

W. J. Walker

3 June 1878

Post forward 300-19-8
 Westmore bridge 7-2-
 Vice Dues 3-16-6
 Petty Cash 5-
 £ 316-18-2

On the motion of the Vice President seconded by Mr Thompson the Finance Sub Committee's report dated 3 June 1878 was adopted

Emergency
Sub-Committee

The Emergency Sub Committee presented their report dated 14 May 1878 as follows

The Emergency Sub Committee beg to report that in accordance with instructions received from the General Committee they had a lengthy interview with a deputation from the Metropolitan Hired Staff during which the Sub Committee entirely refuted the Hired Staff's charge of "want of consideration" and pointed out on the contrary, that the Hired Staff had enjoyed several concessions beyond the terms of their original contract -

It was resolved however to recommend the General Committee to meet the wishes of the Hired Staff to a certain extent particulars of which are to be embodied in a letter from the latter Society

On the motion of Mr Dees seconded by Mr Meeks the Emergency Sub Committee's report dated 14 May 1878 was received

Mr Marcus Clarke's
resignation

The Vice President reported that (in compliance with instructions from the General Committee) he had waited on Mr Marcus Clarke with the official letter from the Committee requesting him (Mr Clarke) to withdraw his resignation to which request Mr Clarke consented -

Monday 8 July 1878

The General Committee of Management met this Evening

- Present
- The President (in the Chair)
 - Mr Benjamin
 - Beers
 - Blair
 - Bond
 - Judge
 - Lees
 - Wash
 - Thursden
 - Rev J. M. Strongman
 - Thompson

The Minutes of the meeting held 3 June 1878 were read and approved.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Miss Fothergill proposing to lease Hays Hall for Reading Evening Lectures -
The Secretary was instructed to reply to Miss Fothergill to the effect that the Committee declined her offer.
2. Letter from Miss Harvie requesting the Committee either to refund the money paid by her sister Miss Webb (as a subscription) or to allow a friend to reap the advantage of the said subscription.
It was resolved to allow Miss Harvie to enjoy the privileges attaching to her deceased sister's subscription.
3. Letter from the Secretary of the Health Society requesting space for the book case of the Society.
The Secretary replying that there was not sufficient room in the Distribution for the said bookcase, he was instructed to reply to the

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application to the effect

4. Letter from the Secretary of the Metropolitan Hiredstaffe requesting the Committee to grant the hiredstaffe the ^{limited} use of the Small Hall as a reference room on the first Monday in each month, except in cases where the hall (to be occupied by the Horticultural Society) might be ~~occupied~~ ^{left} for a continuous number of nights.
Referred to the Emergency Sub Committee

The Library Sub Committee presented their report dated 4 July 1878 as follows:

The Library Sub Committee beg to report as follows: The applications from Messrs Wickmann and Dixon Hays for permission to respectively establish German & Hebrew classes have been granted on the usual conditions.

The following new Books have been passed in during the month
See Report 1878 vol 7. 13/.

The following books are recommended by

| | | | |
|--------------|--------|-----|--------|
| S. Muller | 3 vols | net | 1-1-2 |
| P. Reynolds | 1 | | 6.9 |
| J. Robertson | 6 | | 1-6-6 |
| | 10 | | 2-14-5 |

The Sub Committee also recommended that books as per lists A B C & D attached be procured as soon as possible.

8 July 1870

On the motion of Mr Beers seconded by Mr Benjamin the Librarian Pub Committee's report dated 4 July 1870 was adopted

The Finance Pub Committee's report dated 5 July 1870 was presented - as follows

The Receipts and Expenditure for June 1870 has been Examined and found correct. They show a balance to the credit of the Institution of £ 411-14-0

Receipts for the month

| | |
|--------------|------------------|
| Haystack | 86-9-0 |
| Sub Revenue | 221-15-2 |
| Total | £ 308-4-2 |

The following accounts are recommended for payment

| | |
|----------------|------------------|
| Secretary July | 25-00 |
| Librarian | 17-6-0 |
| Assistant | 6-10 |
| Wreckeeper | 12-10 |
| Jan 7 | 34-10-6 |
| Corporation | 25 |
| Sundry exp | 3-1-2 |
| Pub Cash | 5 |
| Total | £ 129-4-4 |

On the motion of Mr Thompson seconded by Mr Sage the Finance Pub Committee's report dated 5 July 1870 was adopted

Mr Beers moved and Mr Dent seconded that the Secretary be authorized to purchase an iron safe at a cost not exceeding £ 12-10/-

Carried

8 July 1870

Mr Beers moved and Mr Blair seconded that the general question as to the best mode of advertising the advantages of the Institution be referred to the Librarian Pub Committee

Carried

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows

June 1870 -

| | | | |
|--------------|---------|-----|------------------|
| Old Members | £ 2-2-0 | 2 | 4-4-0 |
| " | 1-11-6 | 4 | 6-6 |
| " | 1-1-0 | 107 | 112-7 |
| " | 12/6 | 17 | 10-12-6 |
| " | 7/6 | 12 | 4-10/- |
| New | 1-1-0 | 33 | 34-13/- |
| " | 12/6 | 18 | 11-5/- |
| " | 10/6 | 1 | 10-6 |
| rejoined | 4/6 | 14 | 5-5 |
| " | 7/6 | 2 | 2-7-6 |
| " | 10/6 | 2 | 15 |
| " | 7/6 | 2 | 15 |
| Total | | | £ 193-0-6 |

Members payments first 6 months of 1870 - 837
 New Members - 228
 Total Revenue first 6 mos. from all sources £ 1233.10.0

W. Miller

Monday 5th August 1878

The General Committee of Management met this Evening

- Present The President (in the Chair)
 Mr David Benjamin
 " H Beers
 " David Blair
 " J. B. Bond
 " J. E. Clarke
 " H. R. Fuge
 " W. Jevons
 " Geo. Lush
 " A. P. Martin
 " Henry Meeks
 " J. W. Rusden
 " Dralps Thompson

Minutes - The Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th July 1878 were read and approved.

Correspondence - Letter from Dr. E. Coumel - Received.

Finance Sub-Committee Report - The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 5th August 1878 as follows.

The Finance Sub-Committee beg to report that they have examined the receipts and Expenditure for July 1878 and find same to be correct - Balance to the credit of the Institution £597. 10-4

Revenue for the Month

| | | | |
|--------------|-------|----|---|
| Large Sale | 122. | 4- | 6 |
| General Res. | 203. | 14 | |
| | £325- | 18 | 6 |

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Finance Sub-Committee Report cont.

The following Accounts are recommended for Payment viz:

| | | | |
|---|-------|-----|----|
| Secretary Salary for July | 25. | 0- | 0 |
| Librarian " | 17. | 6- | 8 |
| Assistant " | 6. | 10 | |
| Stall Keeper 4 wks to 3/8/78 | 10 | | |
| Metropolitan Socy July 53/78 | 19 | 9 | 8 |
| Geo Robertson Stat 9. 1/19 Books 1/5/78 | 68 | 18 | 5 |
| S. Muller books &c | 15 | 9 | |
| W. Betmold Stationery - binding &c | 33 | 11 | 3 |
| Armstrong & papers 12/73 copy 7/73 27/01 | 19 | 19 | 3 |
| Sundry afs - Reynolds 6/5/79 Stillwell & Co | | | |
| Whitehead 10/9 J. C. Smith 1/5/78 Draper, Son 8/4 | | | |
| W. Robertson 1/2/76 Hutchison 3/3 A. Smith 1/1/77 | 33 | 6 | 10 |
| Shipping News 1/1 Brisbane News 1/11 A. H. Hume 19/1/77 | | | |
| H. J. Feldwick 1/2/76 - David Bond 1/1/77 Laurie & Straker 15/1 | | | |
| Maekart Douch 1/76 Griffith & Spear 15/1 | | | |
| | £249. | 11- | 1 |

On the motion of Mr Lush seconded by Mr Jevons the Finance Sub-Committee's Report dated 5 August 1878 was adopted.

Library Sub-Committee Report

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 1st August 1878 as follows

The Library Sub-Committee beg to report as follows:

Books as per lists A. B. C & D (Letter-Books) 244/247 have been ordered and those procurable in Melbourne have been added to library - thus

| | | | | |
|---------------|-------------|------|-----|---|
| S. Muller | 22 vols net | 10- | 1- | 3 |
| Geo Robertson | 12 " | 2- | 18 | 6 |
| | 35 " | £12- | 19- | 9 |

The following books to hand per mail-steamers have also been added to library viz: Geo Robertson 28 vols net 10-13-8

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Library Sub-Committee Report card

The following books are recommended for purchase

| | | |
|----------------|------------|----------|
| J. Muller | 4 vols net | 14-0 |
| Geo. Robertson | 12 " " | 2-13-1 |
| A. DeScott | 3 " " | 4 |
| A. J. Smith | 2 " " | 10-10 |
| D. Reynolds | 2 " " | 1-17-10 |
| | 23 vols. | £ 5-19-9 |

With regard to the question of advertising, submitted to them, the sub-committee recommend that a sum not exceeding £40 be expended during the ensuing five months in the printing and distribution of pamphlets detailing the advantages of the Institution - the reading matter contained in the said pamphlets to be supervised by the sub-committee

The sub-committee recommend the purchase of a copy of Ruskin's Modern Painters Vols 1, 2, 4 & 5 at a cost of £4.

On the motion of Mr J. W. Rusden seconded by Mr Buss the library sub-committee's report dated 1st August 1878 was adopted with the exception of the clause relating to the question of advertising - This clause was referred back to the sub-committee.

Emergency Sub-Committee Report

The Emergency sub-committee presented their report dated 31st July 1878 as follows
 The Emergency sub-committee beg to report that they have considered the letter from the Metropolitan Hired Staff referred to them, and recommend that nothing further be done in the matter until after the termination of the letting of Hays Hall which commences on the 11th October 1878 for a term of three months

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Emergency Sub-Committee Report card

On the motion of Mr Bush seconded by Mr Buss the Emergency sub-committee's report dated 31st July 1878 was adopted.

Marking in Ladies Room

It was resolved to authorize the laying down of fresh marking in the Ladies Room at a cost not to exceed £2-10/-.

Secretary's Statement

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows

July 1878 -

| | | | |
|------------------------------|----|--|-----------|
| Dues payments during month - | | | |
| Old Dues @ 2/- | 1 | | £ 2-2-0 |
| " " 1/6 | 7 | | 11-0-6 |
| " " 1/1 | 93 | | 97-13- |
| " " 12/6 | 19 | | 11-17-6 |
| " " 10/- | 2 | | 1- |
| " " 7/6 | 6 | | 2-5- |
| New " 2/- | 25 | | 26-5- |
| " " 3/6 | 1 | | 1-11-6 |
| " " 12/6 | 18 | | 11-5- |
| " " 7/6 | 11 | | 4-2-6 |
| | | | £ 169-7/- |

Dues payments past 7 months of 1878. 1020
 New Dues " " " " " " 284
 Total Revenue past 7 months from all sources £ 1559-9-2

M. Miller

2 Sept 1870

The following books have been passed into the library during the month

| | | |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| for Roberts | one vol 21 nos net | 8. 14 |
| " | travels | 2. 126 |
| P. Keyser | | 2. 1-17-10 |
| J. Muller | | 4. 3. 15-7 |
| Alexander | | 4 7 |
| | | 33 - net 22-19-11 |

The following additions to periodical list are recommended

- 1 Cergoey
- 1 Reader at Home

Books as follows are recommended for addition to library

| | | |
|-------------|------------|-----------|
| for Roberts | 19 nos net | 8 - 0 4 |
| J. Muller | 13 . . . | 7. 19. 11 |
| | 32 . . . | 11 - 0. 3 |

On the motion of Mr Beer's seconded by Mr Martin the library sub-committee report dated 29 August 1870 was adopted

The Finance sub-committee presented their report dated 30 August 1870 as follows

The Finance sub-committee beg to report that they have examined the receipts and expenditure for August 1870 and find the same to be correct - Balance to Cr of Institution £ 527-19. 3

Receipts for the month

| | |
|------------|-----------|
| by Sale | 43. 19. 6 |
| for Return | 129. 9. 6 |
| | 173 - 9 - |

Monday 2 Sept 1878

The General Committee of Management met this evening Present

- The President (in the Chair)
- Mr Benjamin
- Mr Beer
- Mr Bond
- Mr Fuge
- Mr Hush
- Mr Meeks
- Mr Martin
- Mr Rudden
- Mr Jm Strongman
- Mr Thompson

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 5 August 1878 were read and approved

Correspondence

Letter from Dr C. J. Roberts asking for the loan of a volume of the Agas to exhibit in a Court of Justice

On the motion of Mr Beer seconded by Mr Rudden the Secretary was instructed to inform Dr Roberts that the volume in question being in the library of Reference could not be issued (from the Institution) unless under the care of an officer of the institution

The library sub-committee presented their report as follows

29 August 1878 3 present
The library sub-committee beg to report as follows

see next page

Monday 7 October 1878

Present:

- The President (Dr. Filler) (in the Chair)
- Dr. Beers
- " Blair
- " Bond
- " J. E. Clarke
- " Fuge
- " Dr. Jones
- " J. P. Martin
- " Meek
- " Rusden
- Prof. J. S. Thompson
- " Thompson

The Minutes of the meeting held 2 Sept 1878 were read and confirmed.

Dr. J. S. Drummie, who was in attendance, presented to the Committee a protest against a charge for rent on the picture "Pool of Bethesda" stored by the Institution for some time past.

On the motion of Mr J. E. Clarke seconded by Dr. Jones the Secretary was instructed to inform Dr. Drummie that the Committee could not obtain his protest.

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report as follows -

3rd Oct 1878

During the month the following books have been placed into the library

Just Robt. 18 mgs paper. 7.10.3

The Committee received a following

1. That the following sets of intercolonial newspapers be sold by tender by

Quay, Dring & Co. 1/6 1/2
 W. J. Dring " " "
 W. J. Dring " " "

2 Sept 1878

The following accounts are recommended for payment

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------|----------------|
| Secretary | 25 - | |
| Librarian | 17 6 8 | |
| Assistant | 6 10 | |
| Hall Paper | 10 | |
| Ed. Whitland Co | 60 - 12 2 | } 66 - 7 3 |
| Dewan Saw | 19 5 | |
| | | £ 155 - 16 - 1 |

On the motion of Mr Benjamin seconded by Mr. Hall the Finance Sub-Committee's report dated 30 August 1878 was adopted.

The Secretary read his usual monthly statement as follows

| | | | |
|-------------|---------|----|------------|
| August 1878 | | | |
| Old members | £ 3.2.0 | 1 | 3.2.0 |
| " " " | 2.1 | 1 | 2.1 |
| " " " | 1.11.6 | 1 | 1.11.6 |
| " " " | 1.12.6 | 49 | 51.9 |
| " " " | 15/6 | 17 | 10.12.6 |
| " " " | 21/ | 26 | 1.17.6 |
| " " " | 1/6 | 8 | 5 |
| " " " | 7/6 | 7 | 2.12.6 |
| " " " | 10/6 | 1 | 10.6 |
| | | | £ 106.13.0 |

Members paid during past 8 mths 1137
 New " " " 326
 Total Revenue " " " £ 1732 - 18 - 2

Confirmed
 7th Oct 1878
 W. J. Dring

7 Oct 1878

Exp Lincis 1876 to 1877
Ordinary Council

2 That a number of old magazines in room on the
basement be distributed amongst the various
charitable institutions of the city in the name of
the Institution - the Rev. Dr. Sturgeon to supervise
the said distribution

3. That new books as follows be added to
library
Jefferson 12 vols 2-10.
S. Muller 6 .. 1-8-6
A. Smith 4 .. 1-18-6
22 - £-5-7

On the motion of Dr J. E. Clarke seconded
by Mr. Baird the following Res. Committee report
dated 3 Oct 1878 was adopted

On the motion of Mr. Baird seconded by Mr. Sears
it was left in the hands of the secretary to receive
letters for the Chemical apparatus, Model of
Ship - back box of Lincis in room on basement

The Finance Res. Committee presented their
report as follows

4th Oct 1878

The Finance Res. Committee beg to report that
they have examined the receipts and expenditure for
Sept 1878 and find the same correct - Balance to
Credit of Institution £546-18-5

Balance for the month

Hy. Tree 65-6-0
Fuel 100-17-3
175-3-3

7 Oct 78

Exp for month

Secretary - 25-00
Library - 17-6-8
Assistant - 6-10
Treasurer - 12-10
Jan 77 - 32-13-4
Grate Rates - 8-
Rentrola - 19-11-3
Copier (Rubs) - 15-
L. J. Taylor (Exp) - 13-10
Clerical (Books) - 7-
J. St. Quentin (Exp. Rates) - 6-
Jordan & Solt - 8-15-6
Vic. Assoc. - 2-
Quincy Exp - 7-1-6
Perry Carl - 5-
Rental Union Exp. Premium £500 for 3 500
and for £1500 for 20/100/1000 690-18-3

On the motion of Mr. Sears seconded by
the Rev. Dr. Sturgeon the report of
the Finance Res. Committee dated 4 Oct
1878 was adopted

The Secretary read his usual monthly
statement as follows -
Sept 1878

Members payments during month

Acad. Dinner 2/3/ 2 £4-4-
" " 4/11/6 1 1-11-6
" " 4/1/ 37 38-17-
" " 4/1/ 1 1-
" " 12/6 14 8-15-
" " 7/6 6 2-5-
Total 57 12-6-

Monday 18th November 1878

Present

- Mr D Benjamin (in the Chair)
 - " Biers
 - " Blair
 - " J. E. Clarke
 - " Jones
 - " Martin
 - " Weeks
 - " Rusden
 - Prof M. Spurgeon
 - Mr Thompson
- and approved the President

The Minutes of the meeting held 7th October 1878 were read and confirmed

Letter was read from the Secretary asking to be excused from attending owing to indisposition

On the motion of Mr Blair seconded by Mr Martin it was resolved that Dr Mendoga act under the guidance of the President until such time as the Secretary shall be able to attend -

On the motion of Mr Jones seconded by Mr Thompson the following accounts were passed for payment -

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Secretary Salary | Oct 25. | 0-0 |
| Librarian | " " | 17-6-8 |
| Assistant | " " | 6-10 |
| Hallkeeper 5 weeks wages | | 12-10 |
| Betty Cash | | 5- |
| | | <u>£ 66-6-8</u> |

7 Oct 78

| | | | | |
|-------------|--------|----|----|-----------------|
| New Members | £1-1-0 | 20 | 21 | 57-12-6 |
| | 126 | 7 | 4 | 76 |
| | 76 | 7 | 2 | 126 |
| Rejoice | " | 1 | 76 | |
| | | | | <u>£ 85-0-0</u> |

Books payable first of Nov. 78 1233

New member acts - 360

Total Revenue first of Nov from all sources £1900-1-5

Christ Benjamin
Chairman

Nov 1878

18 Nov 78

Mr Payne's letter was ordered to be acknowledged and its contents were referred to the Finance Sub Committee for consideration.

Mr Dees as acting Chairman of Finance Sub Committee was authorised to get the Bank Book for comparison and generally to supervise matters of Finance.

M. Miller

18 Nov 78

On the motion of Mr Blair seconded by Mr Dees it was resolved to order 3 additional copies of the Ag for the Reading Room.

On the motion of Mr Blair seconded by Mr Dees it was resolved to pass the books on the Table into the library as follows:-

| | | |
|---------------|---------|--------|
| Scott Roberts | 12 vols | 2-17-9 |
| S. Mullen | 14 " | 3-17-5 |
| | 26 | 6-15-2 |

The following letter was received from Mr J. B. Payne relative to mortgage held by him over the Cechman buildings.

Melbourn 4th Sept 78

copy
Messrs Messinger Sumner & Co
Trustees of the Melbourn
Mechanics' Institute or Cechman

Dear Sirs

As I purpose being absent from Melbourn for a short time, I will thank you to have the interest to become due to me under the mortgage for £7000 over the property in Collins Street portion of allotment 3 in Section 11 paid into the Bank of Victoria in Melbourn to my credit as also the instalment of £1000 due to me under the said mortgage on the 8th day of June 1879 - This instalment of £1000 you can have the option of retaining on the property until my return to the colony at same interest as you pay at present and for paying all or any of the above sums of money into the Bank of Victoria to my credit. This letter shall be a full and sufficient authority.

I am Dear Sirs

J. B. Payne
(Sign) J. B. Payne

Monday 2 December 1878

The General Committee of Management met this evening

Present The President in the Chair

Dr David Benjamin

" Biers

" Blair

" Bond

" W Jones

" H Maclellan

" J W Rusden

The Minutes of the meeting held 18 Nov 78 were read and confirmed

Correspondence 3 letters of thanks for donations from several Asylums (Melb Ben Asylum - Alfred Hospital - Melb Orphan Asylum)

4 letter from Dr Robert Black requesting the Committee to refund amount paid for stone rent on picture Pool of Bethesda - On the motion of Mr Benjamin seconded by Mr D Blair it was decided to instruct the Secretary to inform Dr Black that the Committee having duly considered the circumstances of the case regret their inability to comply with his request.

5 letter from Mrs McFegor Ramsay & Co Books acting under instructions from Capt James Volcum of Seelburg requesting the Committee not to permit the picture Pool of Bethesda to be removed from the Institution.

2 Decr 1878

The Secretary was instructed not to let the picture be removed without the authority of the Solicitors of the Institution

6 & 7 letters from the Librarian and the Assistant applying for leave of absence - leave granted the Librarian from 23 Decr and the Assistant from 1 to 7 January inclusive

8 letter from Mr Fredericks, London re hire of Hargrave for Exhibitions - Secretary instructed to forward schedule of prices

The Librarian Sub Committee presented their report dated 28 November 1878 as follows

The Librarian Sub Committee beg to recommend as follows

1. That the library be closed for the purpose of cleaning &c from the 1st to 10th January 1879 inclusive

2. That the order for Mail Books from London through Robertson, be increased to £15 per month and embrace for the future other new and popular works in addition to current fiction (The cost of books purchased up to date during the present year is less than £200)

3. That the following books be passed into the library
 per Robertson 3 vols 1-4-6
 L. S. Muller 3 : 1-
 6 £2-4-6

12 Decr 1878

On the motion of Mr Blair seconded by Mr Biers the Librarian's Sub Committee report dated 28 Nov 1878 was adopted

The Finance Sub Committee presented their report dated 29 November 1878 as follows.

The Finance Sub Committee beg to report that they have examined the receipts and expenditure for October and November 1878 and find the same to be correct - Balance to credit of Institution £14-8-2

| | |
|--------------|----------|
| Revenue | |
| Haystack | 33-19-6 |
| Seal Revenue | 195-4 |
| | £229-3-6 |

Mr J. B. Pappie's letter giving the Trustees of the Institution authority to pay principal and interest of mortgage to his account in the Bank of Victoria or to retain the £1000 due on 8 June 1879 until his return from England has been duly acknowledged and will be considered in due course.

A sum of £500 has been withdrawn from the current account and placed on deposit in the name of the Trustees for six months @ the rate of 6% - The deposit receipts has been lodged in the hands of Mr C. M. Gibbs Trustee -

The following accounts are recommended for payment

| | | |
|-----------|-----|--------|
| Secretary | Nov | 25-0-0 |
| Librarian | " | 17-6-8 |
| | Nov | 42-6-8 |

12 Decr 1878

| | |
|--|--------|
| Port for wine | 42-6-8 |
| Assistant Secy Nov | 6-10 |
| Wallkeeper 3 weeks wages | 7-10 |
| City Treasure Lamp Rent | 8 |
| Insurances 2/11. Hall 2/11. Victoria 1/5/6 | 6-7-6 |
| Interest on Mortgage | 210 |

£280-14-2

On the motion of Mr Jones seconded by Mr Bond the Finance Sub Committee report dated 29 Nov 78 was adopted - Secretary's Statement

Oct & Nov 1878

| | | |
|------------------------|------|----------|
| Life Members @ £10-10- | 1 | 10-10- |
| Old " 2 subs | 2-2- | 1 2-2- |
| " " " 1-11-6 | 3 | 4-14-6 |
| " " " 1-1- | 55 | 57-15 |
| " " " 12-6 | 17 | 10-12-6 |
| " " " 10-6 | 1 | 10-6 |
| " " " 7-6 | 16 | 6 |
| New " " 1-1- | 20 | 21 |
| " " " 12-6 | 11 | 6-17-6 |
| " " " 10-6 | 1 | 10-6 |
| " " " 10 | 1 | 10 |
| " " " 7-6 | 17 | 6-7-6 |
| Rejoined " " 1-1- | 2 | 2-2- |
| " " " 12-6 | 2 | 1-5 |
| " " " 7-6 | 1 | 7-6 |
| | | £131-4-6 |

Members payments during 11 months/78 1382

New members 410

Revenue same period £2137-4-11

J. Biers Secy 20.1.79