

20<sup>th</sup> January 1879

Present

- David Benjamin
- " H. Bess
- " J. B. Bond
- " W. Lees
- " J. Lush
- " W. Meeks
- Walter Thompson

On the motion of Mr Meeks seconded by Mr Lush Mr. Benjamin was voted to the Chair

The Minutes of the meeting held 2 Dec 1878 were read and approved

Correspondence

Letter from Dr D. A. Wray Reed requesting the Committee to make an allowance on the regard to his recent occupation of the Hall

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Lush the Secretary was instructed to inform Dr Reed that the Committee regretted their inability to entertain his request but would recommend the matter in the event of his re-engaging the Hall.

Letter from Dr J. J. Deering withdrawing his protest against the claim of the Antislavery Society for rent a picture Pool of Bethesda - on the condition that the Committee repaid the amount received from Sheriff to Dr Black Received.

Letter from Dr J. J. Deering soliciting for the Antislavery Society claiming picture Pool of Bethesda

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On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Dr W. Thompson the Secretary was instructed to prepare letters concerning claims on the picture Pool of Bethesda to Dr W. Meeks & J. B. Bond with instructions for them to answer same.

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 9 January 1879.

On the motion of Dr Lees seconded by Mr Lush the report was adopted.

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 20 January 1879.

On the motion of Dr Thompson seconded by Mr Bond the report was adopted.

The Secretary submitted the Balance Sheet for 1878. Referred to Auditors.

The following gentlemen were appointed a Sub-Committee to draft the Annual Report for 1878

The President  
Dr Black  
Judge

A letter was received from Dr McKee withdrawing his resignation of the office of Treasurer.

Received - Resignation ordered to be notified to Annual Meeting of Members

20 January 1879

On the motion of Mr Lees seconded  
by Mr Meeks the meeting adjourned until  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> inst at 4.30 pm.

W. Gilbey

Adjourned Meeting

27 January 1879

Present. The President (Chair)  
Dr Bees  
- Benjamin  
- Blair  
- Bond  
- Fogg  
- Lees  
- Lush  
- Martin  
- Meeks  
- Mr J. Sturgis  
- Walter Chapman.

The Report of the General Committee of  
Management for 1878 was presented by the  
Sub-Committee appointed to draft it and  
was read or clause by clause - After  
brief alterations the report as amended  
was adopted.

On the motion of Dr Benjamin seconded  
by Dr Fogg a vote of thanks was accorded  
to the President & Gilbey for his services  
during the past year.

On the motion of Dr Meeks seconded  
by Mr Blair it was decided to recommend  
the election of W. McKie, an honorary  
member, to the Annual Meeting of the next  
year.

W. Gilbey

Annual General Meeting of Members

29<sup>th</sup> January 1879

The President (D. Fillbee) in the Chair

The advertisement calling the meeting was read.

The said advertisement had appeared in two daily papers and a notice had been posted in the Reading Room in accordance with Rule 20

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 30 January 1878 were read and confirmed.

The Report of the General Committee of Management for 1878 and the Treasurer's statement duly audited were read.

D. Fillbee having vacated the chair it was filled by Mr David Benjamin on the motion of Dr. E. V. Bromie seconded by Mr Phillips

The report and balance sheet were adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr Meeks

Messrs. Paton, Birnie, Brodie, and Disher were appointed scrutineers to superintend the conduct of the Annual Election of Office Bearers for the ensuing year.

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

As notified by the report, the following gentlemen retired from office but remained eligible for re-election - The President - Vice President and the following members of Committee Messrs H. Biers, J. B. Bond, J. E. Clarke, W. Cross, Henry Meeks, J. W. Rusden, + Rev J. M. Stringman -

29 January 1879

The General Committee of Management having adopted to this meeting (see Annual report) that the Hon D. E. Wilkie Esq. had resigned the office of Treasurer it was moved by Mr H. Biers and seconded by Mr J. E. Clarke that the Hon D. E. Wilkie Esq. be elected an honorary member of this Institution in recognition of his valuable services as Treasurer during the past 23 years - Carried

The President announced that the Annual Election of honorary Office Bearers would be held in accordance with Rule 10 on Monday 3 Feb 1879.

List of Nominations received up to 10 pm 29/1/79

- For President Mr D. E. Wilkie Esq.
- Judge Cope
- For Vice President. Mr W. Cross Junr.
- For Treasurer               " David Benjamin
- For Committee               Mr J. B. Baildon
- " H. Biers
- " J. B. Bond
- " J. E. Clarke
- " K. S. Daniel (afterwards withdrawn)
- " E. Somerville
- " J. Selkington
- " R. H. Selary
- " Henri J. Hart (afterwards withdrawn)
- " Richard Jack
- " H. Meeks
- " A. Millie
- " P. Moloney
- " W. A. Moody
- " A. M. Topp

M. Gillbe

11 February 1879

The General Committee of Management met this Evening

- Present.
- The President (D. J. Elbee)
  - " Vice President (Dr W. Lewis Jun)
  - " Treasurer (David Benjamin)
  - Dr Bailliere
  - " Bailliere
  - " Beers
  - " Blair
  - " Elbery
  - " Elkington
  - " Fage
  - " Hush
  - " Martin
  - " O'Moloney
  - Moody
  - " Thompson
  - " Topp

The Minutes of the meeting held 20 & 27 January 1879 were read and approved

The Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Members held 29 January 1879 were read and approved of

Correspondence. Letter from David Benjamin resigning his office as Committee-man in consequence of his Election as Treasurer. Received

Mr Beers moved and Dr Lewis seconded the nomination of Mr Weeks to fill the vacancy caused by Mr Benjamin's resignation  
Dr Martin moved and Mr Bailliere seconded the nomination of Mr H. Spawell to fill the said vacancy -

11 February 1879

The Scrutineers presented their report on Annual Election as follows -

Result of Election

President	votes	
D. J. Elbee	267	
Judge Cope	248	
Committee	votes	
R. H. Elbery	389	} Electa
J. Elkington	321	
Dr P. O'Moloney	312	
Dr H. A. Moody	303	
A. M. Topp	284	
J. F. Bailliere	269	
M. Beers	262	
R. Jack	252	
J. E. Clarke	219	
A. Millie	215	
J. B. Bond	204	
A. Weeks	202	
E. Edmund	194	
Total votes polled		532

Signed James M. [unclear]      signed R. Beers  
 [unclear]      M. Beers      } Scrutineers  
 J. H. Fisher  
 W. Watson

Melbourn Athenaeum  
3 February 1879

The report was received -

Books were opened for printing Annual Report as follows

No. 1.	1000 - 7.15	1500 - 9.15	2000 -
" 2.		11.10	13.0.0
" 3.	12.10	14.10	
" 4.	14.0.0	17.0.0	
" 5.	10.0.0	13.0.0	



11 February 1879

On the motion of Mr Moody seconded by the Vice-President tender not was accepted - It proved to be from Messrs Massey & McCutcheon.

The following Sub-Committees were appointed for the ensuing year:

Finance -

- The President
- " Vice President
- " Treasurer
- Mr El Kingston
- " Fuge
- " Kesh
- " Thompson
- " Lopp

Library

- The President
- " Vice President
- Mr Beers
- " Blair
- " Clarke
- " Cleary
- D Moloney
- Dr Martin
- " El Kingston

House

- The President
- " Vice President
- Mr Bailliere
- " Beers
- " Clarke
- " Moody
- " Lopp
- " Cleary

Emergency

- The President
- " Vice President
- Mr Bailliere
- " Beers
- " Fuge
- " Moody
- " Lopp

Testimonial to D. Wilkie.

On the motion of Mr Bailliere seconded by Mr C. P. Martin it was decided to present to the Hon. D. C. Wilkie M.P. with an illuminating address embodying the resolution concerning D. Wilkie passed at the last Annual Meeting of Members. Cost not to exceed £10.

Mr Blair & Mr Cleary were appointed a Sub-Committee to draw up the above address -

11 February 1879

Books as per El Whitehead's invoice, amounting to £15-10-11 were ordered to be passed into the library.

It was also resolved to purchase a copy of Mr Blair's History of Australasia at a net cost of £1-13-9

The following accounts were passed:

Secretary Salary for Jan/79	25-00
Librarian "	17-6-8
Assistant "	6-10
Halfkeeper 3 meals to 8/79.	7-10
Auditors	4-4
Perquisites -	4-4
Petty Cash.	5-00
	£69-14-8

An application was received from the Secretary asking for leave of absence for a short period granted.

W. Miller

Memorandum.

Subsequent to above meeting Dr Martin Graw was also nominated for the vacant seat on the Committee.

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1879

The General Committee of Management met this evening

- Present
- The President (D<sup>r</sup> Gillbee) in the Chair
  - " Vice- " (Mr W Levers)
  - " Treasurer (Mr David Benjamin)
  - Mr Biers
  - " Blair
  - " Elkington
  - " Fuge
  - " Lush
  - " Martin
  - " Moody
  - " Thompson
  - " Lopp

Correspondence letter was received from Mr. Welch resigning the office of Secretary to the Institution.

On the motion of Mr Benjamin seconded by Mr Lush the resignation was accepted with regret, subject to the books of the Institution being made up.

Letters were read from Messrs Martin, Evans & L.S. Daniel withdrawing their nominations as Committeemen, in place of Mr David Benjamin resigned

On the motion of Mr Blair seconded by the Vice-President, Mr Meeks was elected to the vacant position on the Committee.

It was proposed by Mr Martin & seconded by Mr Benjamin, that Mr Mendoza be appointed to act as Mr Welch's locum tenens until a permanent appointment can be made

Carried.  
Mr Elkington moved an amendment as follows  
That until permanent arrangements as to the Secretaryship be made Mr Smith may be Acting Secretary & Mr Mendoza Acting Librarian. lost

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1879

On the motion of Mr Blair seconded by Mr Biers the books on the table were passed into the Librarian

Mr Lopp gave notice that at the next regular meeting of this Committee he should move as follows -

That a Sub-Committee be appointed to consider the best means of improving the reading room accommodation for members - Such Sub-Committee to consist of the President, Vice-President Messrs Paulline, Biers, Elkington, Martin & Lopp.

Mr Moody also gave notice that he should move as follows -

That in future the hour of meeting of the General Committee be 4.30 p.m.

The following accounts were passed for payment viz:-

Secretary Salary for Feb.	£	25.	0.	0
Librarian Do Do		17.	6.	8
Assistant Do Do		6.	10.	0
Hallkeeper 3 weeks to 1/2/79		7.	10.	0
	£	56.	6.	8

## Special Meeting of Committee

24<sup>th</sup> March 1879

Present The President (D. Gillber) in the chair  
 - Vice (Mr. Severs)  
 - Treasurer (Mr. David Benjamin)  
 Mr. Bailliere  
 - Biers  
 - Ellery  
 - Lush  
 - Meeks  
 - Moody  
 - Thompson  
 - Lopp

The Finance Sub-committee presented the following Special Report dated 12<sup>th</sup> March 1879 as follows:-

"The Finance Committee beg to report that in accordance with the instructions given them, they have investigated Mr. Welch's accounts up to March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1879 the date of his resignation and although it appears that Mr. Welch has on occasions transgressed rule 40 which provides that sums when amounting to £25 shall be banked to the credit of the Institution, yet the Institution's bank book made up to March 10<sup>th</sup> shows that there is lodged the sum of £365.5.2 the exact amount due according to the Cash Ledger. A further amount of £3.11.10 petty cash is in the hands of the Acting-Secretary.

(Signed) David Benjamin  
 Acting Chairman

Correspondence Letter from Mr. Welch asking the Committee to confirm his resignation, also pledging himself to see that all minutes books &c are closely posted up.

Received.

Special Meeting of Committee  
24<sup>th</sup> March 1879

On the motion of Mr. Benjamin seconded by Mr. Meeks the Finance Sub-committee report was adopted.

Correspondence Letter from Mr. Welch asking the Committee to confirm his resignation also pledging himself to see that all minutes books &c of the Institution are closely posted up.

Received.

D. Gillber



# Special Meeting of Committee

31<sup>st</sup> March 1879

- Present.
- The President (D. J. Miller) in chair
  - Mr. Orie - (Mr. Orie)
  - Mr. Treasurer (Mr. Orie)
  - Mr. Biers
  - Mr. Elkington
  - Mr. Ellery
  - Mr. Fuge
  - Mr. Lush
  - Mr. Meek
  - Mr. Murphy
  - Mr. Thompson
  - Mr. Toppe

A Special meeting of the General Committee of Management was called for this evening - to take into consideration all matters in connection with the appointment of Secretary.

Present (see end of minutes)

Correspondence letter was received from Mr. A. H. Martin tendering his resignation as a member of Committee in consequence of his intention to apply for the Secretaryship of the Institution.

On the motion of Mr. Benjamin seconded by Mr. Ellery. Mr. Martin's resignation was accepted.

Salary of New Secretary Moved by Mr. Biers & seconded by the Vice-President that the salary of the Secretary be fixed at £250 including all allowances

Carried.

On the motion of Mr. Benjamin and seconded by Mr. Thompson that the following resolution was adopted viz:

'That prior to entertaining any application for the position of Secretary from gentlemen \* holding Honorary Offices in connection with this Institution it be resolved that the resignation of such office is necessary.

Moved by Mr. Biers seconded by Mr. Lush. That the gentlemen selected for the office of Secretary be appointed for a period of three months, and at the end of that time if the Committee approve of the performance of his duties of the office then such appointment shall be continued and an agreement thereupon shall be entered into with the Secretary stating the terms of service and providing forms of notices of resignation

31<sup>st</sup> March 1879 and dismissal

Carried.

Mr. Biers moved and Mr. Meek seconded - That advertisements inviting candidates to apply for the office of Secretary of the Athenaeum be inserted six times in each of the Morning newspapers, stating Salary and <sup>the</sup> time by which applications shall be sent in.

Carried.

On the Motion of Mr. Biers seconded by Mr. Fuge it was resolved that the election of Secretary take place at the next meeting of the General Committee on the 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Mr. Biers moved and Mr. Sever seconded - That a sub-committee consisting of the President, Vice-President, Messrs. Elkington, Ellery, Fuge, Thompson, Toppe, and the mover be appointed to draw up a statement of the duties the Secretary will be expected to perform, to receive and examine applications, and to recommend a certain number of applicants for the consideration of the General Committee at their regular meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Carried.

Mr. Thompson moved and Mr. Benjamin seconded that the sub-committee be authorized to draw up a schedule of duties for the guidance of applicants for the Secretaryship and have the same printed.

Carried.

*D. J. Miller*



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 1879

The General Committee of Management met this evening

- Present
- The President (O'Gillbe in the chair)
  - " Vice - "
  - Mr Biers
  - " Belkington
  - " Bellamy
  - " Fuge
  - " Hush
  - " Meets
  - O' Moloney
  - Mr Thompson
  - " Lopp

Correspondence 1. letter from Mr Marcus Clarke asking the Committee for an expression of opinion as to his right of attending the meetings of Committee

Mr Lopp moved and Mr Thompson seconded that as Mr Clarke has not attended since June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1878 his seat on the Committee be declared vacant. Carried.

2. letter from Mr P. C. Clerck asking the Committee to allow him Commission on completing arrangements for large Hall for Billiard Exhibitions

On the motion of Mr Meets seconded by Mr Hush the letter was referred to Emergency Sub-Committee with power to act.

3. letter from Mr Adamson complaining of the practice of Members writing and underlining the Magazines in the Reading Room.

On the motion of Mr Levens seconded by Mr Bellamy the Acting Secretary was instructed to place a notice in the Reading Room - ~~that~~ to the effect that any member

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found writing or otherwise damaging the magazines paper & will be expelled from the Institution

4. letter from Mr Box asking for permission to form a Drawing Class in connection with the Institution

On the motion of Mr Biers seconded by Mr Meets the letter was referred to Library Sub-Committee.

5. letter from Melbourne headed 'ask' asking the Committee the charge for use of large Hall for 8 concerts during the year commencing 5<sup>th</sup> March

Mr Lopp moved and Mr Fuge seconded that the letter be referred to Emergency Sub-Committee with power to act Carried.

6. letter from Mr J. T. Mills enquiring the charge for use of Small Hall for Sunday Morning & Evening or Wednesday evening for religious services also to state separately rent for Sunday morning only.

On the motion of Mr Biers seconded by O' Moloney the letter was referred to Emergency Sub-Committee with power to act.

7. letter from Mr Garnet Welch asking the Committee for their patronage to a Work now in course of publication entitled "Our New Decade or Victoria in 1880"

On the motion of Mr Biers seconded by Mr Thompson the request was granted.

8. letter from Mr Smith (Librarian) asking for permission to close the library on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> inst. Granted.

The Sub-Committee appointed to prepare address to Hon. D. & Melke M.D. presented their report as follows viz:-

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The Sub-Committee appointed to arrange an address to the Hon D. E. Melkie M. D. beg to report that they recommend.

1. That the wording of the address be as follows viz-

"To the Honourable David E. Melkie M. D."

Dear Sir

The Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum desire to express their regret at your resignation of the Treasurership of their Institution which you have held for so long a period, in consequence of your departure for Europe. At a General Meeting of the members held on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 1879 the following resolution was unanimously carried - "That the Hon. D. E. Melkie M. D. be elected an honorary member of this Institution in recognition of his valuable services during the past 23 years"

The Committee wish you a happy voyage and a speedy return to the Colony, to resume those responsible public functions, the able fulfilment of which has gained you the respect and esteem of the entire body of subscribers -

2. That Mr Chas. Turner's design (appended hereto) be accepted and that he be entrusted with the execution of the work for the sum named by the General Committee viz £10.

3. That the address be suitably bound in Morocco the cost of which is to be included in the £10.

On the motion of Mr Ellery seconded by Mr Edkin the address to D. Melkie Sub-Committee's report was adopted

The library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1879 as follows viz:-

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The library Sub-Committee beg to recommend as follows viz-

1. That the following new books be added to the library  
Geo Robertson 42 vol set £11 2 0

2. During the month the following mail books have been added to the library

Geo Robertson 19 vol set £9 12 9

On the motion of Mr Bens seconded by Mr Ellery the library Sub-Committee's report dated 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1879 was adopted

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their report dated 4<sup>th</sup> April 1879 as follows viz-

The Finance Sub-Committee beg to report as follows viz-

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

2. The Receipts and Expenditure for March 1879 have been examined and found correct  
Balance to credit of the Institution £541 7 6

Receipts for the month

Large Hall 30. 2. 0  
General Revenue 174. 7. 6  
£204 9. 6

Accounts as follows are recommended for payment.

Librarian Salary for March 17. 6. 8  
Assistant do 6. 10. 0  
Ballkeeper 5 weeks wages to 3/4/79 12. 10. 0  
Metropolitan Gas Co apes Jan & Feb 14. 12. 10  
Geo. Robertson books to 31/12/78 £67. 0. 4  
Rem. papers do to 31/12/78 51. 10. 8  
Whitehead periodicals to 31/12/78 44. 5. 6  
W. Dawson & Sons 16 papers to 31/12/78  
Carried forward. £221 11 10

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Brought Forward	£ 221. 11. 10
Chas Turner hithe circulars	10. 5. 0
J. M <sup>o</sup> Kinley & Co Sub. to Punch & Advt	6. 18. 0
Musewood & Gibbs Cost D'Arcy Read of Jan 1878	3. 16. 6
McCann Bird & Co printing to 31/12/78	3. 17. 6
A. H. Massina & Co printing Receipts	3. 0. 0
Sundry a/cos McCreedy, Thomas & Co 1/4/79. R. J. Bennett 1/7/76	} 12. 9. 3
L. M. Mendez & Co Bazaar 1/6. S. Howie 2/5/79. A. K. Selt 12/6	
Walker May & Co 1/7 of Auctioneering 2/7/79. S. Whitehead & Co 1/6	
Petty Cash	5. 0. 0
	<u>£ 266. 18. 1</u>

On the motion of Mr Fuge seconded by Mr Meeks the Finance Sub-Committee's Report dated 4<sup>th</sup> April 1879 was adopted

The Secretaryship Sub-Committee presented their report dated 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1879 as follows viz:-

The Secretaryship Sub-Committee beg to report as follows that in accordance with the instructions given them they have framed the following Duties for the guidance of the Secretary and have had 200 copies of the same printed.

Secretary's Duties

To exercise general supervision over the Institution and its employe's  
 His hours to be from 10 to 6, except on Saturdays, when they will be from 10 to 2. The whole of his time between these hours to be devoted to the furtherance of the interests of the Athenaeum.

To attend in person at his office in the Institution on Saturdays from 10 to 1, on other days from 10 to 12 and from 4 to 6.

To conduct all correspondence, and to keep account of all monies received and paid.

To canvass for members, and to collect overdue subscriptions and other monies due to the Institution.

To attend all meetings of the Committee and Sub-Committees, and to record the proceedings of such

Mr Moody's Notice of Motion  
 Dr. Meekins  
 Mr Lopp's

7<sup>th</sup> April 1879  
 meetings in the books provided for the purpose to collect and submit to the Library Sub-Committee every month all suitable recent publications, and such books as may be required to fill vacancies in the library.

On the occasion of lettings of the Hall, he will be required to see that every necessary provision is made for the convenience of the lessees for the time being, and, when thought necessary by the Committee, he will have to be in attendance during such letting, or such portion thereof as may be deemed desirable.

Generally, to comply with and carry out to the best of his ability the Rules and Regulations of the Institution and to see that such is done by the other employe's.

He will be required to furnish a guarantee of £2000 from some approved public office.

Note. He will be on probation for three months before his appointment is confirmed.

In consequence of the absence of the mover the Motion lapsed.

Mr Lopp withdrew his Notice of motion until some future date.

The Acting-Secretary read his monthly statement as follows viz:-

	March 1879		
Old Members @ £1 10	38		£ 39. 18. 0
" " " 1 11 6	1		1. 11. 6
" " " 12 6	15		9. 7. 6
" " " 10 6	2		1. 10. 0
" " " 7 6	2		15. 0
New " " 1 11 6	1		1. 11. 6
" " " 1 10	20		21. 0. 0
			<u>£ 75. 4. 6</u>
			Banded Forward.



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Brought Forward		£ 95. 4. 6
New Member @ 12.6	6	3. 15. 0
" " " 7.6	2	* 15. 0
Rejoined " " 1.1.0	1	1. 0
" " " 12.6	1	12. 6
" " " 7.6	1	7. 6
		<u>£ 81. 15. 6</u>

Member payments during first 3 months/79 447  
 New Members do do 103  
 Revenue same period £ 594. 12. 6.

W. Gillies

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 1879

The General Committee of Management met this evening

- Present The President (Dr. Gillies in chair)  
 Vice- (Mr. H. Severs)  
 Treasurer (Mr. D. Benjamin)  
 Mr. Baillie  
 - Biers  
 - Blair  
 - Blkington  
 - Bllew  
 - Fuge  
 - Gush  
 - Meeks  
 Dr. Moloney  
 Mr. Moody  
 - Thompson  
 - Lopp

Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 1879 were read and confirmed.

Correspondence Letter from Mr. P. C. Alcock asking for a further commission of 2 1/2% as Messrs Alcock & Co had taken 1/2 of the 5% allowed him by the Committee  
 On the motion of Mr. Biers seconded by Mr. Thompson the letter was referred to Emergency Sub-Committee.

Letter to Mr. Robert Black from Mr. Garnet Welch recommending Mr. Black's claim re rent of Paul Veronese picture to the Committee for their most lenient consideration  
 It was decided to refer the matter to the Emergency Sub-Committee.

5<sup>th</sup> May 1879

3. Telegram from Mr. J. Graham Houston (Adelaide) stating that he could not arrive in Melbourne in time to interview the committee

Received.

The Emergency Sub-committee presented their Report dated 18<sup>th</sup> April 1879 as follows viz:-

The Emergency Sub-committee beg to report as follows viz:-

Emergency Sub-Committee Report

1. Mr. H. Biers has been elected chairman of this Sub-committee

2. Mr. K. C. Alcock has been allowed a commission of 5% on completing the arrangements for hire of Large Hall for Billiard Exhibitions.

3. That the Melbourne Liedertafel be informed that the charge for use of Large Hall for 8 concerts during the year will be as follows viz:-

4 Concerts per annum (Ladies & Gentlemen) 5/16	21. 10. 0
4 " " " (Gentlemen) 6/11	24. 0. 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 45. 10. 0</b>

4. The letter from Mr. J. H. Mills asking for terms of Small Hall on Sunday for religious services was withdrawn

On the motion of Mr. Biers seconded by Mr. O'Brien the Emergency Sub-committee's report dated 18<sup>th</sup> April 1879 was adopted

Finance Sub-Committee Report

The Finance Sub-committee presented their report dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1879 as follows viz:-

The Finance Sub-committee beg to report as follows viz:-

1. The receipts and expenditure for April 1879 have been

5<sup>th</sup> May 1879

examined and found correct. Balance to credit of Institution £456. 7. 3

2. Receipts for the month

Large Hall	63. 16. 0
General Revenue	122. 9. 0
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 186. 5. 0</b>

3. That on the 8<sup>th</sup> June next an instalment of £1000 falls due to Mr. J. B. Payne and on same day £210 is also due for interest making a total of £ 1210. 0. 0

Against this we have

Fixed deposit in City of Melbourne Bank	500. 0. 0
Interest accrued on same	15. 0. 0
In Bank at this date	£456. 7. 3

Less accounts for May	73. 8. 6	382. 18. 9	897. 18. 9
leaving a deficiency of			£ 312. 1. 3

and accounts rendered not yet paid as per list herewith £ 129. 16. 4.

Your Committee recommend that an arrangement be made with the City of Melbourne Bank for an overdraft of say £300 and that special attention be given to the collection of all subscriptions in arrears with a view to paying off overdraft with the least possible delay.

4. That the Promissory Note of Mr. O. Carey Head for £60 balance rent for Large Hall be laid before the General Committee for their instructions.

5. Accounts as follows are recommended for payment.

Librarian Salary for April	17. 6. 8
Assistant do do	6. 10. 0
Hallkeeper 4 weeks wages to 3/5/79	10. 0. 0
Metropolitan Gas Co for March	8. 9. 9
W. Dawson Sons boots (special order)	15. 10. 11
Busbaue Newspaper Co 2/12/79	3. 12. 0
Stillwell & Co printing to 3/2/79	3. 12. 6
<b>Carried forward</b>	<b>65. 1. 10</b>

5<sup>th</sup> May 1879

Brought Forward	£ 65. 1. 10
Draper Sons Cleaning Closets to 31/3/79	3. 6. 8
Petty Cash	5. 0. 0
	<u>£ 73. 8. 6</u>

In reference to paragraph 4 of the report it was resolved that the Secretary write to Mrs O'Arcy Kead asking him for payment.

On the motion of Mr Sevens seconded by Mr. Bush the Finance Sub-Committee's report dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1879 was adopted.

Library Sub-Committee report

The Library Sub-Committee presented their report dated 1<sup>st</sup> May 1879 as follows viz:-

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

1. That two extra copies of Graphic be added
2. The letter from Mrs Box referred from General Committee be allowed to stand over until the election of Secretary.

3. That the following new books be added to the library viz:-

Geo. Robertson 21 vols out	7. 1. 3
S. Mullen 6 - -	1. 0. 3
<u>27</u>	<u>£ 8. 1. 6</u>

4. During the month the following Mail books have been added to library

Geo. Robertson 32 vols out	£ 13. 15. 0
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On the motion of Mr. Moloney seconded by Mr. Sevens the Library Sub-Committee's report dated 1<sup>st</sup> May 1879 was adopted.

Secretaryship Sub-Committee report

The Secretaryship Sub-Committee presented their report dated as follows viz:-

5<sup>th</sup> May 1879

The Sub-Committee appointed to consider the applications for the Secretaryship of the Institution, sat on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> + 23<sup>rd</sup> April 1879

The number of applications received was 75, each of which was carefully considered.

As the result of its deliberations the Sub-Committee reports that it has selected the seven gentlemen undermentioned as those who, in its opinion would be found best fitted to discharge the duties of Secretary, and generally to advance the interests of the Institution viz:- Messrs J. H. B. Curtis, Ambrose Dowling, Henry Hall (Sandhurst) A. Latchett, Markin, Joseph Phillips (Beluca) Tho. Graham, Ponton (Adelaide) and J. Smith.

On the motion of Mr. Biers seconded by Mr. Sevens the Secretaryship Sub-Committee report was adopted.

Mode of election of Secretary

The President suggested that three of the candidates be elected by a first ballot and one out of the three for the final ballot.

Mr. Blkington proposed and Mr. Biers seconded that there should be successive ballots, striking out the names of the candidates who received no vote and that of the candidate who receives the lowest number of votes.

Scrutineers

On the motion of Mr. Fuge seconded by Mr. Marks Messrs Sevens and Biers were elected scrutineers

Ballots

The following is the result of the ballots viz:-  
First Ballot. Mr. A. P. Martin 8  
" " " J. Phillips 3  
" " " J. H. B. Curtis 3  
" " " J. Smith 1



# Special Meeting of Committee

9<sup>th</sup> May 1879

- Present. The President (D. W. Gillbee in chair)  
 - Vice - (Mr. J. J. Levers <sup>per</sup> Mr. D. Benjamin)  
 - Treasurer (Mr. D. Benjamin)  
 Mr. Pailine  
 - Biers  
 - Blair  
 - Blkington  
 - Bllery  
 - Fuge  
 - Lusk  
 - Meets  
 D. Moloney  
 Mr. Moody  
 - Thompson  
 - Lopp.

At the request of five members of the Committee the President called a meeting of the General Committee (in accordance with rule 23) for the purpose of reconsidering the recent election of Secretary.

After some considerable discussion a point of order being raised by Mr. Lusk in connection with Rule 29 the chairman declared that no further business could be transacted, or any question discussed without a week's <sup>notice</sup> being given to the Secretary in accordance with the above-mentioned rule. The Chairman then vacated the chair.

M. Gillbee

5 <sup>th</sup> May 1879		
First Ballot (cont <sup>d</sup> )	Mr. J. G. Bouton	0
"	" J. Hall	0
"	" Bowling	0
Second Ballot	" A. P. Markin	8
"	" J. Phillips	3
"	" Curtis	4
Third Ballot	<del>Mr. J. H. B. Curtis</del>	8
"	" A. P. Markin	7

The Chairman then declared Mr. Curtis duly elected subject to Mr. Curtis conforming with the duties laid down for his guidance. Mr. Curtis was called in and notified by the Chairman of his appointment as Secretary, and to commence his regular duties on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May next.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted  
 " That in recognition of the satisfactory manner in which Mr. S. B. Mendoza has discharged the duties of Secretary since the resignation of Mr. Walsh also the additional assistance rendered by Mr. Smith it was decided to present them with a bonus of £12. 10. 0 each being amount saved from Mr. Walsh's salary for one month.

The election of Messrs Jack & Rusden as members of Committee in place of Messrs Clarke & Martin was postponed until the next monthly meeting of the General Committee.

M. Gillbee

# Special Meeting of Committee

May 20<sup>th</sup> 1879

Special Meeting of the General Committee convened at the request of D. Moloney & Messrs Lopp and Chilton in accordance with rule 23.

Present The President (D. M. Gillbee in chair)  
 ~ Vice- (Mr. W. Levers)  
 ~ Treasurer (Mr. W. Benjamin)  
 Mr. Baillie  
 ~ Biers  
 ~ Blair  
 ~ Blkington  
 ~ Ellery  
 ~ Fuge  
 ~ Kush  
 ~ Meeks  
 D. Moloney.  
 Mr. Moody  
 ~ Thompson  
 ~ Lopp.

As the meeting was called to discuss the validity of the appointment of Mr. Burtis as Secretary that gentleman retired and the minutes of the proceeding were taken by Mr. Smith Librarian.

The President read the resolutions as follows viz.  
 "That the purported appointment of Mr. Burtis as Secretary is illegal, irregular, and consequently invalid, by reason of the election not having been conducted in accordance with the rules of the Institution, and of a mistake having been made in the taking of the poll, and that a fresh election do now take place."

~ That there being reason to believe that the

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final declaration of the ballot for the election of Secretary on Monday evening the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. was informal through error, it is desirable to take steps to discover if this be so in fact, and if so, to take further steps to rectify the error.

Mr. Biers rose to submit for consideration that no discussion could be held on any resolution which had been passed at the ordinary meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> inst as the minutes of that meeting had not been confirmed he stated his opinion was concurred in by gentlemen having long experience in the usages controlling the procedure of representative bodies, and he submitted that it would be very undesirable to take any action before such minutes had been confirmed, either to affirm or reverse any of the proceedings of the meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst May when it might subsequently be found that such action was irregular or illegal.

After some considerable discussion as to whether the objection was or was not sustainable, Messrs Blkington, Lopp, Moody and D. Moloney speaking against and Messrs Gillbee, Benjamin, Thompson Meeks and Blair in support.

Mr. Moody moved and Mr. Blkington seconded that Mr. Biers' objection be not sustained.

After further discussion this motion was with leave of the Meeting withdrawn and the meeting terminated.

D. M. Gillbee

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1879

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30

Present The President (Mr W Gillbee in the Chair)  
 Vice President (Mr W. Devers)  
 Treasurer (Mr D Benjamin)  
 Mr Bailliere  
 Piers  
 Blair  
 El Kingston  
 Elery  
 Fuge  
 Lush  
 Meeks  
 Mr Moloney  
 Mr Moolly  
 Thompson  
 Lopp

Minutes The minutes of General Committee meeting held May 5<sup>th</sup> were read & confirmed, and also those of the special meetings held 9<sup>th</sup> May & 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Correspondence A letter was read from Mr W'Arcy Read promising to arrange for the settlement of his account. Resolved that the matter be left in the hands of the Finance Sub-Committee.

II A letter was read from "Carbow" asking for appointment as French teacher. Resolved that it be referred to the Library Sub-Committee.

III A letter was read from Mr A Beckett Hon Secretary of the Lying-in Hospital, asking for reduction for rent of Large Hall for meetings held in 1877-78. Resolved that it be referred to the Emergency Sub-Committee.

IV. A letter was read from Mr A. Patchett

3<sup>rd</sup> June

Martin waiving his claim to the Secretaryship of the Institution, and thanking his supporters on the Committee.

His Honor J. S. Cope had been nominated as a member of the Committee by Messrs Bailliere & Lopp, but the nomination was withdrawn.

Election As there were no other nominations but those of Mr Richard Jack and Mr J W Rusden, these gentlemen were declared duly elected members of the General Committee.

The "House" Sub-Committee presented their report as follows:— 19<sup>th</sup> May 1879

Report of House Sub-Com:

The House Sub-Committee beg to recommend that the following repairs be effected:—

Glass bracket in Large Hall  
 Hand-rail on the landing  
 Ceiling leading to Professor's Room  
 Coping of Large Hall  
 Forms and chairs - seating  
 Glass panel on door in lavatory  
 Papering room in Hall keeper's quarters  
 New mat for door  
 Linoleum in vestibule instead of matting

The probable cost is

Linoleum	£ 4.8.0
Repairs	9.10.6
Mat	2.2.0
	<u>£ 16.0.6</u>

Resolved on motion of Mr Piers & Mr Bailliere that the Report be adopted.

The Library Sub-Committee presented their Report, dated 29<sup>th</sup> May 1879, as follows:—

The Library Sub-Committee beg to recommend as follows, viz:—  
 That the following new books be added to the Library viz:—



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George Robertson 33 vols £ 12.14.10  
 S. Mullen 2 1.15.1  
35 £ 14.9.11

A presentation copy of Brough Smyth's aborigines of Victoria has been received from the acting Chief Secretary.

We recommend that the following books and periodicals be obtained:—

Webb's Peerage  
 The Biograph  
 Proceedings of Royal Geographical Society & monthly record of Geography.  
 Time

Resolved, on motion of Mr Ellery & Mr Piers that this Report be adopted.

Emergency  
 Sub-Committee

The "Emergency" Sub-Committee presented their report, dated May 28<sup>th</sup> 1879, as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they cannot recommend any further commission to Mr Alcock.

Re Mr James Walsh's letter to Mr Black, as no communication has been received from Mr Black himself, the Committee recommend that the matter be postponed for the present, to be referred to again, if necessary.

Resolved on motion of Mr Piers and Mr Sage that this Report be adopted.

Finance  
 Sub-Committee

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their Report, dated May 30<sup>th</sup> 1879, as follows:—  
 The Finance Sub-Committee beg to report that they have examined the accounts for May, and find them quite correct.

The Balance to the credit of the Institution in the current A/c at the Bank is £ 498.16.3

3<sup>rd</sup> June 1879

Receipts for the month

Large Hall £ 33. 18. 6  
 General Revenue 105. 8. 0  
£ 139. 6. 6

A letter has been received from Mr D'Arcy Read which will be read to the Committee

The following accounts are recommended for payment:—

Librarian's salary for May	17. 6. 8	
Assistant do do	6. 10. 0	
Hall keeper 4 weeks' wages to 31/5/79	10. 5. 0	
J. B. Payne part of principal of £7000	1000. 0. 0	
do 1/2 year's interest due 8 <sup>th</sup> June	210. 0. 0	
J. Watch 1 week's salary - first week in March	5. 15. 6	
Cooperation Town Rate to 30/6/79 £ 15. 0. 0	} 25. 0. 0	
Lighting Rate to 31/12/79 £ 10. 0. 0		
Melbourne Water Supply to 30/6/79	8. 0. 0	
W. Detmold binding to 26/1/79	26. 9. 6	
J. Armstrong newspapers to 31/3/79 £ 12. 7. 3	} 16. 5. 3	
do Advertising 7/5/79 £ 3. 18. 0		
Chas. Turner Address to Dr Wilkie	10. 0. 0	
Sundry A/c Otago Daily Times 7/0/0	} 3. 2. 9	
Stawell Chronicle £ 1. 2. 9		
		<u>£ 1338. 9. 8</u>

Resolved on motion of Mr Lusk & Mr Sage, that the report be adopted.

Moved by Mr Lopp, that the purported appointment of Mr Curtis as secretary to the Melbourne Athenaeum, made on May 5<sup>th</sup>, be hereby rescinded, and that a Secretary be now elected.

Mr Bailliere seconded the motion.  
 It was suggested that in view of Mr Martin's

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letter, it would be advisable to withdraw the motion. The Chairman said that this could only be done with the consent of the Committee. Resolved, on motion of Mr Pevers & Mr Lush, that the motion be withdrawn.

Improvements

Resolved on motion of Mr Elkington & Mr Lopp that a special Committee be appointed to inquire into & report upon:—

I. The best means of improving the reading-room accommodation for subscribers of both sexes.

II. The best means of improving the Library, both in respect of accommodation and of quality of contents

III. The best means of supplying the other wants which, in terms of rules 14 & 2, the Institution is designed to supply.

Special Committee for Improvements

- That the Committee consist of
- Mr Blair
- " Ellery
- " Lopp
- " Moloney
- & the mover

three to form a quorum.

Additions to Sub Committees

Resolved that Mr Jack be a member of the House Committee, and Mr Rusden a member of the Library Committee.

The Secretary then read the following Statement for May 1879

Old members @	£ 4.9.6.	1	£ 4.9.6
"	2.2.0	1	2.2.0
"	1.11.6	2	3.3.0
"	1.3.0	1	1.3.0
"	1.1.0	34	35.14.0

Old members @	12/6	6	3. 15. 0
	7/6	4	1. 10. 0
New	1. 1. 0	22	23. 2. 0
	12. 6	4	2. 10. 0
	7. 6	13	4. 17. 6
	1. 1. 0	3	3. 3. 0
	12. 6	1	12. 6

£ 86. 1. 6

Members' payments first five months of 1879 628  
 New members do do 145

Total Revenue for five months from all sources  
£ 920. 4. 10.

W. Mitchell



Monday July 7<sup>th</sup> 1879

The General Committee of Management met this evening at 7.30.

Present. The President (Wm. Gillbee) in the Chair  
Mr Biers  
Mr Benjamin (Treasurer)  
E. Kingston  
Eller y  
Kuge  
Jack  
Lush  
Rusden

The minutes of the meeting held June 3<sup>rd</sup> were read and confirmed.

A circular read from the Hon D. D. Casey, Chairman of Ceremonial Committee of Melbourne International Exhibition of 1880, stating that it had been decided to hold a Social Science Congress contemporaneously with the Exhibition, and inviting the Committee of the Athenaeum to appoint Delegates to attend at the Congress.

Resolved that Messrs Henry Biers, David Blair, and J. W. Rusden be Delegates to Social Science Congress.

The Emergency Sub Committee presented their Report as follows: - July 4<sup>th</sup> 1879  
"Your Committee beg to report that they have considered the letter from the Hon Secy of the Lyng in Hospital, and they recommend that the charge for each of the meetings in 1877-78 be six guineas. The extra guinea is in accordance with the schedule adopted after the decoration of the Hall"

Resolved, on motion of Mr Biers, that this Report be adopted.

Social Science Congress

Report of Emergency Sub. Committee

Library Sub. Com. Report

The Library Sub. Committee presented their Report as follows: - July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1879. "Your Committee beg to report that Monsieur Carrou be accepted as Teacher of the French class. Thirty-nine vols. received by the mail have been added to the Library during the month. We recommend the following to be added to the Library: -

- A. D. Smith 4 vols £ 1.1.6
- Mullen 5 vols 13.0
- Wm Robertson 5 " 1.11.6
- Geo Robertson 42 " 6.4.3

We recommend subscription for two copies of "Essays Social, Moral, & Political by Richard D. Webb Esq M.A

Resolved on motion of Mr H. Biers that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Sub-committee presented their Report as follows: - July 4<sup>th</sup> 1879  
"Your Committee report that the Secretary has again written to Mr W. Arcey Read, but no reply has yet been received.

The question of the charges made to teachers for the use of class rooms has been under our consideration, and we recommend that a special committee be appointed to consider the matter.

An account has been furnished by one of the recent candidates for the Secretaryship for expenses incurred by him in coming to Melbourne. We recommend that it be not entertained.

Mr Perraton has been indebted to the Institution for the last five years. We recommend that his account be again furnished to him with a demand for immediate payment, in default whereof he shall cease to occupy the room.

We consider that the accounts for books and binding should be initialed by the Chairman of the Library Sub. Committee.



The following Accts are recommended for payment:—

Librarian Salary for June	17.6.8	
Assistant do do	6.10.0	
Hall Keeper 5 weeks wages to 5/7/79	12.10.0	
Metropolitan Gas Co Mes April & May	31.14.6	
Geo Robertson Books to 30/4/79 £98.10.1		101.11.4
Newspapers to 30/6/79 3.1.3		
S. Mullen books to 31/5/79 £3.11.2		20.16.5
Periodicals to 30/6/79 17.5.3		
Mason, Smith & Co Printing Reports &c to 16/6/79	11.0.0	
W. Detmold binding &c to 23/5/79	10.8.9	
Jordan & Jotah Newspapers to 30/6/79	8.15.6	
Victoria Assurance Co P <sup>m</sup> £3000 due 30/6/79	4.10.0	
A. J. Smith books to 30/6/79	2.17.10	
Secondary Accts.		
Loukin & Son £ 2.2.0		8.17.8
J. G. Smith 1.15.2		
Draper & Sons 1.13.6		
Clark & Elder 1.5.0		
Douglas & Son 1.2.0		
E. Whitehead 1.0.0		10.0.0
Petty Cash		
		<u>£ 246.18.8</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Lush, that the report be adopted.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Lush & Mr Jack, that Mr Benjamin, Mr Elkington, and the mover be appointed a special sub Committee to bring up a scale of charges to be made to Teachers for the use of class rooms

The Treasurer, Mr Benjamin, was requested to fill up the paper from the Victoria Life & General Assurance Co with reference to the guarantee for

Teachers  
Class rooms

the Secretary's fidelity.

The Secretary read the following Statement for June 1879

Subscriptions £ 195.16.6  
New Members during the month 38  
Total Revenue of the month £ 294.16.0

*M. G. M. G.*

Monday August 4<sup>th</sup> 1879

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30

Present. The President (W Gillbee) in the chair  
 Vice President Mr Sevens  
 Treasurer Mr Benjamin  
 Mr Elery  
 Rusden  
 Biers  
 El Kingston  
 Moody  
 Baillicre  
 Thompson  
 Tuge  
 Mr Moloney  
 Lipp  
 Meeks  
 Lush.

The minutes of the meeting held July 7<sup>th</sup> were read and confirmed.

The special Sub Committee appointed to arrange a scale of charges to be made to Teachers for use of class rooms presented their report as follows:—  
 Your committee beg to recommend the following scale of charges to be made for the use of class rooms

Terms per Quarter  
 (payable in advance)

Terms to Teachers

For one room once a week, for two hours or less, £2.2.0 per quarter  
 For one room twice a week (for two hours or less each time) £4.0.0 per quarter.  
 For each subsequent day of meeting in the week £1.0.0 additional (for two hours or less each time)  
 For each additional hour ten shillings extra

A reduction of twenty % in the teacher's fees shall be made by the Teacher to all pupils who are members of the Institution"

Resolved, on motion of Mr Benjamin & Mr Biers that the Report be received and adopted.

The Library Sub Committee presented the following Report:

The Library Sub Committee beg to report that they recommend that the Secretary shall enter into a Book the names of all books submitted to the Sub Committee for approval.

We recommend that, in accordance with a suggestion made by the Librarian, Ladies shall enter their room through the Library instead of from the corridor.

We recommend that a certain sum of money be spent each month in advertising of the Institution in the daily press

We recommend that the Librarian, when he shall deem it expedient, be empowered to refuse books to any member whose subscription is more than a month overdue, and to whom the usual notice has been sent.

Twenty five vols received by the Mail have been added to the Library during the month.

We recommend the following works for addition to the Library

5 first volumes of last edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica @ 24/-	£ 6.0.0
Gen Robertson 25 vols	9.6.9
J. Mullen 4 vols	9.2.0
	<hr/> £ 15.8.9

Resolved, on motion of Mr Moloney and Mr Sevens, that the Report be received and adopted.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Benjamin & Mr Biers

that the Secretary be authorised to spend a sum not exceeding twelve pounds stg. in advertising in the three daily papers during the next three months.

The Finance Sub Committee submitted the following Report

Your Committee have the honour to report that they have examined the receipts and expenditure for the month of July, and have found them correct.

The following accounts are recommended for payment:—

Secretary's salary 1 quarter to 7/8/79	£ 62. 10. 0
Librarian's " for July	17. 6. 8
Assistant's " " "	6. 10. 0
Callkeeper 4 weeks wages to 2/8/79	10. 0. 0
W Detmold binding to 7/7/79	10. 14. 6
Mehop Gas Co life for Lane	20. 10. 3
J Carmichael Newspapers to 30/6/79	12. 8. 3
Robertson & Moffat Linoleum & doormat	7. 1. 1
Sundry Accts	
Shilwell & Co	1. 12. 6
P. E. Reynolds	1. 10. 2
Bushman Newspaper Co	1. 10. 0
Lyle & Marquand	1. 1. 0
J. Robertson	11. 0. 0
Petty Cash	6. 14. 8
	5. 0. 0
	£ 158. 5. 5

We have a credit Balance in the Bank of £ 42. 11. 1

Resolved on motion of Mr Dever & Mr Leach that the Report be received and adopted.

Resolved on motion of Mr Moody and Mr Baillie that the appointment of Mr J. H. B. Curtis as Secretary

be confirmed.

The President informed Mr Curtis that he is permanently appointed to the Secretaryship of the Institution on the conditions already laid down. Mr Curtis returned thanks.

The Secretary read the following: Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for month	£ 144. 19. 0
New members do	32
Members during year	245
Total revenue of month	£ 320. 8. 0
do do year	£ 1535. 8. 10

W. Gillbee



Monday September 1<sup>st</sup> 1879

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30

Present. The President Mr Gillbee in the chair

- Mr Benjamin (Treasurer)
- " Blair
- " Rusden
- " Biers
- " Thompson
- " Suggs
- Professor ElKington
- Mr Jack
- " Lush
- Mr Moloney

The minutes of last meeting (August 4<sup>th</sup>) read and confirmed.

Correspondence. I. A letter from E. M. Gibbs Esq (Trustee) acknowledging receipt of Policy No 3277 in favor of the Trustees of the Athenaeum for £200 with a request for a copy of the proposal that went in.

II. A letter from Mr Robert Black re refunding the rent received from P. F. Dunning for "Pool of Bethesda". The letter contained an enclosure from Mr Dunning.

III. A proposal from Madame Simonson to lease the Large Hall.

IV. A letter from Messrs Dall & Batten re the charge for use of Class room.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Benjamin and Mr Jack, that the request of Mr Gibbs be complied with.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Jack and Professor ElKington, that the letter from Mr Robert Black be referred to the House Committee to report upon it.

Resolved, on motion of the Treasurer Mr Benjamin & Mr Moloney, that Madame Simonson's application be referred to the Emergency Committee to report upon it.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Biers & Professor ElKington, that the letter from Messrs Dall & Batten be referred to the Special Committee that drew up the scale of charges for class rooms.

Reports. The Library Sub Committee reported as follows:

"Your committee beg to report that during the month the following books, by mail, have been passed in to the Library:  
38 vols £ 17. 12. 6

The following books are recommended for addition to the Library:

- George Robertson 7 vols £ 1. 14. 6
- A. J. Smith 3 " 4. 6
- S. Mullen 8 " 3. 5. 9

We beg to recommend subscription for one copy of Blair's "A Cyclopaedia of Australia" and one copy of "The J. H. Articles". We also recommend the insertion of 1/4 page advertisement in the next number of the Melbourne Review at a cost of 30s."

Resolved, on motion of Mr Moloney and Mr Biers, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Sub. Committee reported as follows:  
"Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the receipts and



Monday October 6<sup>th</sup> 1879.

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30 p.m.

Present Mr Severs (Vice President) in the chair  
 „ Benjamin Treasurer  
 „ Lush  
 „ Thompson  
 Professor El Kingston  
 Mr Jack  
 „ Collyer  
 „ Meeks  
 „ Biers  
 „ Blair

An apology was received for the absence of the President, and also of Mr Rusden.

The minutes of the meeting held September 15<sup>th</sup> were read & confirmed

Correspondence A letter was read from Mr Robert Black, dated Oct 6<sup>th</sup>, making a further application for the refunding of money received as rent for the Painting of "The Pool of Bethesda"

Resolved, on motion of Mr Benjamin & Mr Biers, that there is nothing in Mr Black's letter to warrant us in altering our decision of 15<sup>th</sup> September

The Library Sub-committee presented their Report as follows:—

"Your Committee beg to recommend that the Librarian be allowed to submit each month (if necessary) a list of books that he deems to be no longer serviceable for the Library, so that they may be removed to make room for more suitable books.

We recommend the following additions to our Magazine list for 1880, at a cost of £ 11. 14 for the year:—

of Mr Robert Black for a refund of the money received by us for rent of the Picture "Pool of Bethesda", we recommend that no application for the refunding of any portion of the money received be entertained until the disputed question of the ownership of the Painting be definitely & legally determined"

Resolved, on motion of Mr Biers and Mr Severs that the Report be adopted.

The "Emergency" Sub-committee presented their Report as follows:—

"Having considered the application from Madame Simoueu to rent the Hall for a variety entertainment, we beg to report that as we have received favorable reports from Sydney as to the character of the performance, and as the reputation of Madame and Mr Simoueu is of itself a guarantee for the respectable character of the entertainment, we recommend that the Hall be let, as desired."

Resolved, on motion of Mr Biers and Mr Severs, that the Report be adopted.

Wm Severs



- 1 extra copy of "All the Year Round"
- 1 Colburn's New Monthly
- 2 Contemporary Review
- 2 University Magazine
- 2 Macmillan's Magazine
- 2 Nineteenth Century
- also 1 copy of United Service Magazine

The following books have been added to the Library during the month

By the mail 26 vols £11.1.0  
 Chimborazo 9 " 3.13.6

We recommend the following for addition to the Library  
 27 vols for Robertson £8.10.0  
 3 pamphlets do £ 5.0  
 £ 8.15.0

Resolved, on motion of Mr Biers & Mr Elkington that the Report be adopted

Finance Committee's Report

The Finance Sub-Committee presented their Report as follows:-

"We beg to report that we have examined the Receipts and Expenditure for the month of September, and found them correct.

We recommend payment of the following A/cs.

Librarian Salary for September	£17.6.8
Assistant do	6.10.0
Hoallkeeper 5 weeks wages to 4/10/79	12.10.0
Metrop Gas Co A/c for August	16.6.3
W Detmold Binding to 20/9/79	24.11.0
Tho Dakin, Repairs to 27/9/79	22.5.0
Corporation Town Rate to 3/12/79	15.0.0
Melbourne Water Supply Water Rate to do	8.0.0
J. Armstrong Advertising to 7/8/79	3.12.0
Sundry A/cs S. Howie 1/9/6 & Whitehead 1/3/5	}
A & Smith 1/8/6 Draper & Lous 16/8	
E. Beach 12/6	
Petty Cash	5.0.0
	£136.4.4

Resolved, on motion of Mr Benjamin & Mr Sarge, that the Report be received and adopted.

It was decided that the Library shall be closed on "Leap Day" from twelve o'clock

A suggestion made in the "Suggestion Book" by Mr Thomas & Rawlinson with reference to the old files of newspapers was referred to the "House Committee."

The Secretary read the following statement:-

Subscriptions for Month £ 171.15.6  
 New members during Month 29  
 Year 303  
 Total Revenue of Month £245.11.8  
 Year £2038.6.10  
 Balance in Bank £202.1.11

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Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup> 1879

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30

Present

- Dr Gillbee (President) in the Chair
- Mr Severs (Vice President)
- Benjamin (Treasurer)
- Aiers
- Thompson
- Lush
- Serge
- Deilliere
- Rusden
- Prof Elington
- Mr Lopp
- " Meeks

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

The following correspondence was read:

- I. A printed circular from the City of Melbourne Bank, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1879, stating that it has been decided to discontinue Interest on Credit Balances of Current A/c's from 1<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>.
- II. Letter from Mr Robert Black (dated 20<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>) referring to the refunding of money received for rent of Picture Pool of Bethesda.
- III. A letter from Mr Wm 144 Hubbard, attorney for Mr Thompson, (dated 1<sup>st</sup> Nov<sup>r</sup>) stating that Mr Thompson has no claim on the Picture Pool of Bethesda.

The House Sub Committee submitted their Report as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the room in the basement in which the files of Newspapers are kept. Your Committee could not discover any signs of mildew on the Newspapers, and they were thoroughly free from damp. Your Committee

are of opinion that it is undesirable to remove the Newspapers from the secure place in which they are at present deposited — especially as every facility is afforded for their very infrequent examination.

Resolved on motion of Mr Deiss & Mr Severs that the Report be adopted.

The Library Sub Committee submitted the following Report:—

Your Committee beg to report that 18 vols received by the Mail have been added to the Library at a cost of £ 7. 13. 0

We recommend the following for addition to the Library:—

23 vols	Geo Robertson	£ 7. 2. 6
4 -	do	9. 10. 0
9 -	J Mullen	6s 3. 0
2 -	Alexander	18. 0
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		£ 17. 1. 6

Resolved on motion of Mr Deiss and Prof. Elington, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Sub Committee presented the following Report:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the Receipts and Expenditure for the month of October, and have found them correct.

The following A/c's are recommended for payment:—

Secretary	Quart's Salary to 4/11/79	£ 62. 10. 0
Librarian	Salary for October	17. 6. 8
Assistant	do do	6s 10. 0
Hall Keeper	4 weeks' wages 7/11/79	10. 0. 0
Melbop Gas Co	a/c for Sept <sup>r</sup>	19s 7. 9
Geo Robertson	Periodicals & papers & books 10/11/79	10. 1
J. Mullen	Periodicals & Books	23s 6. 0
J. Armstrong	Advertising & Newspapers 30/9/79	13. 6s 3
W Detmold	Binding to 7/10/79	4. 17. 0
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		264. 13. 9

Freight forward	£ 264-13-9	
New Zealand Newspaper Co Limes to 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9/79	2-17-0	
Sundry A/c's	C. F. Maxwell	£ 2-2-0
	Otago Limes	2-0-0
	Mowie	1-3-3
	H. Lawrie	8-4
	A. J. Meldrum	19-6
Petty Cash		6-13-1
		5-0-0
		<u>£ 279-3-10</u>

The Secretary's Statement for the month of October was read as follows:—

Subscriptions for month	£ 110-2-0
New members	24
New members during year	327
Total Revenue of month	£ 195-6-6
Do do year	£ 2233-13-4
Balance in Bank	260-4-11

W. Miller

Monday December 1<sup>st</sup> 1879

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30

Present:

Dr Gillbee (President) in the Chair  
 Mr Severs Vice Chairman  
 Mr Benjamin Treasurer  
 Biers  
 Lush  
 Rusden  
 Jack  
 Mr Moloney  
 Mr Moody  
 Professor Elphinstone

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed

Correspondence. I. A letter from Mr Isaac Whitehead stating that he had been authorized to take possession of the Painting "Pool of Bethesda". II. A letter was shown from Mr Volum of Geelong requesting Mr Whitehead to take possession of the said Painting. III. A letter from Mr Black stating that Mr Volum of Geelong was the owner of the said Painting.

Resolved that these letters, and any others that the Secretary has, relating to the Picture Pool of Bethesda be submitted to the Solicitors of the Institution, and that if they should so advise, that the Picture be handed over to Mr Whitehead who shall give a receipt for the same in a form to be furnished by the Solicitors, and that we adhere to former resolution not to refund any rent already received for storage of said Picture, but that no additional charge be made for rent.

The Library Sub-Committee submitted the following Report:—



Your Committee beg to report that 30 vols received by the Mail, have been added to the Library at a cost of £16. 16. 6. We recommend the following for addition to the Library:

Geo Robertson	6 vols	£ 1. 15. 0
S. Mullen	9 "	6. 0. 0
		<u>£ 7. 15. 0</u>

The Librarian has submitted a list of books which we recommend to be removed from the Library, with the consent of the Chairman of the Library Sub. Committee.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Moloney & Mr Piers that the report be received and adopted.

The Finance Sub. Committee submitted the following report:—

"We beg to report that we have examined the accounts for November and found them correct.

We recommend payment of the following Yrs.

Librarian's Salary for November	£ 17. 6. 8
Assistants' do do	6. 10. 0
Hallkeeper 4 weeks' wages to 29/11/79	10. 0. 0
Melhop Gas Co, Accts for Octr	15. 16. 6
J. B. Payne ½ year's interest on Mortgage £6000 due 8/12/79	180. 0. 0
Gordon & Gotch N'papers to 31/12/79	8. 15. 6
Nat'l Ins; Co premium on £2000 due 6/11/79	2. 11. 0
Austri Alliance " " "	2. 11. 0
Victoria " " £1000 due 11/12/79	1. 5. 6
Sundry Accts Geo Robertson	£ 1. 10. 0
W. Robertson	12. 7. 0
	<u>£ 246. 18. 9</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Benjamin & Mr Lush that the Report be received and adopted.

Commission. Resolved that a commission of five per cent.

be allowed to Signor Nobili for six lettings of the Hall for Fasca Concerts, and one concert of Madame Urv; this Commission to be allowed in consequence of Signor Nobili being an accredited agent, but that any subsequent application for Commission in similar cases be submitted to the Committee.

Closing Library. Resolved that the Library be closed from the 1st to 10th January inclusive, for the purpose of cleaning.

The Secretary made the following Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 91. 11. 6
New Members	15
New members during Year 342	
Total Revenue of the month	£ 164. 0. 10
" " " " " " " "	Year £ 2397. 4. 2

M. Miller