

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1882.

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30

- Present Mr. L Benjamin (chair)  
 Mr Piers  
 Millie  
 Thompson  
 Downward  
 Rennie  
 Sage  
 Levers  
 Meeks  
 Parlin  
 Professor Elkington

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:-

"Your committee beg to report that they have audited the accounts for December 1881 and found them correct. They recommend payment of the following A/cs:-

Secretary's Salary for December	£ 25. 0. 0
Librarian's ~ ~ ~	19. 10. 0
Assistant ~ ~ ~	7. 11. 8
Hall Keeper 4 weeks wages to 31/12/81	10. 0. 0
Melior Gas Co's A/c for December	10. 12. 11
J. Armstrong's papers to 31/12/81	13. 5. 3
J. Casselton ~ ~ ~	11. 14. 0
W Detmold Binding Co to 22/12/81	8. 12. 6
Art Massina & Co printing to 17/12/81	3. 5. 0
Sundry A/cs to Whitehead Station £ 1. 13. 6	} 5. 19. 6
Arnold & Jackson Station 1. 13. 6	
Storie Sundries to 3/12/81 1. 11. 6	
J. Gaunt Clocks to 30/6/82 1. 1. 0	
Petty Cash	10. 0. 0
	<hr/> 131. 10. 10

Committee's Report

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

The Treasurer's statement was laid on the table, and was referred to the Auditors, on motion of Mr Thompson & Mr Meeks

Resolved that Professor Elkington & Mr Thompson be a sub-committee to draft the Annual Report of the Committee.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Piers & Mr Levers that a special meeting be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> to adopt the Annual Report and accept tenders for printing it.

The Secretary read the following statement:-

Subscriptions for the month	£ 136. 19. 6
Total revenue of the month	291. 11. 6
~ ~ ~ 12 months	2643. 15. 9

New members during month	20
~ ~ ~ 12 months	326

Balance in the Bank £ 171. 16. 11

J. Elkington

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1882.

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

- Present
- Mr Rusden (chair)
  - Biers
  - Benjamin
  - Thompson
  - Fevens
  - Downward
  - Meeks
  - Rennie
  - Suge
  - Millie
  - Fink
  - Woody
  - Gillbee
  - Harlin
  - Professor E. Kingdon.

The sub Committee presented their draft of the Annual Report, which, after a few slight alterations had been made, was adopted on the motion of Mr Meeks and Mr Fevers.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had received a letter from Mr Ellery tendering his resignation of his seat on the Committee on account of pressure of other engagements. Resolved that the resignation be accepted with regret.

The following tenders were received for printing 500 copies of the Annual Report

Messrs Stilwell & Co	£ 5. 10. 0
- At Messina & Co	6. 15. 0
- Ferguson & Moore	7. 0. 0
- Mc Carrow, Bird & Co	9. 0. 0

Resolved, on motion of Mr Moody & Mr Biers that the tender of Messrs Stilwell & Co be accepted.

W. Benjamin

# Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January

1882

The President G. W. Rusden Esq. took the chair at eight p. m. and read the advertisement calling the meeting. 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 26<sup>th</sup> January 1881 were read and confirmed.

The following Report was then read

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM FOR THE YEAR 1881.

The Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submit the following Report:—

1. The financial transactions of the year are very satisfactory. The total revenue amounts to £2643 15s. 9d. The expenditure for the ordinary purposes of the Institution is £2220 0s. 4d. The additional payments include £500 in reduction of the amount of the mortgage, and £183 3s. for the exceptional items of painting the building, printing the Library catalogue, and architects' commission for the last seven years.

2. The payment on account of the mortgage has reduced the original debt of £7000 to £5500, and this reduction has been made within the last three years. The mortgagee, Mr. T. B. Payne, has agreed to reduce the rate of interest on the unpaid balance to 5 per cent. per annum from 8th June, 1882.

3. The number of members is about the same as last year, for although since the date of the last report 326 new members joined, almost as many ceased membership.

4. The number of books added to the Library during the year is 552. About £350 has been spent for books and magazines, £213 for newspapers, and £82 for binding.

5. The reading room and the news room have been well attended. Indeed, in the evenings, especially after the arrival of the English mail, the reading room is so overcrowded as to make it evident that extra accommodation must be provided as soon as the finances of the Institution are in such a state as to warrant the outlay. The number of issues of works from the Library exceeds 34,000. The total number of visits to the Institution may be roughly estimated at 165,000, exclusive of those to the halls and class rooms.

6. The revenue from the Large Hall is £666 10s., which is an increase of £130 over that of last year. The revenue from the Small Hall is £213 13s., from class and meeting rooms £127 4s., and from offices £144 15s.

### 7. STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS FOR THE LAST TWENTY-SIX YEARS.

YEAR.	No. of Subscribing Members.	New Members.	Volumes Added.	Volumes Circulated.	Magazines Circulated.	CURRENT LIABILITY.
						£ s. d.
1856	590	269	300	12,435	1,010	—
1857	587	274	350	13,070	2,075	—
1858	567	174	350	18,175	2,117	85 6 0
1859	506	144	407	16,514	2,038	742 17 9
1860	488	118	220	20,274	3,343	668 8 9
1861	635	284	145	21,144	4,523	609 14 2
1862	600	209	344	19,128	5,093	508 8 0
1863	569	176	401	23,262	5,101	451 11 5
1864	512	127	350	13,305	6,249	427 17 2
1865	471	143	398	12,912	8,152	238 3 3
1866	450	123	270	13,102	9,100	60 14 2
1867	437	117	217	13,146	9,899	139 6 6
1868	458	131	430	13,249	11,378	190 16 11
1869	460	129	413	13,614	10,278	94 5 7
1870	510	170	382	14,022	11,705	20 4 2
1871	517	168	627	19,603	11,927	—
1872	640	252	426	20,226	12,447	610 14 8
1873	1139	655	705	34,886	15,176	1085 7 6
1874	1236	547	1414	39,729	12,323	980 10 2
1875	1287	480	657	45,002	10,697	340 16 2
1876	1488	567	980	43,115	10,500	267 19 6
1877	1571	481	746	45,293	11,000	205 18 9
1878	1525	444	654	46,262	11,115	410 2 11
1879	1410	361	771	58,450	6,096	324 3 7
1880	1409	364	543	*36,317	6,899	261 16 0
1881	1398	326	552	*34,291	6,642	121 10 10

\* Works.

8. The following return shows the number of the various classes of works which have been issued to members. The columns for 1880 and 1881 show the number of works, the others the number of volumes:—

CLASSIFICATION.	1874.	1875.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.
Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics	30	22	16	19	20	21	16	6
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts	75	73	39	65	69	42	45	24
Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence	1,625	1,316	1,203	1,242	1,200	1,488	1,273	1,165
Classics and Philology	152	106	69	81	90	177	70	75
Fine Arts	106	89	26	50	54	68	70	45
Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works	2,320	2,416	1,461	1,500	1,450	1,961	1,912	1,686
History and Historical Memoirs	1,115	1,794	996	997	1,000	977	730	946
Jurisprudence and Legislation	25	14	13	14	20	26	15	16
Medical Science and Chemistry	45	35	38	60	70	72	30	44
Miscellaneous and Collected Works	2,853	2,889	1,870	1,857	1,759	1,568	1,300	1,231
Natural History and Botany	231	238	182	192	200	128	139	127
Works of Fiction	26,256	32,993	35,408	36,489	37,490	47,299	26,322	25,545
Music	30	16	10	11	14	11	7	10
Periodical Literature	3,280	1,543	836	900	896	2,573	2,815	1,854
Philosophy and General Science	846	783	584	634	650	615	396	565
Poetry and the Drama	380	348	361	502	510	353	283	290
Politics	128	106	74	105	110	82	95	61
Religious & Ecclesiastical Works	232	221	129	175	160	159	126	80
Juvenile Works	...	...	...	400	500	830	673	521
TOTAL	39,729	45,002	43,115	45,293	46,262	58,450	36,317	34,291

9. The number of visitors introduced by members, under the provision of Rule 19, was 104. In addition to these, many persons have been shown over the Institution by the Secretary.

10. The Government has contributed during the year—

- Victorian Parliamentary Debates.
  - Votes and Proceedings of the Parliament of Victoria.
  - Government Gazette.
  - Acts of Parliament.
  - Victorian Year Book, by H. H. Hayter, Esq.
  - Result of Observations, Melbourne Observatory, by R. L. J. Ellery, Esq.
- The Government of New South Wales has contributed—  
Parliamentary Papers for the year.

11. The following donations of works have also been kindly made:—

- Walch's Tasmanian Almanac, from Messrs. J. Walch and Sons.
- Presbyterian Calendar.
- Two copies of Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria, supplied regularly by Messrs. Stillwell and Co.
- Two copies A. B. C. Guide, supplied regularly by Messrs. Gordon and Gotch.
- Calendar from the Council of the Melbourne University.
- Edinburgh Medical School Guide to Students 1880-81, from Messrs. E. & S. Livingstone, Edinburgh.
- Transactions and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria, Vol. XVII., presented by the Council of the Royal Society.

The proprietors of the principal metropolitan and provincial newspapers have also each contributed one copy of their journals.

12. The annual election of honorary office-bearers was held in February last, and resulted in the return of the following gentlemen:—President, G. W. Rusden, Esq.; Vice-President, Professor Elkington; Treasurer, David Benjamin, Esq.; Committee: Messrs. H. Biers, E. Downward, F. G. Duffy, R. L. J. Ellery, Theo. Fink, W. Gillbee, T. Harlin, and L. A. Moody. We regret to state that Mr. Wm. Ievers met with a severe accident, which made him unable to attend the Committee meetings for five months.

13. There have been 14 meetings of the Committee during the year. Of these,

The President—G. W. RUSDEN, Esq.	attended	9
The Vice-President—PROFESSOR ELKINGTON	"	6
The Treasurer—DAVID BENJAMIN, Esq.	"	10

#### COMMITTEE:

Biers, H.	attended	14	Ievers, W.	attended	8
Downward, E.	"	14	Lush, G.	"	8
Duffy, F. G.	"	9	Meeks, H.	"	10
Ellery, R. L. J.	"	2	Millie, A.	"	12
Fink, Theo.	"	2	Moody, L. A.	"	5
Fuge, H. R.	"	11	Rennie, C.	"	12
Gillbee, W.	"	7	Thompson, W.	"	14
Harlin, T.	"	12			

14. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following members of the Committee retire from office, but are eligible for re-election, viz.:—Messrs. F. G. Duffy, H. R. Fuge, W. Ievers, G. Lush, H. Meeks, A. Millie, C. Rennie, and W. Thompson. Mr. Ellery, in consequence of pressure of other engagements, has resigned. There are therefore eight members of the Committee to be elected.

15. In conclusion, your Committee congratulate the members on the present position and prospects of the Melbourne Athenæum, and they hope that all will exert themselves to enlarge the roll of membership, and to forward the interests of the institution.

Printed copies (as ~~set~~ on following page) of the Treasurer's statement having been circulated among the members, it was taken as read.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the Year ending 31st December, 1881.

Dr. Cr. To Balance, 31st December, 1880... Petty cash in hand... Cash in hand... Lettings... Large Hall... Small Hall... Rooms... Rents of Offices... Subscriptions... Sale of Catalogues... Waste paper, &c... Bank Deposit, withdrawn... Interest on Fixed Deposit... By Salaries... Secretary... Librarian... Assistant... Hallkeeper... Books... Magazines... Newspapers... Binding... Advertising... Printing... Gas... Fuel... Stationery... Petty Cash... Postage... Insurance... Rates... Second Payment of Part of Mortgage... Interest on Loan on Mortgage... Painting Building, &c... Printing Catalogue... Architect's Commission from 1874 to 1881... Law Costs from 1876 to 1881... Repairs... Manual Assistance... Auditors... Printing Report... Guarantee Premium... Furniture... Sundries... Interest on Overdraft... Balance 31st December, 1881

Dr. Cr. APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES. LIABILITIES. To Salaries... Newspapers... Binding... Gas... Sundries... Loan under Mortgage... Balance... ASSETS. By Rents due Large Hall... Small Hall... Rooms... Estimated value of Property... Library... Furniture, &c... Cash in hand... Cash in City of Melbourne Bank

DAVID BENJAMIN, Honorary Treasurer. MELBOURNE 19th January 1882. Audited and found correct, W. THOMPSON, JR. ANDREW BURNS } Auditors.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood and Mr David Benjamin that the Report and Balance Sheet be adopted  
Messrs Alexander, Britton, Atchison, and Sangster were appointed Scrutineers to superintend the Annual Election of Office Bearers (if required)  
Messrs Walter Thompson Junr and Andrew Burns were re-elected Auditors  
The President announced that nominations for Office Bearers & Committee

would be taken till 10 p.m., and the election, if required, would take place on Monday 30th inst.

Resolved on motion of Mr H Meeks & Mr H Sangster 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. Professor Elkinpton  
Vice President. Alexr Miller Esq  
Treasurer W. Benjamin Esq.

Committee.  
J. G. Duffy Esq  
L. S. Daniel Esq  
H Meeks Esq  
W R Luge Esq  
W Sevens Junr Esq  
W Thompson Esq  
C. Rennie Esq  
J. S Greig Esq.

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

Confirmed  
W. Elkinpton  
President

31 Jan. 1882.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 1882

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30.  
 Present. Professor El Kingston in the chair  
 Mr Millie Vice President  
 " Benjamin  
 " Biers  
 Greig  
 Downward  
 Moody  
 Harlin  
 Rennie  
 Fuge  
 Daniels  
 Fink  
 Meeks

Minutes of the meetings held 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> read & confirmed.

The minutes of the Annual meeting were read for information, and were considered correct.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Institution applying for leave of absence for a fortnight commencing from about next Thursday. Resolved, on motion of Mr Moody & Mr Downward that leave be granted.

The following a/cs were passed for payment:-

Secretary's Salary for January	£ 25.0.0
Librarian's " "	19.10.0
Assistants " "	7.11.0
Hallkeeper 5 weeks' wages to 1/8/82	12.10.0
Auditors W Thompson & A Burns	4.4.0
Petty Cash	5.0.0
	<hr/> 43.15.0 <hr/>

The following Sub Committees were appointed for the year:-

Finance

- President
- Vice President
- Mr Benjamin
- " Harlin
- " Devers
- " Rennie
- " Thompson
- " Greig

Library

- President
- Vice President
- Mr Duffy
- " Fink
- " Fuge
- " Gilbee
- " Harlin
- " Rusden
- " Daniel
- " Moody

Emergency

- President
- Vice President
- Mr Benjamin
- " Biers
- " Devers
- " Meeks

House

- President
- Vice President
- Mr Biers
- " Downward
- " Meeks
- " Moody
- " Daniel

Moved by the President, Professor El Kingston, seconded by Mr Fink:-

" That the architect be requested to prepare, in time for next meeting, rough drawings and estimated cost of alterations to the front portion of the Buildings. On the ground floor, the street frontage to be, on both sides of the main entrance, set apart for shops or offices; two reading rooms and a library, all of larger size than at present to be provided for, as well as a handsomely furnished ladies' room with suitable lavatories. On the first floor, additional class rooms and a committee room, and on the second floor, a large room for rehearsals, a

billiard room and a photographic studio

Mr Benjamin moved & Mr Greig seconded the following amendment:-

"That a sub committee be appointed to take into consideration the question of extending the accommodation of the Institution, at the same time of reporting as to the total probable cost, together with an estimate of new revenue available from such improvements - the sub committee to have power to confer with the architects of the Institution as to the best mode of carrying out the improvements."

The President withdrew his motion in favour of the amendment, which was carried.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Moody & Mr Benjamin that the said sub committee shall consist of the Finance Committee together with Mr Piers, Mr Link, Mr Meeks and Mr Daniel.

### Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£110.0.0
Total revenue of ~ ~	166.12.1
New members during month	28.
Balance in the Bank	£206.18.2

Conferred M. E. Kingston  
President

6 Mar 1882.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 1882

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30  
Present. Professor Elkington, President (in the chair)

- Mr Millie Vice President
- Benjamin Treasurer
- Piers
- Thompson
- Moody
- Link
- Daniel
- Severs
- Meeks
- Downward
- Harlin
- Fuge
- Rennie

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

The Library sub committee reported as follows:-

Your committee beg to report that they have elected Mr Harlin chairman of the committee for the year. Since the beginning of the year 40 volumes have been received by the mail and added to the Library at a cost of £18.8.0. The following are recommended for addition to the Library

From Geo Robertson	53 vols @ £19s 1.5
" Sam Mullen	26 " " 10.9.6
" M L Hutchinson	1 " " 3.2
	<u>80</u> 29s 4d!

The following are recommended for addition to the list of Periodicals:-

Proctor's 'Knowledge'	1 copy
S <sup>r</sup> Nicholas	1 "

Resolved, on motion of Mr Link and Mr Daniel, that the report be adopted.  
The Finance sub committee reported

as follows:-

"Your Committee beg to report that they have elected Mr Thompson Chairman for the year. The A/cs for January & February have been audited and found correct. Your Committee recommend payment of the following A/cs

Secretary's Salary for February	£25.0.0
Librarian's " "	19.10.0
Assistants " "	7.11.8
Hallkeeper 4 weeks wages to 4/3/82	10.0.0
Melbrop Gas Co A/cs for Jan 4 & Feb 4	24.15.10
Whitehead & Co Magazines to 31/12/81	03.9.10
W Detmold Binding to 24/2/82	39.19.11
W Dawson & Co papers to 31/12/81	24.10.6
J Dickie Repairs to 24/9/81	7.10.6
Shillwell & Co Report 1001 to	8.0.0
Octavo Daily Times to 31/12/82	2.12.0
Sundry A/cs New Zealand Times to 31/81	1.15.0
J Armstrong advertising	1.10.0
Melb: Punch advert <sup>s</sup> in Almanac	1.10.0
Draper & Sons cleaning cloaks	1.5.0
Advocate	1.1.6
J Gaunt. cloaks	1.1.0
Sands & Mc Donnell Directory	1.0.0
Waltham Chronicle Postage	13.0
Geelong Advertiser	13.0
G. Robertson Printing	12.6
Poullton & Sons	8.0
Religious Tract Society book	6.0 11.15.0
Petty Cash	5.0.0
	£249.15.3

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

The Emergency Sub-Committee reported as follows:-

"Your Committee beg to report that the Secretary received a letter from the Solicitors of the Institution stating that a caveat had been lodged by the Proprietors of the Coffee Palace against the application for a certificate of title to land at the rear of the Institution. The caveat claimed a strip of land one foot wide, running from East to West, and another strip running from North to South four feet wide. The Solicitors communicated with Mr Munty (Surveyor) who with Mr Munro (of the Coffee Palace) reviewed the measurements and reduced the first strip to 5 inches and the second to one foot. If then be excluded from the application the Coffee Palace Co<sup>y</sup> will offer no further resistance, otherwise they will proceed with their caveat. The Solicitors are of opinion that the best course would be to concede the 5 inches, and also the foot.

Your sub-committee, as time was urgent, authorised the Secretary to further instruct the Solicitors to take such action as they deem best for the interests of the Institution"

Resolved, on motion of Mr Piers & Mr Thompson that the report be adopted, and the action of the sub-committee endorsed by the General Committee.

Moved by Mr Moody and seconded by Mr Guik that the hour of meeting for this committee shall be 5 p.m. A division on the motion was called for with the following result:-

For. Mr Moody	Against. Mr Meeks
Thompson	Guise
Guik	Benjamin
Daniel	Rennie
Hadwin	Downward
El Kingston	Mellie
(6)	Dovers
	Piers
	(8)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1882.

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30  
Present. Professor Elkington, President, (in the chair)

- Mr Diers
- Greig
- Daniel
- Harlin
- Sewers
- Downward
- Moody
- Rennie
- Meeks
- Gint
- Gillbee

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

C.W. Russell.

A letter was read from Mr C W Russell making an offer of £10 per annum for permission to leave his Grand Piano on the platform of the Hall.

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows  
"Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/cs for March & found them correct. They recommend that the offer of £10 per annum made by Mr Russell for storage of Piano be accepted but without any responsibility to be incurred by us under any circumstances. Payment is recommended of the following A/cs

Secretary's Salary for March	£ 25.0.0
Librarian's " "	19.10.0
Assistant's " "	7.11.8
Hall Keeper " "	10.0.0
Melhop Gas Co	16.14.4
Melbourne Water Supply	8.0.0
Sundry A/cs	2 1/2 } 2.12.4
Queenslander	13/4 }
Courier	18/4 }
J. Kitchen	
Petty Cash	5.0.0

Resolved, on motion of Mr Sewers & Mr Rennie

The motion was therefore lost.

The Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £159.7.0  
 Total revenue of " " 259.1.6  
 " " " 2 months 425.13.7  
 New members during the month 28  
 Balance in the Bank £392.4.0

Confirmed  
J. Elkington



that the Report be adopted, with the understanding in reference to Mr Russell's Piano, that in case it should be necessary to have it removed, such removal shall be effected by Mr Russell. the expense to be defrayed by the Institution.

The House Sub Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have elected Mr Hillie Chairman of the Sub Committee for the year. They recommend that the floor of the front office, occupied by Mr Baber, be repaired at a cost of about £2; also that the ceiling of the corridor be repaired; that the terms of subscription be written on the top of the notice board in the corridor, and that a new mat be procured for the news room.

Resolved on motion of Mr Beers & Mr Moody that the report be adopted.

Easter Holi days

Resolved that the Library be closed on the Saturday before Easter, but that the news room & Reading room shall remain open on that day.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month	£130. 4. 0
Total revenue ~ ~	211. 19. 0
~ ~ ~ 3 months	637. 12. 7
New members during month	41
~ ~ ~ 3 months	97
Balance in the Bank	£354. 7. 9

Confirmed  
H. Gillingham

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 1882

The General Committee met this evening @ 7.30  
Present: Professor G. Kingdon (Chair)

- Millic (Vice President)
- Benjamin (Treasurer)
- Harlie
- Beers
- Greig
- Rennie
- Daniel
- Thompson
- Downward
- Luik
- Duffy.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed  
A letter was read from Mr Lundt, Photographer, suggesting that a photographic studio might be erected over the offices in front of the Institution, and that he would rent the same. Resolved, on motion of Mr Beers and Mr Daniel that the Committee cannot entertain the question at present.

The Library sub Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that 33 volumes were received by the mail during the month and added to the Library at a cost of £12. 14. 6  
They recommend subscription for two copies of "Australia a History" & "New Zealand, a History, by G. W. Rusden", one copy of "Fernshaw" (2/6) by Patchett Martin, one copy of the "Mining Chronicle" (2/6 per annum) published by A. H. Massin & Co, also

From	Geo Robertson	12	(@ £5. 15. 0)
~	Saml Muller	24	(@ 8. 2. 1)
~	~	4	16. 3
~	~	40	14. 14. 0

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

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:

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

Secretary's Salary for April	£ 25.0.0	
Librarian	19.10.0	
Assistant's	7.11.8	
State Rec for 4 weeks' wages to 29/4/82	10.0.0	
Metrop Gas for A/cs for April	15.15.11	
Corporation Town Rate to 30/6/82	£ 15.0.0	} 25.0.0
Lighting to 31/12/82	10.0.0	
W Detmold, binding &c to 29/3/82	5.1.1	
Gordon & Letch h/paper to 30/6/82	8.2.6	
J E Dakin Repairs &c to 15/4/82	6.6.7	
Sundry A/cs	£ 2.8.0	} 4.13.2
Bulletin N paper to 2 copies to 30/6/82	14.0	
Schoolmaster to 30/6/82	13.0	
Draper & Sons checks to 30/4/82	8.4	
Warrnambool Standard Postage 31/12/82	6.8	
M L Hutchinson Book	3.2	
Petty Cash	5.0.0	
	<u>£ 132.0.11</u>	

Resolved, on motion of Mr Thompson & Mr Millie, that the report be adopted.

Title & Right of way

The Secretary reported that he had received the certificate of Title to the right of way at the rear of the Institute. He was instructed to forward it to Mr Gibbs, the Trustee, for Custody.

The Secretary read the following statement:-

### Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 108.15.6
Total revenue of the month	£ 192.4.1
~ ~ ~ 4 months	829.16.8
New members during month	29
~ ~ ~ 4 months	126
Balance in the Bank	£ 452.3.6

Confirmed  
H. Loring

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 1882

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30  
Present.

Professor Ellington (Chair)  
Mr Biers

Thompson

Buge

Millie

Greg

Daniel

Siut

Harlie

Meeks

Rennie

Driffen

Gillbee

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed  
The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c's for May & found them correct. They recommend that a yearly rental of not less than £15 be charged to the Proprietor of the Coffee Palace for the ground on which their oven is built, also that notice be given to Mr J. D. Payne that £500 will be paid off the mortgage in December next. Your Committee have received a letter from the Librarian Mr Smith with reference to a subscription said to have been paid to him by Miss de Fruchy. Your Committee recommend that this amount in question be written off

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

Secretary's salary for May	£ 25. 0. 0
Librarian's " "	19. 10. 0
Assistant's " "	7. 11. 8
Hall Keeper 5 weeks wages	12. 10. 0
Melhop Gas Co A/c for May	17. 15. 7
J. B. Payne 1/2 year interest	165. 0. 0
W. Detmold Printing	7. 13. 0

Coffee Palace  
Oven

John Armstrong Newspapers	13. 6. 0
Buckley & Hunt food	7. 5. 3
Victoria Insurance Co	3. 16. 6
Sundry A/c's	2. 2. 6
Penny Leach	5. 0. 0

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

Resolved, on motion of Mr Biers and Mr Meeks, that a delegation from the Finance Committee shall confer with the Director of the Coffee Palace Co. to arrange with them as to the payment of the rent or the removal of the Oven.

The following statement was read

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£ 116. 12. 6
Total revenue of the month	183. 8. 3
5 months	1013. 4. 11
New members during month	42
5 months	168
Balance in the Bank	£ 503. 10. 10.

Confirmed  
J. Ellington

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1882

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30

- Present Professor Elphinstone, President, in the chair,  
 Mr Diers  
 Greig  
 Downward  
 Gillbee  
 Daniel  
 Severs  
 Duffy  
 Millie  
 Harlin  
 Moody  
 Rennie  
 Suge

Minutes of previous meeting read & Confirmed.  
 The Library sub Committee reported as follows.  
 Your Committee beg to report that during the months of May & June, 70 volumes were received by the mail and added to the Library at a cost of £29.1.1. The following are recommended for addition to the Library

From Saml Mullen 30 vols @	£ 8.11.0
Geo Robertson 14 -	4.16.0
Thos Alexander 1 -	4.0
<u>45</u>	<u>£ 13.11.0</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Harlin & Mr Moody 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 June & found them correct. A deputation from this sub-Committee waited upon the Directors of the

Coffee Palace Co and informed them that a certificate of title had been obtained for the right of way, and that rent would be demanded from the company for the site of the oven. The Directors stated that they were of opinion that the right of way is the property of the Melbourne Corporation, and that leave had been obtained from said Corporation to build the oven. The Deputation urged that the ground is the property of the Melbourne Athenaeum, and that the Coffee Palace Co are trespassers thereon. The Directors then asked for time to consider the subject. Subsequently, the Deputation ascertained from the Town Clerk that no permission had been given by the Corporation or any of its officers to erect the oven.

Payment is recommended of the following A/c's

Salaries Secretary for June	£25.0.0	} £62.1.8
Librarian - - -	19.10.0	
Assistant	7.11.8	
Hall Keeper	10.0.0	
Metrop Gas Co A/c for June	24.5.11	
Geo Robertson -	94.7.3	
Saml Mullen	41.19.6	
Gas Pipe would Law expenses re right of way	39.18.8	
Victoria Insurance Co Premium on Guarantee	2.0.0	
Petty Cash	5.0.0	
	<u>£ 269.13.0</u>	

Resolved, on motion of Mr Severs & Mr Millie that the report be adopted.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Moody, that the further consideration of the encroachment on the right of way be referred to the Finance sub Committee & report afresh.

A suggestion made in the suggestion book by Mr Nathaniel Barnett with regard to a mode of ventilating the Reading Room was referred to the House Committee with power to act in the matter.

Hour of meeting

Mr Moody gave notice that he would move, at the next meeting, that the hour of meeting of the General Committee be altered to five o'clock.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month £ 80. 10. 0

Total revenue of the month 223. 3. 6  
~ ~ ~ 6 months 1236. 8. 5

New members during the month 36  
~ ~ ~ 6 months 204

Balance in Bank £ 440. 2. 10

Confirmed  
A. E. Kingdon

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 1882.

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30.

- Present:—
- Professor (Elkington (Chair))
  - Mr Peers
  - Benjamin
  - Downward
  - Daniel
  - Millie
  - Sevens
  - Trink
  - Duffy
  - Micks
  - Gillbee
  - Greig
  - Rennie
  - Buge
  - Harlin.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:—

Your committee beg to report that the communication which the Directors of the Coffee Palace Co had promised has not been received. The A/cs for July have been audited & found correct. Payment is recommended of the following A/cs.

Salaries	£ 64. 11. 0
Gas	22. 8. 7
Detmold	12. 9. 0
Armstrong	13. 6. 0
De Kier	7. 17. 9
Gas Fookin & Son	3. 0. 0
Sundry A/cs	10. 12. 9
Petty Cash	5. 0. 0
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	£ 139. 5. 9

Resolved, on motion of Mr Sevens & Mr Millie

*Coffee Palace* *That the Report be adopted.*  
 Resolved, on motion of Mr Benjamin & Mr Millie, that the Directors of the Victoria Coffee Palace be communicated with, and their attention drawn to the fact that the communication promised by them had not been sent, and asking them to supply the omission.

Professor Elkinston submitted the following

PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON IMPROVEMENTS.

THE Sub-Committee appointed to consider the question of extending the accommodation of the building have the honour to report that rough plans of the new front building have been prepared by the Architects, Messrs. SMITH and JOHNSON, the cost of which is estimated by them at about £7500, to which may be added £1000 for probable under valuation, which will raise the amount to £8500.

About £1000 will be required for fittings, furniture, &c.  
 There will be a probable loss of revenue in rent to the extent of about £1000 during the period that the building will take in erection.

These three sums, viz. :-

New building	...	...	...	£8500
Furniture	...	...	...	1000
Loss of revenue	...	...	...	1000

will give a total of £10,500, or say £11,000, which must be provided for by a fresh loan, the interest on which at 5 per cent. will amount to £550 per annum.

The increased yearly cost of management may be estimated thus :-

For Assistant hallkeeper	...	...	£75 per annum.
„ Female attendant	...	...	50 „
„ Extra fuel and gas	...	...	40 „
„ Rates, &c.	...	...	30 „
„ Contingencies	...	...	5 „
			<u>£200</u>

Or, a total extra outlay of £750 per annum.

The present staff of the office and library will suffice for 100 extra members, representing an increase in our receipts of about £100 per annum. If the number of members should increase considerably beyond this limit, an extra sum for purchase of books and for additional attendance must be provided for out of the additional receipts. Should a billiard-room be required, the expense would be defrayed from the receipts. The net profits from this source, after allowing for cost of gas and for interest on the cost of tables, may be set down at £120 per annum.

The present offices give a rental of £182 per annum. The proposed new shops in the front will yield £600 per annum, being an increase of £418.

The extra rooms in the building would enable the Committee to let at least three of them permanently for offices, at a rental of about £52 per annum each, or say £150 for the three.

The Rehearsal room will give an increase of say £80 per annum.

The Photographic rooms will yield about £100 per annum.

The extra yearly revenue will therefore be :-

For Shops in front	...	...	£418
„ Offices up-stairs	...	...	150
„ Billiards	...	...	120
„ Photographic room	...	...	100
„ Rehearsal room	...	...	80
„ Additional subscribers	...	...	100
„ Additional fees from lady subscribers	...	...	50
			<u>£1018</u>
Less increased expenditure			750
			<u>£268</u>

Taking into account the present annual excess of receipts over expenditure (about £350), the Committee is warranted in assuming from the foregoing statement that not less than £600 per annum will be available as a sinking fund for the gradual redemption of the loan.

He moved :-

1. That the report be received and adopted.
2. That the sub-committee be requested to have plans prepared showing in fuller detail the improvements required, and showing for the third story an extension over the entire building.
3. That the sub-committee be requested to confer with the Trustees and ascertain their opinion as to the best means of providing the necessary funds.

Mr Severs seconded the motion.

An amendment was moved & seconded by Mr Benjamin & Mr Millie & Mr Daffy that the report lie on the table and be taken into consideration at the next monthly meeting. This amendment was carried. Mr Biers then moved & Mr Downward seconded that the report be referred back to the sub-committee to bring up a plain & business paper giving the total estimated revenue & expenditure.

This amendment was withdrawn, and Mr Benjamin's amendment having been put as the motion was carried. Resolved, on motion of Mr Biers & Mr Fink, that the members of the General Committee not already on the Improvements Committee be added thereto.

The motion of which Mr Moody had given notice was postponed in consequence of his absence.

The Secretary reported that a member named Mr W Anthony had been detected making marginal notes on the fortnightly review. The consideration of the matter was postponed till the next meeting.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Biers & Mr Severs, that the old magazines be distributed as heretofore among the charitable institutions.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 1882.

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30  
Present. Professor Elrington (chair)  
Mr Millie

- Diers
- Downward
- Dyers
- Meeks
- Daniel
- Harlin
- Scirk
- Rennie
- Moody
- Gillbee

Apologies were made for the absence of Mr Thompson and Mr Benjamin.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read & confirmed  
A letter was read from Mr G Walker, Manager of the Victoria Coffee Palace Co, dated Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 1882 stating that with reference to the matter on which the Deputation had waited upon the Directors of the Co he was authorized to state that the Directors are "unable to sustain the action taken by the Committee".

A letter was read from Mr William Antony, dated July 20<sup>th</sup> 1882, apologising for his having written on the magazines

Coffee Palace \* Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks & Mr Millie, that the matter of the dispute with the Directors of the Coffee Palace Co be referred to the Finance Sub Committee with full power to settle it on such terms as they shall deem best for the interests of the Athenaeum.

Mr W Antony Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks and Mr Moody, that the Secretary be instructed to decline further subscription from Mr Antony

The Secretary read the following statement:

Subscriptions for month £ 111. 7. 3  
 Total revenue of ~ 295. 12. 5  
 ~ ~ 7 months 1532. 0. 10  
 New members during month 27  
 ~ ~ ~ 7 months 231

Balance in Bank £ 466. 2. 3

Confirmed  
H. Elrington

\* Letters of thanks for donations of magazines were read from the Secretaries of the following Institutions, Alfred Hospital, Melbourne Benevolent Asylum, Homeopathic Hospital & Dispensary's Home.

for the present. An amendment, moved by Mr  
Hark & seconded by Mr Harlin, that he <sup>be</sup> allowed the  
alternative of a fine of ten shillings was lost.

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:—

"Your committee report that they have  
audited the A/cs for August & found them correct. They  
recommend payment of the following accounts:

Secretary's Salary	£25.00	}	62.1.8
Librarian's	19.10.0		
Assistants	7.11.8		
Hall Keepers	100.0		
Acrop Gas Co			26.18.4
Whitehead			71.12.5
W Dawson			36.15.5
W Delmold			4.8.10
Sundry A/cs Supt's Room	£1.13.6		
Busham's Paper Co Cochin 13/-			2.6.6
			<u>£ 204.3.2</u>

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

The House Committee reported as follows:—

"Your committee beg to recommend that  
the office occupied by Mr Baker be repaired  
and papered at a cost of about three pounds.

They think it would be imprudent to  
pierce the wall of the reading room & make a  
ventilator, as suggested by Mr R Barrett, without  
first consulting the Architect as to the safety of  
so doing."

Resolved, on motion of Mr Bion & Mr Trecks,  
that the Report be adopted.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Moody & Dr  
Gillbee, that the advice of the Architect be taken

as to the ventilator.

Mr Moody moved his motion with reference to the hour  
of meeting of the Committee, but afterwards withdrew it, by  
consent.

Improvements. The chairman, Professor C Kingston, moved the  
adoption of the progress report of the Sub Committee  
on Improvements, and also the other two motions as on  
the occasion of the presentation of the report. They were seconded  
by Mr Stevens. A long discussion ensued during which  
Mr Gillbee moved that the extra cost for the preparation  
of the plans should be limited to ten pounds. Mr Harlin  
also moved that the Improvements Sub Committee should  
first confer with the Trustees as to the advisability or  
otherwise of commencing the Improvements at present. Ultimately,  
an amendment was moved by Mr Downward, seconded  
by Mr Moody "that the matter be not at present  
further considered" This amendment having been carried,  
it was put as the motion and carried, by seven  
votes to three.

### Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£76.6.0
Total revenue of the month	209.4.10
8 months	1741.5.8
New members during month	22
8 months	253
Balance in Bank	£536.1.4

Confirmed  
2/10/82

M. Mullie  
Acting Chairman



Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1882

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30.

Present

Mr Millie (Chair)

Benjamin  
Piers  
Huge  
Thompson  
Rennie  
Meeks  
Downward  
Daniel  
Greig.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Library Committee reported as follows:-

" Your Committee report that 43 vols have been received by the mail during the past three months and added to the Library at a cost of £ 17.12.0

The following are recommended for addition to the Library:-

From Samuel Muller	40 vols	£ 8.15.6
Geo Robertson	11	5.1.0
Dunn & Collins	1	13.6
James Allen	1	5.0
Thos Alexander	2	10.0
Wright's Directory	1	1.13.8
	<u>56</u>	<u>£ 16.18.8</u>

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

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:-

" Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the Aps for September and found them correct.

With regard to the dispute with the Directors of the Coffee Palace Co<sup>y</sup>, a memo has been drawn up by one of the Directors stating that the following are the terms which the Directors will probably offer to make.

Copy Memo of settlement between the Coffee Palace Co<sup>y</sup> and the Melbourne Athenaeum re Oven at rear of the Athenaeum, to be submitted to respective Committees for confirmation, without prejudice.

Athenaeum to give ~~space~~ lease of space now occupied by the Oven to the Coffee Palace Co<sup>y</sup> for time during which the latter may occupy building to which oven is attached - but lease not to exceed in any case fifty years

Coffee Palace to keep surface above oven in good order to satisfaction of Athenaeum.

Coffee Palace Co<sup>y</sup> to take all risks and responsibilities in connection with oven

Coffee Palace Co<sup>y</sup> to pay £40 for the first year's rent and 10/- per annum for the balance of the period. Coffee Palace Co<sup>y</sup> to pay expenses preparing lease.

Rent to commence as from the 1<sup>st</sup> October 1882"

The Committee recommend that these terms be accepted.

The following accounts are

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1882.

Special meeting

of the General Committee convened by the authority of the President.

- Present.
- Professor Elkinston Pres (Chair)
  - Mr Piers
  - Thompson
  - Downward
  - Trick
  - Millie
  - Hartie.

The president stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of appointing an assistant in the place of Mr Edward Mendoza who had been appointed Librarian of the Public Library, Ballarat. The President had authorised the insertion of advertisements asking for candidates. Several had applied, and a selection had been made from them. The Committee would now have to make the appointment.

Resolved on motion of Mr Piers & Mr Thompson that the Committee approve of the action of the President, and that the choice of the person to be appointed be entrusted to the President & Secretary.

The President & Secretary then read the applications & selected Mr G. Harley Webster, who was then appointed as Assistant, on probation, for three months, at a salary of fifteen shillings per week.

At Millie  
Acting Chairman

Recommended for payment:-

Secretary's Salary for Sept	£25.0.0	
Librarian's	19.10.0	
Assistants	7.11.8	
Palace Keeper 4 weeks @ 30/9/82	10.0.0	62.1.8
Melbrop Gas Co Aps for September		24.4.6
Cooperative Sewa Rate @ 3/12/82		15.0.0
W Detmold binding &c		7.0.3
Melbourne Water Supply, water rate		8.0.0
J Dickie Repairs		3.6.5
Davis Bros Hobart Mercury		2.16.0
National of New Zealand Insurance Co		2.11.0
Sundry Aps Launceston Examina £2.0.0		
Draper & Lous cleaning	16.8	
J Collis 2 Emers	14.0	
Trade Directory	1.13.8	5.4.4
Petty Cash		5.0.0
		<u>£ 135.4.2</u>

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

Holidays

The Secretary was instructed to close the Library on "Cup" day during the whole day, and the Reading Room from 11 till 7.

The following Statement was read by the Secretary

Subscriptions for the month	£ 171.13.0
Total revenue of month	328. 8.4
do do 9 months	2069. 14.0
New members during month 29	
do do 9 months	282
Balance in Bank	£660. 6.6

At Millie  
Acting Chairman

Monday November 6<sup>th</sup> 1892

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30

Present. Mr Millie Vice Pres. (Chair)  
 Biers  
 Thompson  
 Levers  
 Moody  
 Rennie  
 Benjamin  
 Meeks  
 Sage  
 Harlin

Minutes of meetings of 2<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> October read & confirmed

Correspondence

A letter was read from Mr S E Meudoza informing the Committee that he had been appointed Librarian of the Public Library which necessitated his resignation of his position of Assistant at the Athenaeum.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Levers & Mr Meeks, that a letter be sent to Mr Meudoza informing him that the Committee felt gratified to hear of his appointment, and wished him success.

A letter was read from Mr St Byron Moore, Manager of the Australian Electric Co, stating that they were prepared to light up the Institution with the Incandescent Lamp at the same rate as we are now paying for Gas.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Benjamin & Mr Moody that the letter be referred to the House Committee.

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/cs for October & found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following A/cs:

Secretary's Salary for Oct	£ 25.0.0	
Librarians	19.10.0	} 66.1.8
Assistants	7.11.8	
Junior Clerks 8/11/92	1.10.0	
Male Clerks 5 clerks 6/11/92	12.10.0	
Metrop Gas led		27.5.5
W Detmold		5.1.2
John Armstrong & papers		13.6.0
Dakin Repairs		3.9.6
New Zealand Times		2.10.0
C. F. Maxwell Law Times		2.2.0
Sundry A/cs	£ 1.14.3	} 7.14.5
Alexander Books	14.0	
Joe Allen	5.0	
Dunn & Collins	12.2	
Religion Tract Society	6.0	
Kitchen & Sours	1.0.0	
Jeibong Advertiser	6.6	
Drapers & Sours	8.6	
Dixons & papers Co	13.0	
Shillwell & Co printers	1.15.0	
Petty Cash		5.0.0
		<hr/> £ 132.10.2

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

Mr Rennie informed the Committee that he was still in treaty with the Director of the Coffee Palace Co. to the oven. It was agreed that the matter should be left in his hands for another month.

# Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month £ 83.12.0  
 Total revenue of month 195.19.2  
 ~~~~~  
 10 months 2265.13.2

New members during month 16  
 ~~~~~  
 10 months 298

Balance in Bank £721.1.6

Confirmed  
 D. Ewing Esq

4.12.82.

Monday December 4<sup>th</sup> 1882

The General Committee met this evening at 9.30  
 Present Professor El Kingston (chair)

- Mr Thompson
- Mr Millie
- Mr Sisk
- Mr Neeks
- Mr Moodie
- Mr Downward
- Mr Biers
- Mr Rennie
- Mr Fevers
- Mr Harlin.

An apology was made for the absence of Mr Greig.  
 Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Correspondence

A letter was read from Mr Mendoza acknowledging the receipt of a letter from the Secretary.

From Mr Baber asking for a reduction in the rent of his office.

From Mr Walker Manager of the Victoria Coffee Palace, stating that owing to the absence of one of the Directors, Mr Beath, the business of the Company had to be postponed until his return.

Electric Light

The House Sub Committee reported as follows:  
 Your Committee beg to report that they have considered the question of lighting the Institution with the Electric light and beg to recommend that the question be postponed until the Companies now in the field have their operations more matured and shall be each in a position to submit tenders for the lighting.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Millie & Mr Biers that the report be adopted with the understanding that the matter shall be brought up at

the next monthly meeting.

The Finance Sub Committee reports as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c's for November and found them correct. An application has been made by Mr Baber for a reduction in his rent. Your Committee recommend that it be reduced to 25/- per week.

Payment is recommended of the following A/c's -

Salaris	£ 57. 10. 0
Gas	26. 11. 3
Detmold	17. 5. 0
Armstrong	1. 1. 0
Geoff Robertson (Books)	42. 14. 8
Samuel Muller	35. 18. 9
Lecky Treasurer's Stock	7. 0. 0
Gordon & Gotch	9. 9. 0
Austral. Alliance Insurance	2. 2. 6
Halt Insurance Co	2. 2. 6
Victoria	1. 1. 3
J. B. Payne part payment of mortgage	500. 0. 0
J. B. Payne Interest	137. 10. 0
Sundry A/c's	14. 10
Petty Cash	5. 0. 0
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	£ 846. 0. 9

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

It was resolved that the Library be closed as usual from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> January 1883

Resolved that the next monthly meeting be held on

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

The Secretary read the following Statement:-

Subscriptions for the month	£ 124. 3. 0
Total revenue of month	240. 17. 6
Do of 10 months	2506. 10. 8

New members during month	26
10 months	324

Balance in Bank £ 829. 8. 10.

Confirmed  
H. Eekingham

Monday January 8<sup>th</sup> 1882

The General Committee met this evening at 7.30.

- Present.
- Professor Elkington (Chair)
  - Mr Millie
  - Thompson
  - Benjamin
  - Downward
  - Rennie
  - Fuge
  - Neeks
  - Piers
  - Gilbee
  - Lovers

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed

Electric Light

A letter was read from Mr H Byron Moore, Manager of the Australian Electric Light Company Limited, offering to supply the Reading rooms with the Swan incandescent light at the same rate as it now costs for gas, no extra charge for fittings.

Resolved that the letter be referred to the House sub-committee, and that Mr H Byron Moore be informed that the matter is under consideration.

Liedertafel

A letter was read from Mr J. J. Connor, Hon<sup>l</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup> of the Metropolitan Liedertafel, asking whether our Committee would be willing to give the Liedertafel occupancy of the Small Hall every Monday night on payment of a yearly rental of £52.

Resolved that the Secretary shall communicate with the Horticultural Society to see whether any arrangement can be made to meet the views of the Liedertafel

The Finance sub committee reported as follows:-  
Your committee beg to report that they have audited the A/cs for December and found them

correct. Payment is recommended of the following A/cs.

Salaries	£ 57. 10. 0
Gas Co	17. 8. 6
Whitehead	1. 4. 0
S Showie	2. 0. 9
Sundry A/cs	4. 9. 8
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	£ 2. 12. 11

Resolved, on motion of Mr Thompson & Mr Millie that the report be adopted.

Sub Committee to draft Report

Resolved, on motion of Mr Piers and Mr Fuge that the President and Vice President, with the assistance of the Secretary, be a sub-committee to draft the Annual Report.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Piers and Mr Downward that a special meeting be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> inst at 7.30 p.m. to adopt the annual report, accept tender for printing it, & to make arrangements for the Annual meeting.

Treasurer's Statement

The Treasurer's statement for the year was laid on the table, and was referred to the Auditors.

The Secretary read the following statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£ 118. 17. 0
Total revenue of the month	251. 1. 2
do - 12 months	2757. 11. 10
Expenditure of 12 months	2691. 17. 3
New members during the month	17
do - 12 months	341

Balance in Bank £ 233. 8. 3

Confirmed  
5/2/82

Mr Millie  
President