

Monday 10th January 1881.

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30

Present

- Mr Pevers, President (Chair)
- Beers
- Millie
- Rusden
- Thompson
- Sink
- Rennie
- Fuge
- Lush
- Weeks
- Gilbee

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr John McDonagh requesting that the Large Hall might be let to him at a reduced rate. Resolved that the request cannot be entertained.

The Finance Committee presented the following Report:-

"Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c of Receipts & Expenditure for the month of December, & found them correct. They recommend payment of the following A/c:-

Librarian's Salary for December 1880		£ 17. 6. 8	
Assistant's do do		0. 10. 0	
Hallkeeper 5 weeks wages to 2/1/81		12. 10. 0	
Melrop Gas Co A/c for Decr		15. 11. 3	
W Detmold Binding to 16/12/80		4. 4. 0	
Sundry A/c	E. Whitehead (Star) £ 1. 6. 6	}	3. 8. 0
	Wimmera Star (N paper) 1. 4. 6		
	L. Troedel & Co (Printing) 12. 6		
	A J Smith (Books) 4. 6		
Petty Cash		5. 0. 0	
		<u>£ 64. 9. 4</u>	

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Thompson that the Report be adopted.

Resolved on motion of Mr Beers & Mr Weeks that the President & Mr Rusden be a Sub Committee to draft the Annual Report of the Committee.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Beers & Mr Sink that the resolution authorising the expenditure of £ 0. 6 for repairs be confirmed.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Beers & Mr Rennie, that the resolution authorising the expenditure of £ 60 for the printing of the Catalogue be confirmed.

The Secretary laid on the table Copies of the new edition of the Catalogue.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Weeks & Mr Rusden that a special meeting be held on Monday 24th to adopt the Annual Report, and accept tender for printing it.

The Secretary presented the Balance Sheet which was referred to the Auditors.

The Secretary read the following Statement:-

Subscriptions for the month	£ 98. 5. 0
Total Revenue of month	266. 7. 6
12 months	2598. 16. 1
New members during the month	21
12 months	304
Balance in Bank	£ 226. 16. 4

Confirmed 7 Feb 1881
G M Rusden

Special Meeting of General Committee
Monday January 24th 1881

Present Mr Sewers President (chair)
Benjamin, Treasurer,
Rusden
Thompson
Ellery
Biers
Moody
Millie
Duge
Professor ElKington.

The meeting was called for the adoption of the Committee's Annual Report, & the acceptance of the tender for printing it.

The Secretary read the draft Report, as prepared by the Sub Committee.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Thompson & Mr Biers that the Report as read be adopted.

The following tenders were received for printing 750

Copies of the Report		
Messrs Ferguson & Moore	£ 0. 0. 0	
" Messrs Massey & Co	7. 12. 6	
" Messrs Shillwell & Co	15. 15. 6	

The tender of Messrs Shillwell & Co was accepted.
Confirmed 7 Feb 1881

A. Rusden

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 26th January
1881

The President Wm Sewers Esq took the chair at eight p. m.

The advertisement calling the meeting was read. The said advertisement had appeared in two daily newspapers, and a notice had been posted in the Reading Room in accordance with rule 20.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held 29th January 1880 were read and confirmed.

The Report of the General Committee for 1880 was read.

Printed copies of the Treasurer's statement having been circulated among the members present, it was taken as read.

Resolved on motion of Mr Moody and Mr Millie that the Report & Balance Sheet be adopted.

Messrs Dimelow, Alexander, Mainwaring, and Sangster were appointed scrutineers to superintend the conduct of the Annual election of Office Bearers for the year 1881.

Messrs Walter Thompson Esq and Andrew Burns were re elected Auditors.

As notified in the report, the following gentlemen retire from office but are eligible for reelection.

The President Wm Severy Esq.
 The Vice President Richard Park Esq.
 The Treasurer David Benjamin Esq.

and the following members of Committee:—

Mr H. J. Bailliere
 H. Piers
 J. S. Elkington
 R. L. J. Ellery
 Theo Leick
 L. A. Moody.
 A. W. Lopp.

The President announced that nominations for office bearers & committee would be taken till ten p. m. and that the election, if required, would take place on Monday 31st inst.

Resolved, on motion, of Mr Langton & Mr Eva that a vote of thanks be accorded to the President and other retiring officers. The President returned thanks.

The following nominations were then made:—

President G. W. Rusden Esq.
 Vice President J. S. Elkington Esq.
 Treasurer D. Benjamin Esq.

Committee.
 L. A. Moody Esq.
 W. Gillbee Esq.
 Tho Martin Esq.
 Theo Leick Esq.
 H. J. Piers Esq.
 E. Downward Esq.
 R. L. J. Ellery Esq.
 H. G. Duffy Esq.

As no other nominations were made prior to ten o'clock p. m. the above are duly elected.

Confirmed 25 January 1882.

G. W. Rusden. Secy

Monday 7th February 1881

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30.

The minutes of the meetings held Monday 10th & Monday 24th January were read & confirmed

Present.

Mr G. W. Rusden Pres (Chair)
 Elkington Vice Pres
 Benjamin Treasurer.
 Piers
 Downward
 Duffy
 Leick
 Luffe
 Gillbee
 Millie
 Moody
 Rennie
 Thompson

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting were read (for information) and were considered correct

Correspondence

A letter was read from John Mc'Donough requesting that the Large Hall might be let to him at a reduced rate for a concert.

The Secretary informed the committee that the application was from the same person who made a similar request on 10th Jan. Resolved that the application be not entertained.

A letter was read from the Librarian, Mr Wm Smith, asking for an increase to his salary.

Librarian's Salary

The salary at present is £200 per annum. Moved by Mr Benjamin & Mr Moody that the Librarian's salary be £225 per annum.

An amendment was moved by Professor Elkington and Mr Luffe that it be £234 per annum. The amendment was carried; and it was decided.

Monday 7th March 1881.

President: G. W. Rusden President (Chair)
The General Committee met this evening at 7.30 p.m.
Present:—

- G. W. Rusden, President (Chair)
- Professor Elkington (Vice President)
- Mr Benjamin Treasurer
- Biers
- Thompson
- Duffy
- Millie
- Severs
- Luge
- Rennie
- Downward
- Meeks.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed

Correspondence A letter was read from the Secretary applying for leave of absence for a fortnight. Resolved that leave be granted.

Mr Joseph Winter, proprietor of the Advocate, intimated that that Journal could no longer be supplied gratis. Resolved, on motion of Mr Benjamin & Mr Severs, that one copy be subscribed for.

Mr E. Mendoza, the Assistant, applied for an increase of salary. Resolved, on motion of Mr Severs and Mr Luge, that Mr Mendoza shall receive five shillings per week extra from the 1st March 1881.

Assistant's Salary

The Library Sub Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee have the honour to report that they have elected Mr G. W. Rusden Chairman. During the months of January & February 24 volumes have been received by the mail, and added

that the increase should take effect from 1st February 1881.

The following accounts were passed for payment:—

Secretary's Salary for Quarter ending 4/2/81	£ 68.15.0
Librarian's " " January	17.6.0
Assistants' " " " "	6.10.0
Ballkeeper 4 weeks wages to 4/2/81	10.0.0
John Thompson Contract for repairs &c	86.0.0
Millwell & Co printing Catalogue	60.9.0
Petty Cash	5.0.0
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	£ 254.0.0

Repairs

The following Sub Committees were appointed for the year, viz:—

Finance

- President
- Vice President
- Mr Benjamin
- " Harlin
- " Severs
- " Lush
- " Rennie
- " Thompson

Library

- President
- Vice President
- Mr Biers
- " Duffy
- " Elkington
- " Pink
- " Luge
- " Gilbee
- " Harlin

Emergency

- President
- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Mr Biers
- " Severs
- " Meeks

House

- President
- V. President
- Mr Biers
- Downward
- Meeks
- Millie
- Moody

Confirmed 7 March 1881

G. W. Rusden

to the Library at a cost of £9.9.0
 The following are recommended for addition to the Library:-

Samuel Mullett	12 vols	£10.4.0
Geo Robertson	37 "	13.18.6
Mulchivou	3 "	1.0.0
	<u>52 vols</u>	<u>£21.2.6</u>

Old Books
in
Library

The following recommendations are made:- That the old books withdrawn from circulation be distributed among the charitable Institutions. That a copy of the "Friend of India" be subscribed for.
 Resolved, on motion of Mr Rusden & Prof Elkington that the report be received and adopted.

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:-
 Your Committee have the honour to report that they have elected Mr Walter Thompson Chairman. They have examined the A/cs for Jan^y & Feb^r and found them correct. They recommend payment of the following A/cs.

Librarian's Salary for February	£19.10.0
Assistant's do	6.10.0
Hallkeeper & weeks' wages to 5/3/81	10.0.0
Metrop Gas Co a/c for Jan ^y	10.16.0
E Whitehead & Co Periodicals to 3/12/80	£59.17.11.3
Stationery to 12/2/81	1.12.6
W Dawson & Sons R/paper to 3/12/80	37.1.8
J. Armstrong Advertising "	£12.9.9.3
J. Casselder R/paper to 3/12/80	2.10.0
J. Wakin Repairs to 27/11/80	11.14.0
Draper & Son Cleaning Closets & Repair to 29/2/81	3.10.5
A. H. Messina & Co printing to 3/12/80	3.5.2
Sundry a/cs Chas S. Prosser Law Times to 3/12/80	2.10.0
Joseph Bros winding Clocks	2.2.0
Thos Alexander Books	2.2.0
New Zealand Times to 3/12/80	1.0.6
J. Mc Kenly & Co Advt's Punch Alm /81	2.12.6
Karnblower Postage Ingham Dr ^s to 3/12/80	1.10.0
Laurie & Watson Border Watch to 3/12/80	14.1
W. Lunn Warnehambs Stand to 3/12/80	12.0
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Rich ^d Warren Postage Orms & Munro, Credit to 3/12/80	16.3.	
Pleasant Creek News & Stawell Chronicle to 28/2/81	6.4	
C. Jarman & Co W Eastern Express to 3/12/80	4.4	
J. Thompson Repairs to 24/1/81	18.0	
Religious Tract Society Books to 3/12/81	16.10	14.3.2
Petty Cash		5.0.0
		<u>£ 200.10.7</u>

Scale of
Hall charges

Resolved on motion of Mr Thompson & Mr Rennie that the Report be received and adopted
 Resolved on motion of Mr Rien & Mr Moody that the Scale of charges for the Halls & Rooms be referred to the Emergency Committee for revision.

Secretary's Statement
for January & February.

Subscriptions for the 2 months	£262.5.0
Total revenue of " " "	389.19.3
New members during " " "	44
Balance in the Bank	£267.11.10.

Confirmed 4 April 1881
 G. W. Rusden
 Pres^t

Monday 4th April 1881

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30.

Present: — G. W. Rusden, President (Chair)
 Benjamin Treasurer
 Piers
 Millie
 Downward
 Duffy
 Thompson
 Meeks
 Lush
 Rennie
 Harlin
 Dr Gilbee

Minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Letters of thanks for donations of books withdrawn from circulation were read from the Secretaries of the following Charitable Institutions: —

Benevolent Asylum
 Alfred Hospital
 Sailors' Home.

The Library Sub Committee presented the following Report: —

Your Committee beg to report that during the month of March 13 vols were received by the mail & added to the Library at a cost of £5.11.6.

The following are recommended for addition to the Library: —

From Saml Mullen	11 vols	£ 3.2.6
" Geo Robertson	5 "	9. 6
" " "	6 "	1.19. 6
		22
		£ 5.11.6

The Secretary has reported that the "Argus" for 1851 is missing from the file. Your Committee recommend that a copy be advertised for.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Piers & Mr Thompson that the Report be received & adopted.

The Finance Sub Committee presented the following Report: —

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the accounts for March & found them correct. They recommend payment of the following A/cs: —

Librarian's salary for March		£ 19.10.0
Accountants	"	7. 11. 8
Healkeeper & books wages to 2/4/81		10. 0.0
Metrop Gas Co A/cs for Feb 81		12. 2. 11
W Detmold binding to 29/3/81	£ 21.15.9	} 26.5.9
" Sticking Traps against 31/3/81	4.10.0	
Melbourne Water Supply Water Rates to 30/6/81		8.0.0
Shillwell & Co printing to 26/1/81	£ 2.2.6	} 7.18.0
Report	5.15.6	
Sundry A/cs A B Scott books	7.6	} £ 94.6.10
M. L. Hatchman "	18.0	
Wimmera Star Pastep to 31/12/81	4.6	
W. Whitehead & Co unpaid Dawson	10.0	
W. Truell & Co Litho to 18/2/81	18.6	
		£ 94.6.10

Resolved on motion of Mr Thompson & Mr Rennie that the Report be received and adopted.

The Emergency Sub Committee presented the following report: —

Charges for Halls.

Your Committee beg to report re the scale of charges for the Halls that the only alterations necessary in the schedule are: —

For Ball with Refreshment room &c (all night) one engagement £10.10.0 and so on proportionally.
 For Ball with Supper Room &c (all night) one engagement £12.12.0. and so on, proportionally.
 The charge for Lectures with certain privileges to members to be excised — not being required, as also proviso re Ballroom.

Monday May 2nd 1881

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30

Present

Mr Rusden (chair)

Biers

Downward

Duffy

Fuge

Harlin

Moody

Millie

Lush

Meeks

Rennie

Thompson

Mr Gillbee

Prof Elkington

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Correspondence

1. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Melbourne Hospital returning thanks for a donation of books.

2. A letter from the Secretary of the Homeopathic Hospital, asking for remission of rent for four meetings of their Committee.

Resolved that the request cannot be granted, as it would be a departure from the rule invariably followed.

3. A letter from Mr P.H.B. Curtis, the Secretary of the Institution, requesting that, as two years had now elapsed since his appointment to the Secretaryship, his salary should be raised to the maximum amount of £300 per annum.

Resolved that the request be granted, and that the increase shall date from the 1st May 1881.

The Library Sub Committee reported as follows:—

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

Easter Holidays

Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks & Mr Gillbee that the Library be closed on the Saturday before Easter.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the Month £ 118.12.6

Total revenue of the month £ 172.11.10

- - - 3 months 562.11.1

New members during the month 19

- - - 3 months 63

Balance in the Bank £ 239.13.7

Confirmed 2 May 1881

M Rusden
Secy

"Your Committee beg to report that 10 vols. were received by mail during the month of April and added to the Library at a cost of £4.0.5.

The following are recommended for addition to the Library:-

from Geo Robertson	10 vols	£ 4.4.6
" S Mullen	34 "	10.1.6
	<u>44</u>	<u>£ 14.6.0</u>

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

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:-

"Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the accs for April, and found them correct. They recommend payment of the following accounts:-

Secretary's Salary for quarter ending 31 st May	£ 68.15.0
Librarian's " " April	19.10.0
Assistant's " " "	7.11.8
Hallkeeper 4 weeks wages to 30/4/81	10.0.0
Metrop Gas Co Ac for March	15.13.9
Corporation Sewer Rate to 30/6/81, £15.0.0	} 25.0.0
Lighting " 3/12/81 - 10.0.0	
S. Armstrong newspapers to 31/3/81	12.9.9
W Detmold binding to 27/4/81	4.14.3
Auditors (W Thompson & Co Burns)	4.4.0
S Howie Sundries to 12/1/81	1.16.5
Petty Cash	5.0.0
Postage Stamps	5.0.0
	<u>£ 179.14.10</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Thompson & Mr Reunie that the Report be adopted

The Secretary was instructed to confer with Mr N. Barnett, a member of the Institution, with reference to a suggestion made by the latter concerning the ventilation of the Reading Room.

Ventilating Reading Room

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £ 123.4.0

Total Revenue of the month 201.2.7

- - - 4 months 763.13.8

New members during the month 18

- - - 4 months 81

Balance in the Bank £ 346.8.10

[Signature]
7.6.81

Monday May 30th 1881

Special Meeting of the General Committee at 7.30 p.m.

- Present
- Professor Kingston (V.P.) in the chair
 - Mr Biers
 - Harlin
 - Fuge
 - Rennie
 - Downward
 - Thompson
 - Millie
 - Lusk

The Chairman read a letter from the President Mr G W Rusden authorising the Secretary to call a meeting of the General Committee to consider an

encroachment on the right-of-way

at the rear of the Institution. He exhibited the original plan of the property of the Institution, dated September 9th 1840. From this it appeared that two adjoining blocks, each having a frontage of sixty-six feet to Collins Street, and extending to Little Collins Street, belonged to the Institution. This land was cut up into allotments some of which were sold with certain easements. A portion of the sold land is now held by the Proprietors of the Coffee Palace adjoining the Institution. A certificate of Title under the Transfer of Land Statute is held for that portion of the land on which the Melbourne Athenaeum is erected. The Proprietors of the Coffee Palace have excavated a portion of a right-of-way at the rear of the Institution and have erected an oven thereon connected with buildings now in course of erection by them. The Secretary

of the Institution has written to the Secretary of the Coffee Palace complaining of the encroachment and a verbal reply has been received stating that the Institution has no title to the land on which the alleged encroachment has been made.

The matter having been discussed, it was resolved, on motion of Mr Biers and Mr Millie:—
That the Solicitors of the Institution be instructed to obtain a certificate of Title to all unalienated land set forth on plan dated 9th September 1840, subject to such easements as have heretofore been granted by the Trustees"

G. Biers 1/6/81

Tuesday June 7th 1881

General Committee met this evening (in lieu of Monday 6th, which was a holiday)

- Present
- Mr Biers (chair)
 - Thompson
 - Benjamin
 - Lusk
 - Gillbee
 - Downward
 - Millie
 - Duffy
 - Parlie

Minutes of the previous monthly meeting and of the special meeting held May 30th read and confirmed.

The Finance Sub Committee presented the following Report:—
Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/cs for May and found them correct. As the A/cs to be paid this month (including £500 of Mr J B Payne's mortgage & £180 for interest thereon amount to £755.16.8 and as the Cr. Balance at the Bank is £613.6.3, we recommend that an overdraft be applied for, for a sum not exceeding £200. The following A/cs are recommended for payment:

Secretary's salary for May	£25.0.0
Librarian's " " "	19.10.0
Assistants " " "	7.11.8
Tall Keeper for 5 weeks' wages to 4/6/81	12.10.0
J. B. Payne second payment of Mortgage of	500.0.0
" " Interest due thereon	180.0.0
Victoria Assurance Co premium on £3000 due 30/6/81	3.16.6
Sundry A/cs J. C. Smith coal	£ 1.6.0
" " Dr Rowland Honey sampler	13.0
" " Dr Horrie sundries	9.6
Petty Cash	5.0.0
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	£ 755.16.8

Resolved, on motion of Mr Thompson and Dr Gillbee that the report be adopted.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£156.3.0
Total Revenue of the month	246.12.3
" " " 5 months	1007.6.11
New members during the month	44
" " " 5 months	125
Balance in Bank	£413.6.3.

Arvid Benjamin

4/7/81

Monday July 4th 1881

Present

- Mr Benjamin (chair)
- Biers
- Thompson
- Millie
- Downward
- Harlie

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Library Sub Committee presented the following Report:-
 "Your Committee beg to report that, during the months of May and June, 44 vols were added to the Library at a cost of £19.4.0. They recommend the following books for addition to the Library: - 15 vols from Geo Robertson £3.19.6. It is recommended that the floor of the Ladies' room be covered with Linoleum"

Resolved, on motion of Mr Biers and Mr Thompson, that the report be adopted.

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:-

"Your Committee have the honour to report that they have audited the A/c for June & found them correct. They recommend payment of the following A/c

Secretary's Salary for June	£	25.0.0	
Librarian's	-	19.10.0	
Assistant's	-	7.11.8	
Hallkeeper 4 weeks wages to 2/7/81	-	10.0.0	
Metro Gas Co's A/c April & May	-	35.3.4	
George Robertson Books to 21/6/81	£	87.13.2	}
" " N/papers to 30/6/81		3.13.3	
" " Stationery		1.10.6	} 93.1.11
Samuel Mullen Books to 25/4/81		19.7.1	
" " Periodicals to 30/6/81		18.18.0	} 38.5.1
W Detmold Binding to 23/6/81		12.11.9	
Wisewould & Gibbs Law costs to 9/2/81		14.14.6	

John Dickson repairs to 19/2/81 £ 4.6.4
 Brisbane N/paper Co's Queenslanders to 21/1/81 2/2/81 } 2.7.0
 Comis to 30/6/81 2/6/81 }

Victoria Insurance Co's Secretary's Guarantee due 18/6/81		2.0.0
John Dickie Repairs to 30/4/81		9.13.0
Gordon & Gotch N/papers to 30/6/81		8.5.6
Sundry A/c Armstrong advts	£	2.10.0
Wraper & Lous A/c	1-	13.4
A H Massina Printing	1-	5.0
J Kitchen & Son Stearin dust		18.4
Postage Warrnambal Standard		6.8
" Wimmera Star		6.0
		<u>6.19.4</u>
		£ 294.8.11

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

The Secretary read the following Statement for June 1881

Subscriptions for the month	£	87.12.0
Total revenue	- - -	152.18.0
- - - - 6 months		1160.4.11

New members during month 38
 - - - 6 months 163

Balance in Bank £10.7.7.

Ar. Benjamin

1/8/81

Monday 1st August 1881

Present

- Mr D Benjamin (chair)
- Ellery
- Thompson
- Severs
- Rennie
- Millie
- Downward
- Biers
- Parlin
- Fuge
- Neeks
- Lush

The Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr Moody apologising for absence from two previous meetings and also the present one - through sickness.

A letter read from the solicitors Messrs Wiseward & Gibbs giving a report of the Title to the Right of way.

Title to Right of way

The Library Sub Committee presented the following Report:-

Your Committee beg to report that, during the month of July, 10 vols received by the mail, were added to the Library at a cost of £4. 8. 0

The following are recommended for addition to the Library

From Geo Robertson	23 vols	£ 9. 7. 6
- Samuel Mullen	7 -	2. 12. 0
	<u>30 -</u>	<u>11. 19. 6</u>

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

The Finance Sub. Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for July & found them correct. They recommend payment of the following A/c:-

Secretary's Salary for July	£ 25. 0. 0
Librarian's - - - - -	19. 10. 0
Assistants - - - - -	7. 11. 8
Hallkeeper & week's wages to 30/7/81	10. 0. 0
Metrop Gas Co's A/c for June	22. 6. 3
Armstrong & Co's papers to 30/6/81	13. 2. 9
W Detmold Bindings to 27/7/81	5. 12. 0
S Showie Sundries to 30/6/81	2. 5. 6
Sundry A/c to 31st June Times to 30/6/81	£ 1. 10. 0
Sealong Adventure to 30/6/81	14. 6
Whitchard & Co's Hat to 30/6/81	14. 6
Drapers & Sons Cloak to 31/7/81	8. 4
Petty Cash	5. 5. 0
	<u>£ 114. 0. 6</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Thompson & Mr Ellery, that the Report be adopted.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£ 142. 2. 6
Total revenue of - - - - -	291. 5. 5
- - - - - 7 months	1451. 10. 4

New members during the month 29
- - - - - 7 months 192

Balance in Bank £ 7. 4. 1

Confirmed 5 Sept 1881

G W Rusden
Chm

Monday 5th September 1881

Present

- Mr Risdew (Chair)
- Thompson
- Bellery
- Benjamin
- Downward
- Harlin
- Devers
- Duffy
- Moody
- Meeks
- Lush
- Piers
- Rennie
- Suge

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.
 The Finance Sub Committee presented the following Report:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the Aps for August & found them correct. They recommend payment of the following Aps

Secretary's Salary for August	£ 25.0.0
Librarian's " "	19.10.0
Assistants " "	7.11.8
Callkeeper	12.10.0
Subor Gas Co Aps for July	23.14.11
E Whitehead & Co Periodicals to 30/6/81	115.0.0
W Dawson & Sons W'papers " "	36.10.4
W Detmold Building " 31/8/81	12.0.6
Buckley & Runn Linoleum for Ladies Room	8.15.6
John Dakin Repaired &c to 30/7/81	11.14.10
Sundry Aps P. C. Smith Coal £ 1.10.3	
P. Ritchie & Sons Steam 10.4	2.8.7
Petty Cash	5.0.0
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	£ 235.16.0

Loan

Resolved, on motion of Mr Thompson & Mr Moody that the Report be received and adopted.

The Treasurer, Mr Benjamin, remarked that he was of opinion that it would be possible to obtain the loan required by the Institution on more favourable terms than under the present Mortgage of Mr & B Payne.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks and Mr Rennie, that the matter be referred to the Finance Sub Committee.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £ 110. 19. 6

Total Revenue of the month 235. 2. 9
 8 months 1606. 12. 7

New members during the month 36
 8 months 228

Balance in Bank £ 128. 5. 10.

Confirmed 3 Oct 1881

M Risdew

Monday 3rd October 1881

- Present
- G. W. Rusden (chair)
 - Mr Thompson
 - Duffy
 - McIllic
 - Diers
 - Downward
 - Meeks
 - Harlin
 - Fuge
 - Rennie
 - Fevers

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Library Sub-committee reported as follows:—
 "Your committee report that during the months of August and September 18 vols, received by the mail, were added to the Library at a cost of £6.18.0. The following are recommended for addition to the Library.

- From Geo Robertson 5 vols £2. 6. 6
- Saml Mullen 34 - 9. 6. 6

It is recommended that one extra copy be taken of each of the following:

- Edinburgh Review
- Fortnightly "
- Quarterly "
- Westminster "
- London Quarterly "
- British Quarterly "
- Scribner's Magazine
- Linsley's "
- Sunday "
- Sunday at home

and also one copy of the 'Sportman'

Resolved, on motion of Mr Fuge and Mr Harlin that the Report be received & adopted

The Finance Sub-committee reported as follows:—
 Your committee report that they have audited the A/c for September and found them correct.

With reference to Mr J B Payne's mortgage, your committee have been informed that the money can be obtained at the present moment for 5 per cent on the same conditions. They, therefore, recommend that notice be given to Mr Payne that the mortgage will be paid off on 6th June 1882.

The following A/c are recommended for payment:—

Secretary's salary for September	£ 25. 0. 0
Librarian's	19. 10. 0
Assistants	7. 11. 8
Hallkeeper 4 weeks' wages to 1 st Oct	10. 0. 0
Metrop Gas Co A/c for August	28. 13. 9
Smith & Atwood Commission on works 1874-1881	37. 6. 0
Corporation Town Rate to 31/12/81	15. 0. 0
Melbourne Water Supply Water Rate to 31/12/81	8. 0. 0
W Detmold Binding &c to 24/9/81	4. 12. 9
National of N. Zealand Insurance Co premium on £2000 due 6 th Oct 1881	2. 11. 0
J P Loukin & Son Repairing Chairs	2. 11. 0
Hergussow & Moore Book	2. 2. 0
Petty Cash	5. 0. 0
	£ 167. 18. 2

On the motion for the adoption of the Report, an amendment was moved by Mr Meeks and Mr Diers that the consideration of the portion referring to the mortgage be postponed for one month and that meanwhile a deputation shall wait on Mr Payne to ascertain whether he will be willing to reduce the rate of interest. The amendment was carried and it was decided that the deputation should be the Treasurer and Mr Rennie of the Finance Committee & Mr Diers.

The Report, as amended, was then adopted on the motion of Mr Fuge & Mr Harlin.

The Secretary then read the following statement.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £ 136. 18. 0

Total revenue of month £ 236. 18. 2

- - 9 months £ 1923. 10. 9

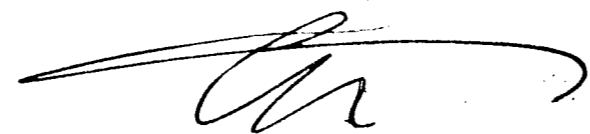
New members during month 37

- - 9 months 265

Balance in Bank £ 129. 1. 8

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Monday November 7th 1881

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30

Present Mr Rusden (chair)

- Benjamin
- Biers
- Harlie
- Jewers
- Downward
- Thompson
- Meeks
- Duffy
- Huge
- Rennie
- Moody
- Lush
- Gillbee

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from the Solicitors, Messrs Wisewood and Gibbs, requesting further instructions respecting the application for title to Right of way.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Biers and Mr Meeks that the Solicitors be instructed to act as they shall deem best for the interests of the Institution.

A letter was read from a Mr E Baber stating that he had purchased the business carried on hitherto by Mr Glass, and requesting to be accepted as a tenant

Resolved on motion of Mr Jewers & Mr Duffy that Mr Baber be accepted as a weekly tenant

The Library sub Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that during the month of October 6 vols were received by mail and added to the Library at a cost of £2.11.0

Rt of way.

E. Baber

The following are recommended for addition to the Library:-

From Geo Robertson 11 vols £2.7.6

" Samuel Muller 12 - 2.14.0

£5.1.6

The following are recommended for addition to the list of periodicals

2 Charles Dickens' Household words

Army and Navy lists for the first Quarter of each year

Resolved, on motion of Mr Harlie and Mr Duffy that the report be received and adopted.

The Finance sub-committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for October, & found them correct. They recommend payment of the following A/c.

Secretary's Salary for October	£25.0.0
Librarian's do do	19.10.0
Assistant's " "	7.11.8
Chalkkeeper 5 weeks wages to 5/11/81	12.10.0
Metrop Gas Co A/c for September	21.12.1
J. Armstrong Newspapers to 30/9/81	13.2.9
W Wetmold Binding to 2/11/81	7.13.3
Gordon & Gotch N'papers to 31/12/81	8.2.6
Davies Bros Hobart Mercury to 30/6/81	2.16.0
Bulletin N'paper Co to 3/12/81	£1.13.0
Advertising to 15/10/81	1.0.0
Australian Alliance Ins Co premium on £2000 due 9/12/81	2.11.0
National Ins Co premium on £1000 due 11/12/81	7.5.0
Sundry A/c	
C. & Maxwell Law Times	2.2.0
Brisbane N'paper Co loan to 3/11/81	2.1.0
Proprietor Otago Daily Times	2.0.0
Art Massin & Co printing to 1/10/81	1.16.0
Shillwell & Co printing to 30/6/81	£1.15.0
Middle journal	1.0.0
L Howie Sundries	1.10.9
Draper & Sons cleaning closets	1.5.0
E. Whitehead & Co Stationery	15.6
R. Warren Owen & Murray Advertising	6.6
Ferry & Co	
	5.0.0
	£145.10.6

Monday 5th December 1881

- Present
- Mr Rusden (chair)
 - " Beers
 - Thompson
 - Sevens
 - Millie
 - Lowward
 - Rennie
 - Huge
 - Meeke
 - Harlin
 - Lush
 - Duffy
 - Gillbee

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

A letter was read from Mrs E Rudd making an offer of 30/- per week for the term of six or twelve months for the room rented by Mr Daber.

Resolved that the matter be referred to the Emergency Committee with power to act.

Mrs Rudd

J. B. Payne's Mortgage

A letter was read from Messrs Wrennall and Gibbs with an enclosure from Mr J. B. Payne stating that he consented to reduce the interest on the mortgage from the Trustees to five per cent per annum from 8th June 1882.

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the accounts for November, and found them correct. The following also were recommended for payment:—

Secretary's Salary for November	£ 25.0.0
Secretary	14.10.0
Assistants	7.11.8

Mortgage

Resolved, on motion of Mr Thompson and Mr Sevens that the Report be adopted

The Deputation appointed to wait on Mr J. B. Payne with reference to the Mortgage reported that the Treasurer and Mr Diers had an interview with that gentleman, and that he had consented to reduce the rate of interest to five per cent per annum from 8th June 1882. It is therefore recommended that the Trustees be requested to communicate with Mr Payne, that they may receive such assent in writing.

Resolved on motion of Mr Benjamin & Mr Diers that the report be adopted.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month £ 88. 18. 6

Total revenue of " " 254. 17. 0
 " " 10 months 2178. 7. 9

New members during month 30
 " " 10 months 295

Balance in Bank £ 216. 0. 6

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W. C. Walker & Wicks' wages to 31/12/01		10.0.0
Melish Gas Co Gas for Oct & Nov		53.19.6
J. D. Payne 1/2 year's interest on mortgage due 8/12/01		165.15.0
Geo Robertson books to 1/12/01	£ 50.7.2 3/4	54.0.5
	3.13.3 3/4	32.13.1
S. Mullen books to 29/10/01	13.15.1 3/4	7.0.0
	18.18.0 3/4	
Competition Lamp rate to 19/11/01		4.14.6
W. Schmidt Binding to 30/11/01		4.16.0
Probertson Punch & copies to 31/12/01		2.10.9
J. E. Dakin Repairs to 29/10/01		
Lendrum & Co W. Lamber Printing £1.5.0		
W. Harnwell Repairs 1.6.0		4.19.4
Draper & Sons cleaning cloths to 31/12/01 1.8.3		
Pleasant Creek news Postage to 31/12/01 19.8		
		<u>£ 391.15.3</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Thompson & Mr Bevers, that the Report be adopted.

Christmas Holidays Resolved that the Institution be closed on Monday 26th & Tuesday 27th December and Monday 2nd January.

Resolved that the Library be closed, as usual, from 1st to 10th January and that the House Committee have the ceiling of the Library examined & repaired if necessary.

Oil Painting. The Secretary informed the Committee that two bids had been made for the purchase of the marine painting which had been in the office for some time and is the property of the Institution.

Resolved on motion of Mr Lusk & Mr Duff that the picture be sold at public auction by Messrs Gemmell Suckett & Co & that a reserve of £25 be placed on it.

The Secretary read the following Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£69.0.0
Total Revenue of month	201.10.8
" " 11 months	£2379.10.5
New members during the month	11
" " 11 months	306
Balance in Bank	£272.0.0

Resolved that the next Committee meeting be on the 9th January 1882 in lieu of 2nd January
 W. S. Jamieson

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