

Monday 29th January 1883.

Special meeting of the General Committee at 7.30pm

Present. Prof. Elkington (Chair)
 Mr Millie
 Biers
 Moody
 Thompson
 Rennie
 Meeks
 Harlin
 Severs
 Luge
 Daniel

The sub Committee presented their draft of the Annual Report. It was read clause by clause, and, after a few alterations had been made, was adopted

The following tenders were received for printing 500 copies of the annual report.

Messrs Stillwell & Co £ 5.10.0
 - Ferguson & Moore 6.10.0
 - McCarrou Bird & Co 9.0.0

Resolved that the tender of Messrs Stillwell & Co be accepted.

Confirmed
5/2/83.

Alex Millie
President

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 31st Jan 1883

The President, Professor Elkington, took the chair at 8 p. m. and read the advertisement calling the meeting. 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 Meeting held 25th January 1882 were read and confirmed

The following report was then read:—

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
 OF THE
 MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM
 FOR THE YEAR 1882.

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

- The revenue of the year is very satisfactory. The gross receipts amount to £2757 11s. 10d., as against £2643 15s. 9d. last year.
- The total number of members on the roll is 1333, and the amount paid by them is £1391 7s. 3d.
- The Large Hall has been in increased demand during the year, and has yielded a revenue of £812 14s. 6d., which, with the exception of the year 1875, is the largest amount received during any year since its erection. The average rental for the last ten years has been £660.
- The revenue from the Small Hall is £234 5s.; from the Offices £157; and from rooms, £119 12s.
- Especial attention has been given to manage the finances of the Institution with as much economy as is consistent with a due regard to a proper supply of books, periodicals, and newspapers. The total expenditure for the ordinary purposes of the Institution is £2191 17s. 3d.
- The number of books added to the Library is 582. The sum of £562 9s. 9d. was spent for books, magazines, and newspapers; also £92 1s. 4d. for binding.
- Referring to the item of law costs in the financial statement, the Committee report that they have found it necessary during the year to have the right-of-way at the rear of the Institution brought under the Land Transfer Statute.
- The loan on mortgage has been reduced by £500, leaving £5000 still to be paid. This amount, at the present rate of income, the Committee hope to reduce at the rate of £500 per year.

9. The question of pulling down the older portion of the Institution, and erecting a building better adapted to the present requirements of this city, has received a large amount of attention. A special Sub-committee was appointed to consider the subject, and after receiving their report, it was decided by the General Committee, after mature deliberation, that it would be prudent to postpone the undertaking until the debt on the Institution shall have been further reduced.

10. Another matter that has been discussed is the lighting of the Institution with the electric light. The advantage to be derived therefrom in lessening the heat in the reading rooms during the summer months makes it highly desirable to have the new light introduced as soon as possible.

12. STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS FOR THE LAST TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS.

YEAR.	No. of Subscribing Members.	New Members.	Volumes Added.	Volumes Circulated.	Magazines Circulated.
1856	590	269	300	12,435	1,010
1857	587	274	350	13,070	2,075
1858	567	174	407	18,175	2,117
1859	508	114	497	16,514	2,098
1860	438	118	220	20,274	3,343
1861	635	281	145	21,144	4,523
1862	600	209	341	19,128	5,093
1863	569	176	401	23,262	5,101
1864	512	127	350	13,305	6,249
1865	471	146	398	12,912	8,152
1866	450	123	270	13,102	9,100
1867	437	117	217	13,146	9,399
1868	458	131	430	13,249	11,378
1869	400	129	413	13,614	10,278
1870	510	170	382	14,922	11,705
1871	547	168	627	19,603	11,927
1872	640	252	426	20,226	12,447
1873	1139	655	705	34,886	15,176
1874	1236	547	1414	39,729	12,323
1875	1287	480	657	45,092	10,697
1876	1488	567	980	43,115	10,500
1877	1571	481	746	45,293	11,000
1878	1525	444	654	46,262	11,115
1879	1410	361	771	58,450	6,096
1880	1400	364	548	*36,317	6,399
1881	1393	326	552	*34,291	6,642
1882	1333	311	582	*34,342	7,268

* Works.

12. The following return shows the number of the various classes of works that have been issued to members. The first four columns show the number of volumes, the last three the number of works. For this return the numbers are counted daily, and are therefore strictly accurate:—

CLASSIFICATION.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.
Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics	16	19	20	21	16	6	7
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts	39	65	69	42	45	24	27
Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence	1,203	1,242	1,200	1,488	1,273	1,165	1,225
Classics and Philology	69	81	90	177	70	75	79
Fine Arts	26	50	54	68	70	45	53
Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works	1,461	1,500	1,450	1,961	1,912	1,686	1,807
History and Historical Memoirs	996	997	1,000	977	730	946	930
Jurisprudence and Legislation	13	14	20	26	15	16	7
Medical Science and Chemistry	38	60	70	72	30	44	26
Miscellaneous and Collected Works	1,870	1,857	1,759	1,568	1,300	1,231	1,123
Natural History and Botany	182	192	200	128	139	127	85
Works of Fiction	35,408	36,489	37,490	47,299	26,322	25,545	24,260
Music	10	11	14	11	7	10	2
Periodical Literature	836	900	896	2,573	2,815	1,854	3,028
Philosophy and General Science	584	634	650	615	396	565	586
Poetry and the Drama	361	502	510	353	283	290	239
Politics	74	105	110	82	95	61	73
Religious & Ecclesiastical Works	129	175	160	159	126	80	95
Juvenile Works	400	500	530	673	521	710	710
	43,115	45,293	46,262	58,450	36,317	34,291	34,342

13. The number of visitors introduced by members, under the provision of Rule 19, was 77.

14. 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.

15. 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 Goleb.
- Calendar from the Council of the Melbourne University.
- Transactions and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria, Vol. XVIII., presented by the Council of the Royal Society.
- Official Record of the Melbourne International Exhibition, from the Commissioners.
- Evidences of Spiritualism (two copies) by the author, W. D. C. Denovan, Esq.
- Tree Culture in South Australia, and South Australian Industries and Manufactories, by Mr. Charles Bonney.

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

16. The annual election of honorary office-bearers resulted in the return of the following gentlemen:—President, Professor Elkington; Vice-President, Alexander Millie, Esq.; Treasurer, David Benjamin, Esq.; Committee: Messrs. L. S. Daniel, F. G. Duffy, H. R. Fuge, J. S. Greig, Wm. Ievers, jun., H. Meeks, C. Rennie, and W. Thompson.

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

The President—PROFESSOR ELKINGTON	.. .. .	attended 12
The Vice-President—ALEXANDER MILLIE, Esq.	.. .. .	" 13
The Treasurer—DAVID BENJAMIN, Esq.	.. .. .	" 7

COMMITTEE:

Biers, H.	.. .. .	attended 14	Harlin, T.	.. .. .	attended 12
Daniel, L. S.	.. .. .	10	Ievers, W.	.. .. .	" 9
Downward, E.	.. .. .	11	Meeks, H.	.. .. .	" 11
Duffy, F. G.	.. .. .	4	Moody, L. A.	.. .. .	" 8
Fink, Theo.	.. .. .	9	Rennie, C.	.. .. .	" 13
Fuge, H. R.	.. .. .	9	Rusden, G. W. (absent from the colony)	.. .. .	" 0
Gillbee, W.	.. .. .	6	Thompson, W.	.. .. .	" 9
Greig, J. S.	.. .. .	7			

18. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following members of the Committee retire from office, but are eligible for re-election, viz.:—Messrs. H. Biers, E. Downward, Theo. Fink, W. Gillbee, J. S. Greig, T. Harlin, and L. A. Moody.

19. Your Committee once more express their hope that all who take an interest in the Institution will make it a duty to endeavour to bring in new members, and in other ways to promote the interests of the Institution.

J. S. ELKINGTON, President.

The Balance Sheet was taken as read.

Resolved, on motion of the President and Vice President, that the report and Balance Sheet be received and adopted.

Messrs Alexander, Miles, Britton, and Sangster were appointed Scrutineers to superintend the Annual election, if required.

Messrs Walter Thompson Junr and Andrew Burns were re-elected Auditors.

The President announced that nominations for Office Bearers and Committee would be taken till ten p.m. and the election, if required, would take place on Monday 5th February

Resolved, on motion of Mr Wm. Ievers Junr and Mr D Sangster that this meeting is of opinion that it is desirable to improve the building and the Institution generally, and that the Committee be requested to prepare a scheme for carrying out those objects, and that it be placed before a special General meeting to be called at an early date.

Resolved, on motion of Mr D Sangster and Mr Christie, that a vote of thanks be accorded to the chairman, the retiring officers and Committee. Professor Elkington returned thanks. A vote of thanks was also passed to the Secretary which he acknowledged

The following nominations for Office Bearers and Committee were received

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

Dr.	For the Year ending 31st December, 1882.	Cr.
To Balance, 31st December, 1881	£171 16 11	
Subscriptions	1,391 7 3	
Rent of Large Hall	812 14 6	
Small Hall	234 5 0	
Offices	157 0 0	
Rooms	119 12 0	
Sale of Catalogues, Waste Paper, &c.	42 13 1	
	2,757 11 10	
		By Salaries
		Books, Magazines and Newspapers
		Interest on Loan
		Gas
		Binding
		Repairs, Furniture, &c.
		Rates
		Law Expenses
		Advertising and Printing
		Manual Assistance
		Postage, Duty Stamps, and Petty Cash
		Insurance
		Stationery
		Auditors
		Fuel
		Guarantee Premium
		2,101 17 3
		Payment of Part of Mortgage
		Dishonoured Cheque
		Balance
	£2,029 8 9	£2,029 8 9

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Dr.	LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.	Cr.
To Salaries for December	£57 10 0	By Rent due Large Hall	£5 5 0
Gas for December	17 8 6	Small Hall	17 5 0
Sundries	7 14 5	Estimated value of Property	17,000 0 0
Loan under Mortgage	5,000 0 0	" " Library	1,600 0 0
Balance	14,176 7 7	" " Furniture, &c.	500 0 0
		Cash in hand	8 2 3
		Cash in City of Melbourne Bank	233 8 3
	£10,250 0 6		236 10 6
			£10,250 0 6

Examined and found correct.

DAVID BENJAMIN,
HONORARY TREASURER.

W. THOMPSON, JR. } AUDITORS.
ANDREW BURNS. }

Monday 5th February 1883

The General Committee met at 7.30.

Present: Mr Alex Millie, President, (Chair)
 Thompson Vice President
 Fuge Treasurer
 Piers
 Moody
 Meeks
 Connor
 Daniel
 Harlin
 Rennie
 Revd Gosman

The minutes of the meetings of the 8th and the 29th January were read and confirmed.

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

A letter was read from the Secretary, J. H. B. Carter, asking for leave of absence for a fortnight. Resolved, on motion of Mr Moody & Mr Thompson, that leave be granted.

The following A/cs were paid for payment:-

Secretary's Salary for January	£ 25.0.0
Librarian	19.10.0
Assistant to 3/2/83	3.15.0
Hall Keeper	12.10.0
Petty Cash	10.0.0
	£ 70.15.0

For President. Alex Millie Esq
 Vice President. Walter Thompson Esq
 Treasurer H. R. Fuge Esq.

Committee

H. Piers Esq
 E. Downward Esq
 J. J. Connor Esq
 W. Gillbee Esq
 J. Harlin Esq
 L. A. Moody Esq
 Revd A Gosman

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

Alex Millie
Chairman

30/1/83

In consequence of the election of Mr Walter Thompson as Vice President, and Mr Huges as Treasurer, their seats on the Committee became vacant.

The following were nominated to supply their place

Mr Geo Lush by Mr Meeks & Mr Piers
Mr J S Ridley by Mr Moody & Mr Connor.

The Secretary was instructed, on the motion of Mr Huges & Mr Piers, to write to Mr F. G. Daffy asking him to state the cause of his absence from the Committee meetings

The following Sub Committees were appointed for the year

Finance
President
Vice President
Treasurer
Mr Connor
Levers
Rennie
Prof Elkinpton

Library
President
Vice President
Mr Daniel
Huges
Gillbee
Harlin
Reda Gosman
Mr Moody
Prof Elkinpton

Emergency
President
Vice President
Mr Piers
Huges
Meeks

House
President
Vice President
Mr Piers
Daniel
Downward
Meeks
Moody

Hour of Meeting

Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks and Mr Daniel that the hour of meeting for the General Committee be 7.30 p.m.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks and Mr Moody, that the consideration of the resolution passed at the General meeting with reference to the alteration of the Building be postponed for two months and that copies of the former Committee's report be handed to the new members of the Committee.

The Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month £ 182.9.0
Total revenue of - - - 302.15.5
New members during - - - 28
Balance in Bank 453.10.9.
Confirmed 5/3/83.
A. E. Miller

Monday 5th March 1883.

The Committee met at 7.30 p.m.
 Present. Mr Millie, President, (Chair)
 Thompson, Vice President
 Suge, Treasurer
 Piers
 Moody
 Downward
 Harlin
 Rennie
 Meeks
 Connor
 Rev A Gosman
 Prof. ElKington.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.
 A letter was read from Mr Frank G. Duffy resigning his place on the Committee.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Moody and Mr Piers, that the resignation be accepted.

A letter was read from Mr Robt Wm Bamford honorary Secretary of the Melbourne Progressive Lyceum, asking whether the Committee would be willing to let the Large Hall to the Lyceum, and for a sum not to exceed £100 per annum for occupancy every Sunday morning from eleven to half past twelve.
 Resolved that the Secretary be empowered to make the letting at the rate of £100 per annum to be paid quarterly in advance, reserving the power to terminate the lease at the end of three months if the Committee think fit

A letter, addressed to Mr Chas Rennie by Mr Beath one of the Directors of the Vic Coffee Palace was handed to the Committee by Mr Rennie and read. It stated that he believed his Codirectors would settle

the matter in reference to the overabundance if our Committee would allow them to occupy extra room under the right-of-way if required, and that he would recommend that twenty shillings per year be paid by them instead of 10/-

Resolved that the matter be referred to the House Committee with power to have an agreement drawn up on the basis of the memoranda already submitted, but defining the extra amount of ground that may be occupied.

Electric Light Resolved, on motion of Mr Piers and Professor ElKington, that the House Committee be empowered to enter into a contract with the Australian Electric Company to light the Reading Room and the News Room with the Electric light for twelve months on the basis of the offer submitted by the said company.

The Library Sub Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have elected Professor ElKington Chairman of the Library Committee. Since their last report, 43 vols have been received by the mail and added to the Library at a cost of £23.9.9. The following are recommended for addition to the Library

From Samuel Mullen	100 vols @ £25.9.5	
" George Robertson	34 "	13.6.0
"	"	3.6
		<u>£ 13.18.11</u>

Resolved, on motion of Professor ElKington and Mr Suge, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they

Mr Duffy

Progressive Lyceum

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have audited the A/cs for January & February and found them correct. They recommend payment of the following A/cs

Secretary's salary for February	25	0	
Librarian's ~	19	10	
Assistants to 3/3/83	3	0	
Hallkeeper ~	10	0	
Whitehead Magazines to Feb 4 1883	68	9	1
Dawson N papers to Jan 11 th 1883	38	12	2
Melrop Cos lco A/cs ^{Jan 11. 12. 7} Feb 4 14. 11. 9 }	26	4	4
J. Armstrong N papers to 31/12/82	13	4	
J Cassel den ~	11	14	
Lehas Troedel Staty to 1/2/83	2	2	6
W Detmold Binding to 2/1/83	9	8	
W Thompson auditing A/cs	2	2	
A Burns ~	2	2	
John Dickie repairs to Jan 4 8 th	4	11	1
J P Loukin & Son ~ 31 st	3	0	0
Art Massina & Co Staty	2	10	
Art Massina & Co Mining Chron.	1	1	
E Whitehead Staty to Jan 4 31	1	2	9
J Gaunt cleaning & winding clocks	1	11	
J. Armstrong advertising	1	10	
Cameron Laing & Co advertising	1	10	
Sands & Mc Dougal Directory	1	0	
Bisbaue & paper Co 4	1	14	
Sundry A/cs.			
Bulletin N paper Coy	17	0	
Home pathic World	8	0	
Australian Schoolmaster	7	0	
Gippsland Mercury	13	0	
Wimmera Star	4	6	6
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	£	253	45

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

Committee.
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Mr James Ridley and Mr George Lusk were elected members of the General Committee vice Mr Thompson & Mr Huges.

It was decided that the Library should be closed as usual on the Saturday before Easter.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£102.10.0
Total revenue of the month	150.9.2
~ ~ 2 months	452.14.7

New members during the month 23
 ~ ~ 2 months 56
 Balance in the Bank £533.4.11
 Confirmed

Wm April 2nd 1883
 Alex Millie
 Chairman.

Monday 2nd April 1883

The Committee met at 7.30 p.m.

Present

- Mr Alex Millie, President (Chair)
- W. Thompson Vice Pres
- Ruge Treasurer
- Biers
- Meeks
- Harlin
- Downward
- Lush
- Ridley
- Connor
- Rev Gosman

An apology was received for the absence of Mr Rennie
Minutes read & confirmed

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Horticultural Society of Victoria (Mr M. Miller) in reply to a letter from the Secy of this Institution (dated 6th Feb 84) stating that the Society is willing to comply with the request of our Committee, but that, as the rules prescribe the first Monday in the month as the night of meeting, it will be necessary to alter these. To convene a special meeting for that purpose would be troublesome and expensive. He therefore suggested the desirability of postponing the matter till their annual meeting in July.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Biers & Mr Downward, that the Liedertafel be informed of the letter from the Horticultural Society, and that the matter be left to their arrangement.

Electric Light The House Sub Committee reported as follows:—
Your Committee beg to report that

Horticultural Society
Liedertafel

They have elected Mr Biers Chairman of the House Sub Committee for the year. They have made arrangements with the Australian Electric Coy to light the two Reading Rooms with the Electric Light. It is expected that every thing will be ready by 1st of May. The Sub Committee have decided to recommend that the Coffee Palace Coy be allowed to extend the width of the ground, they at present occupy in our right-of-way, to a point in a line with the north end of our Institution— being an extension of about six yards.

Orew & Co.

The Secretary said that he had been requested by Mr Rennie to state that Mr Beath had informed him that it was the desire of the Directors of the Coffee Palace Coy to have power to construct an underground passage right across the right-of-way.

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

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:—

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

Secretary's salary for March	£ 25.0.0
Librarian's " " "	19.10.0
Assistants to 31/3/83	3.0.0
Hallkeeper " "	10.0.0
Metrop Gas Co A/cs for March	16.7.11
Samuel Mullett, Books	28.19.11
W Detmold, Binding	8.14.0
Laundry A/cs. Draper, closet -	16.8
W Rogers. Book	7.6
Thorp. Repairs	7.6
Petty Cash	5.0.0
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	6.11.8
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Resolved, on motion of Mr Thompson & Mr Connor,

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£ 92.4.6
Total revenue of the month	137.14.1
" " " 3 months	590.8.8

New members during the month	17
" " " 3 months	68

Balance in the Bank £ 417.14.7

Confirmed May 7th 1883.

Alex Millie
Chairman of Committee.

that the report be adopted.

Improvements. The question of preparing a scheme for the improvement of the Building to be submitted to a special general meeting of the members was considered, and it was resolved, on motion of Mr Harlin and Mr Thompson, that the Secretary shall place the question on the notices sent to the Committee for the next meeting, and that Professor Elkington and Mr Severs be specially requested to attend.

Death of Mr L.A. Moody. The President informed the Committee of the death of Mr Lesley Alexander Moody, which occurred on the 17th March. He said that Mr Moody's amiable disposition, his kind and conciliatory manners, and his knowledge of business had made him an agreeable and useful member of the Committee.

Resolved, on motion of Rev Mr Gosman and Mr Downward that the death of Mr Moody together with the expression of the great regret of the Committee for his loss be recorded on the minutes, and that a copy thereof be forwarded to his relatives

Vacancies in Committee. The President informed the Committee that nominations could now be made to supply the vacancies in the Committee caused by the death of Mr Moody, and the resignation of Mr Duffy. The following nominations were then verbally made Mr Thomas Collins, proposed by Mr Meeks & Mr Lush Mr L. S. Christie, proposed by Mr Connor & Mr Sayer.

Sub Committees. Resolved on motion of Mr Biers & Mr Sayer that Mr Lush be added to the ^{Language} Sub Committee

Resolved, on motion of Mr Biers & Mr Meeks that Mr Ridley be added to the House sub Committee

Monday 7th May 1883

The Committee met at 7.30 p.m.

Present. Mr Alex^r Millie. (Pres) Chair.
 Thompson (V. Pres)
 Ridley
 Harlie
 Severs
 Connor
 Gillbee
 Meeks
 Rennie
 Rev^d A Gosman
 Prof. ElKington

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed

Coffee Palace

A letter was read from Mr David Beath one of the Directors of the Victoria Coffee Palace Co, addressed to Mr Rennie (one of the Committee of the Institution) stating that he is prepared to recommend his Co-Director to accept the terms offered for the lease of the ground in the right-of-way.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Connor that the Secretary write to the Directors of the Coffee Palace Co asking if the lease may now be prepared on the basis of the terms agreed to by Mr Beath.

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:-

"Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the accounts for April and found them correct. They recommend that the sum of three hundred pounds be placed as a fixed deposit in the City of Melbourne Bank for six

months, also that the following accounts be paid:-

Secretary's salary for April	25.0.0
Librarian's " " " "	19.10.0
Assistants " " to 28/4/83	3.0.0
Hallkeeper's " " " "	10.0.0
Metrop Gas Co's A/c for April	20.0.4
St Muller N' papers & Magazines	37.1.0
City of Melbourne Town Rate £15.0.0	} 25.0.0
" " Lighting Rate 10.0.0	
Melbourne Water Supply to 20/6/83	8.0.0
Stillwell & Co Printing	10.9.6
Armstrong N' papers to 31/3/83	13.4.0
Melbourne Punch to 30/6/83	7.4.0
W Detmold Binding to 10/4/83	5.16.0
Sundry Gas & other repairs	£ 1.7.6
Border Watch to Dec/82	1.2.2
Drapor, cloths, to 31/5/83	16.8
Whitehead Staty	15.0
Geelong Advertiser	13.0
Brisbane N'pap. Co Courier to 30/6/83	13.0
Pelby Cash	5.0.0
	<hr/> 10.9.4
	<hr/> 194.12.2

Fixed deposit for 6 months
 in City of Melbourne Bank }

 300.0.0

 £ 494.12.2

Resolved, on motion of Mr Thompson & Rev^d Gosman that the report be adopted.

Nominations for vacancies on Committee

The Chairman stated that as the nominations for the vacancies on the Committee made at the previous meeting were not completed in the manner prescribed by the laws, fresh nominations must be made.

Improvements

Professor ElKington laid upon the table a Balance

and Mr Gillbee, that the question be referred to the Library Committee with power to act.

Lighting Library

Mr Harlin informed the Committee that he thought it highly desirable to have the Library lighted by the electric light. The matter was referred to the Library Committee.

A letter was read from Revd Alex Morrison offering to purchase a copy of Mr Lightfoot's Commentary on the Colossians for the Congregational College Library.

Resolved, on motion of Professor ElKington & Mr Meeks that the book be presented to the College Library.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£ 142.12.0
Total revenue of - - -	360.2.4
- - - 4 months	997.14.11

New members during the month	44
- - - 4 months	112

Balance in the Bank £659.13.5.

Confirmed
June 4th 1883

Attest
Chairman.

Sheet containing an approximate statement of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Institution after the proposed improvements shall have been carried into effect. He then gave a general outline of a scheme for the conversion of the Institution into a limited Company.

A long discussion ensued and it was ultimately Resolved, on motion of Professor ElKington and Mr Severs, that the question whether a company can be legally formed on the basis of the scheme prepared by Professor ElKington be referred to the solicitors for Council's opinion; and also that the question of the liability of individual members of this Committee for any loan that may be contracted on mortgage or for other liabilities be referred at the same time to the solicitors. The Secretary was instructed to call a special meeting of the Committee for this day fortnight, if the solicitors had then prepared the case to be submitted to Council.

Letting of the Hall to the Assoc. Secular Assoc.

Mr Meeks directed the attention of the Committee to the nature of the meeting held by the Australasian Secular Assoc on Sunday mornings in the Large Hall. He understood that the Hall had been let for three months. A discussion ensued as to the propriety of letting the Hall to the said Assoc.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks and Mr Rennie, that the said Association be informed that their tenancy must terminate at the end of the quarter for which it is taken.

Binding

The Secretary informed the Committee that the Librarian thought it desirable that the binding of the books should be divided between two firms, and that Mr Pounceby was willing to do the work on the same terms as Mr Detmold. Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks

Monday May 21st 1883.

Special meeting of the General Committee
at 7.30 p.m. called by resolution of the previous
meeting.

Present.

Mr Alex Millie, President (Chair)
W. Thompson, Vice Pres
Juge. Treasurer
Deans
Ridley
Lonnor
Lush
Severs
Rennie
Gillbee
Harlin.

The resolution convening the meeting was
read, also the Secretary's letter to the Solicitors
in terms of said resolution. The following reply
from Mr J. Wisewould, Solicitor, was read:

51 William Street
Melbourne 21st May 1883.

John Curtis Esq

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst,
I beg to say that I have not prepared a draft
case for the opinion of counsel, as the only questions
to be submitted in the first place would be as
follows, viz:—

Having regard to the rules of the Institu-
tion could it be turned into a limited Company?

The second would be: If so, in what manner could
that object be effected? and— How could a dissentient
minority be bound?

I am
Dear Sir
Yours truly
J Wisewould.

Whilst the Committee were discussing the letter, Mr Wisewould
entered and said that he came to give a personal explanation
as he considered it might be more exhaustive and more satis-
factory to the Committee.

Mr Wisewould then stated that he was of
opinion that it is quite practicable to convert the Insti-
tution into a limited company, but it would be
absolutely necessary to have the assistance of two or three
able barristers and one or two actuaries, to be selected by
this Committee, for the purpose of devising the best means
of effecting the change.

A long conversation ensued but the meeting
terminated without coming to any resolution.

Conformed
June 14th 1883

Alex Millie
Chairman

Monday 4th June 1883

The Committee met at 7.30 pm.

- Present.
- Mr Alex^r Millie, Pres. (Chair)
 - Thompson Vice Pres
 - Juge Treasurer
 - Piers
 - Harlin
 - Daniel
 - Livers
 - Lush
 - Juge
 - Rennie
 - Meeks
 - Goode
 - Sangster

The minutes of the two preceding meetings were read and confirmed.

Apologies were made for the absence of Messrs Ridley, Connor, and Downward.

A letter was read from Mr E. M. Gibbs one of the Trustees stating that he had deposited £300 in the City of Melbourne Bank, as directed, and that he held the Deposit Receipt.

A letter was read from Mr G. Walker, Manager of the Victoria Coffee Palace, stating that he was directed to request that the lease (for ground in the right-of-way) be prepared.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks & Mr Thompson, that the lease be prepared by the Solicitors under the direction of the Finance Committee.

A letter was read from Mr Thomas R. Andrews, Hon^y Secretary of Melbourne Liedertafel, asking

Coffee Palace

that the seats in the Balcony of the Hall may be renovated.
Resolved, on motion of Mr Thompson and Mr Meeks that the matter be referred to the House Sub Committee with power to act.

The chairman stated that the only nominations made to fill the vacancies on the Committee were

Committee

- Mr Joseph Goode
- Mr David Sangster

He therefore declared those gentlemen duly elected. Mr Goode was then introduced & took his seat.

The following report of the Finance Sub Committee was adopted on motion of Mr Thompson & Mr Rennie.

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/cs for May and found them correct. They recommend that notice be given to Mr J. B. Payne that £500 will be paid off the mortgage in December next. The following A/cs are recommended for payment.

Secretary's Salary for May	£ 25.0.0	
Librarians	19.10.0	
Assistants to 2/6/83	3.15.0	
Hall Keeper	12.10.0	
Metro Gas Co A/cs for May	19.2.6	
Australian Electric Co	3.17.0	
Geo Robertson Dooks to April 30 th	60.19.9	
Gordon & Gotch N ^o papers to 30/6/83	8.15.0	
Victoria Insurance Co	3.16.6	
J. B. Payne	125.0.0	
Thos Ellis repairs to Corridor	6.9.0	
Guarantee Premium Sect	+ 2.0.0	
Sundry A/cs Rowland - sweep	13.0	} 5.16.3
Maclean Postage N ^o paper	3.3	
Petty Cash	5.0.0	
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		£ 296.11.0
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" That the Committee have considered the advisability of improving the buildings of the Melbourne Athenaeum at several meetings, and ~~that~~ ^{while} they are unanimously of opinion that it is very desirable to improve the accommodation now provided in the Institution, they have not been able to devise any scheme for that purpose which they feel justified in recommending to the members as practicable."

Separation day.

As Separation day will fall on Sunday, it was resolved to keep the holiday on Monday July 2nd, and to hold the next monthly meeting of the General Committee on the 9th instead of the 12th July.

Magazines &c

Resolved, that the old Magazines and Periodicals be distributed, as usual, amongst the charitable Institutions.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £ 99.1.0
Total revenue of " " 213.3.0
" " " 5 months 1210.14.11

New members during month 35
" " " 5 months 14 1/2

Balance in the Bank £ 370.4.3

Confirmed
9/7/83

A. J. Millie
Chairman

The following report of the Library sub Committee was adopted, on the motion of Mr Harlin & Mr Hage,

Your Committee beg to ~~report~~ recommend that, in consideration of the damage done to the binding of the books by the heat from the Gas, the Electric Light be used in the Library. They also recommend that a portion of the Binding be given to Mr Pounceby on the same terms as to Mr Detmold. During the past three months, 71 books have been received by mail and added to the Library, at a cost of £31.1.6.

The following are recommended for addition to the Library:—

From Saml Muller	34 vols	£ 9.12.5
George Robertson	28 "	14.6.0
	<u>62</u>	<u>£ 23.18.5</u>

Among these, there is a copy of Mrs Carlyle's letters. The Librarian is anxious to have a second copy. As the work is an expensive one (36/-), we ask the Committee to decide whether it shall be added.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Harlin & Mr Diers that the second copy of Mrs Carlyle's letters be added to the Library.

The Chairman stated how the question stood with regard to the matter of the Improvements of the Building.

Mr Harlin gave notice that he would move at the next meeting that the resolution carried at the meeting of the 7th Nov ordering Council's opinion to be taken be rescinded.

Mr Harlin also gave notice that at the next meeting he would move that the report of this Committee to the intended Special meeting of Members be as follows:—

Improvements

Monday 9th July 1883.

The Committee met at 7.30 pm.

Present: —

- Mr Millie, President. (Chair)
- Fuge, Treasurer
- Piers
- Sangster
- Goode
- Ridley
- Downward
- Harlie
- Seners
- Daniel
- Connor
- Rennie
- Professor Kingdon

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed

Letters were read from the following Insurance Companies, allowing the use of the Electric Light in the Reading rooms:—

Insurance

- National Insurance Co^y of Australasia
- Australian Alliance Insurance Co^y.
- Victoria Insurance Co^y
- National Fire & Marine Insurance Co^y of New Zealand

A letter was read from the Rev^d Alex^r Morrison, Hon Librarian of the Congregational College Library, returning thanks for the donation of the Library of Lightfoot's Commentary on Colossians.

A letter was read from the Librarian, Mr Smith, stating that he had detected a member named

Mr G. F. Dumoulin in the very act of appropriating a copy of the Evening Herald. Resolved that the Secretary write to Mr Dumoulin expressing the Committee's regret that he had, so far forgotten himself as to transgress the Rule of the Institution in such a reprehensible way.

The House Sub Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have accepted the tender of Messrs Robertson & Moffat to cover the seats in the Balcony with Utrecht Velvet and to polish the woodwork for the sum of £32.10. The cornice in the Balcony has been substantially repaired. Minor repairs have also been done in various parts of the Building. Your Committee have prepared a description of the land to be leased to the Coffee Palace Co^y and have directed the Secretary to instruct the Solicitors to prepare the lease in conformity with the conditions agreed to by the General Committee

Resolved, on motion of Mr Piers & Mr Ridley, 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 June, and found them correct. They recommend payment of the following A/cs:—

Secretary's Salary for June	£ 25. 0. 0
Librarian's	19. 10. 0
Assistant to 7/7/83	3. 15. 0
Hallkeeper	12. 10. 0
Metrop Gas Co	21. 19. 9
Australian Electric Co	3. 17. 0
Samuel Mullen Books	9. 14. 11
Pouncey Binding	4. 3. 6
Sundry A/cs	Shu Dickie £2. 8. 8.

Mr. {	Whitehead Slates	1.9.3	
	Clifford Smith Coals	16.0	
	Stillwell Printing	15.0	
	Ambler. Labels	7.6	
	Petty Cash	5.0.0	10.16.5
			<u>£ 111. 6. 7</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Sevens & Mr Downward that the report be adopted.

Sub Committee

Resolved, on motion of Mr Piers & Mr Downward, that Mr Goode be added to the Finance Sub Committee.
 Resolved, on motion of Mr Piers & Mr Tuge that Mr Sangster be added to the House Sub Committee.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Harlin & Mr Piers, that the resolution carried on 7th May ordering Council's opinion to be taken be rescinded.

Mr Harlin said he wished to ~~be~~ asked to modify the resolution which he had given notice to move.

Professor Elkington objected, and the President ruled that the resolution of which notice had been given could not be altered but by the permission of the Committee.

Professor Elkington waived his objection and Mr Harlin then moved:—

"That the report to be presented to the general meeting of members shall be:— that the Committee, though unanimously of opinion that it would be desirable to improve the Building & the Constitution generally, are of opinion (in the words of last year's report) that it would be prudent to postpone the undertaking until the debt on the Constitution shall have been further reduced.

Mr Downward seconded the motion.

After a lengthy discussion, in which most of the members

Improvements

took part, the following amendment was moved by Professor Elkington and seconded by Mr Sangster:—

"That a Sub Committee be appointed to prepare for the consideration of the members a report dealing with the matter referred to the Committee at the last general meeting. The Sub Committee to consist of Messrs Meeks, Sangster, Rennie, Sevens, Ridley and the mover, and to report to a special meeting to be convened for 30th July."

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Mr Harlin withdrew his motion, and this amendment became the motion & was carried.

The President informed the Committee that he had authorized the Secretary to contradict a statement reported in the Daily Telegraph to have been made in the Legislative Assembly by Mr Walker to the effect that the Melbourne Athenaeum is subsidised by the Government.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£ 110. 11. 6
Total revenue	229. 15. 6
6 months	1440. 13. 5

New members during the month 32
6 months 179

Balance in the Bank £ 311. 18. 9.

confirmed
6/8/83

Attest
Chairman

Monday July 30th 1883.

Special Meeting.

The Committee met at 7.30 p.m.

- Present
- Mr Millie, President (Chair)
 - Fuge Treasurer
 - Goode
 - Ridley
 - Connor
 - Meeks
 - Harlin
 - Lush
 - Fewers
 - Piers
 - Rev^d Gosman
 - Professor El Kingston.

The Chairman stated that the special meeting was convened in accordance with the resolution at the last monthly meeting to receive a report of the Improvements Committee.

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The following progress report was submitted:—

"Your committee beg to report that on carefully examining the last sketch plans prepared by the Architects, they were of opinion that the space assigned to the Library was not large enough. The chairman, Professor El Kingston, consulted the Architects and gave them directions for a fresh set of sketch plans which the sub-committee have now under consideration, concerning which they hope to be able to report at the next monthly meeting."

Resolved, on motion of Mr Goode & Mr Connor, that the report be adopted.

Confirmed 6/8/83
A. Millie
Chairman

Monday August 6th 1883

The Committee met at 7.30 p.m.

- Present
- Mr Alexander Millie, Pres. (Chair)
 - Piers
 - Thompson
 - Goode
 - Downward
 - Sangster
 - Fewers
 - Meeks
 - Gillbee
 - Harlin
 - Lush
 - Rev^d A. Gosman

Apologies were made for the absence of Messrs Connor, Ridley, Fuge & Rennie.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read & confirmed.

Correspondence
Authors' fees

A letter was read from Messrs Pavey & Wilson, Solicitors, stating that they were instructed to apply to the Committee for payment of authors' fees for the performance of "Sweethearts" and "Withered Leaves" by the Zingari Comedy Club who had acted the pieces in the Hall of the Athenaeum, and refused to pay the fees.

A letter was read from Mr Gibbs Hon^{ble} Sec^y of the Zingari Comedy Club acknowledging the receipt of a letter from the Secretary of the Athenaeum referring to the letter received from Messrs Pavey & Wilson. Mr Gibbs stated that no charge had been made for admission at the performance given by the Club, and that the Solicitor to the Club had informed them that the fees could not be legally claimed, and that they did not intend to pay them, and that they would thank the Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum for any legal

proceedings that might be taken against them.
Resolved that the letters be received.

Liedertafel

A letter was read from Mr J Connor, Hon Secy of the Metropolitan Liedertafel asking if the Committee would let one of the small rooms to the Liedertafel for a club room.
Resolved that the matter be referred to the House Committee.

Robertson & Moffat

A letter was received from Messrs Robertson & Moffat Drapers & Couriers St stating that the amount of £27.10 in their estimate for recovering the Balcony seats with Utrecht Velvet was erroneously inserted by their clerk & instead of £47.10 - the correct price.

A letter was also received from the clerk who copied the estimate, stating that he had inadvertently made the error.

The Chairman of the House Sub Committee explained the matter.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Lusk & Mr Grode, that although this Committee do not recognize any obligation to pay more than the tender price, yet as they believe a clerical error was made, one half of the extra price be paid - that is £37.10.

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the a/c for July, and found them correct. They recommend payment of the following accounts

Secretary's Salary	£	25.0.0
Librarian		19.10.0
Assistant to 4/8/83		3.0.0
Ball Keeper		10.0.0

Metrop ⁿ Gas Co a/c for July	£	28.16.9
Australian Electric Co		3.17.0
W Detmold Binding to July 26 th		16.6.3
J Armstrong & papers to June 30 th		13.4.0
Pownceby Binding to 24 th July		2.4.6
Davies Brothers Mercury to 30/6/83		2.16.0
Petty Cash		5.0.0
Fixed Deposit		200.0.0
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		329.14.6

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

Resolved that the sum of £200 be placed as a fixed deposit in the City Bank.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£	116.19.6
Total revenue of ~ ~		308.17.6
~ ~ ~ 7 months		1749.10.11

New members during the month	45
~ ~ ~ 7 months	224

Balance in the Bank £509.9.0

Confirmed
4/9/83.

McMillie
Chairman.

Monday September 3rd 1873

The Committee met at 7.30 p.m.

Present Mr Alexander Millie Pres. (Chair)
 Beers
 Ridley
 Sevens
 Thompson
 Daniel
 Harlin
 Lush
 Meeks
 Connor
 Duff
 Professor Elkinston
 Revd Gosman

Apologies were made for the absence of Mr Sampson and Mr Rennie.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Fixed Deposit A letter was read from Mr E. M. Gibbs, one of the Trustees, stating that he had deposited £200 in the City of Melbourne Bank for three months @ 4 1/2 per cent.

Electoral Roll. A letter was read from the Town Clerk, C. G. Fitzgibbon Esq. stating that a list of names for the Electoral Roll of La Trobe Ward had been addressed to his office, which he returned without going in to the question of the right of the persons to be upon enrolled.

The Secretary explained that he had sent the list in error to the Town Clerk instead of to Mr Morton. He had since given the list to Mr Morton who said that in future only the Trustees and the Secretary would be placed on the Electoral Roll

Resolved, on motion of Mr Sevens and Mr Daniel that the members of the Committee shall maintain their right to be placed on the roll.

The Improvements sub Committee presented the following report (in writing).

Melbourne Athenæum.

REPORT of the Sub-Committee on Improvements to the Building.

Your Committee beg to report as under with reference to the proposed remodelling of the Melbourne Athenæum, and the mode of providing the necessary funds for carrying it into effect.

At an early period of their deliberations, the Sub-Committee were convinced that the plans prepared last year did not represent the best means of dealing with the available space. They accordingly directed the Architects to submit pencil sketches embodying their views. These sketches are now presented to the General Committee for approval.

The alterations and improvements set out in the sketches are the following:

1. The whole of the present front building to be removed as far as the southern wall of the Large Hall.
2. The floor of the Large Hall to be raised about 4 ft. in order to construct a Supper Room underneath it. The size of the Supper Room will be 78 ft. by 32 ft. and 15 1/2 ft. high. It is proposed to have this room floored, the walls coloured, the ceiling to be lined with beaded boarding stained. Windows to be formed along east side wall, with borrowed lights also from the rooms on the west side. The ventilation can be effected by this means, together with air tubes at each of the corner shafts of the Large Hall, terminating with a revolving efflux cowl. The rooms already existing beneath the Hall will afford convenient adjuncts to the proposed Supper Room. The staircase to the Supper Room will be from the front vestibule.
COST, about £1,500.
3. It is proposed to erect Galleries along the eastern and western walls of the Large Hall, with two rows of seats affording accommodation for about 150 persons. These Galleries, combined with the raising of the floor of the Hall, will, it is hoped, materially improve the acoustics of the Hall.
COST, about £400.
4. The Entrance to the Large Hall will be by a vestibule from the centre of the front of the building.
5. On the Basement fronting Collins Street there will be **FOUR SHOPS**, two on each side of the Central Vestibule, with Storage Room at the rear.

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Resolved, on motion of Mr Severs and Mr Daniel
that the members of the Committee shall maintain their right
to be placed on the roll.

The Improvements sub Committee presented
the following report (in writing).

6. On the **FIRST FLOOR** there will be—
- READING ROOM** facing Collins Street with three windows. Width 36 ft.; depth, 32 ft. in one portion, and 56 ft. in another portion (being an L-shaped room); height, 16 ft.
 - LADIES' READING ROOM**, fronting Collins Street, with two windows. 23 ft. wide; 40 ft. deep; and 16 ft. high; having Lavatory, &c., conveniently arranged.
 - SECRETARY'S ROOM**. 17 ft. 8 in. x 11 ft. x 16 ft. high.
 - TWO CLOAK ROOMS**, with Lobby.
7. On the **SECOND FLOOR**—
- LIBRARY**, facing Collins Street. Five windows; whole width of building, 63 ft.; 32 ft. deep; and 16 ft. high.
 - CHESS ROOM**.
 - COMMITTEE ROOM**.
 - THREE CLASS ROOMS**.
8. On the **THIRD FLOOR**—
- MUSIC REHEARSAL ROOM**, facing Collins Street. Four windows; 63 ft. wide x 38 ft. x 16 ft. high.
 - BILLIARD ROOM**.
 - CLUB ROOM**.
 - CLOAK (or CLASS) ROOM**.
9. Provision will be made for keeping the Institution open during the progress of the work.

COST.

The estimated cost for carrying out this work is—

For Main Building	£8,500
Supper Room	1,500
Galleries	400
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	£10,400
Loss of Revenue during erection, with contingencies ...	1,000
Furniture	1,000
Architect's Commission, with Salary of Clerk of Works ...	600
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	£13,000

The Debt at the end of the year will be... .. £4,500
So that the gross liability to which the Institution will stand pledged
may be set down at 17,500

The Sub-Committee recommend that this amount (£17,500) should be borrowed on mortgage as at present, and that the General Committee should decide on a maximum interest of 5½ per cent. per annum, amounting to £962 10s.

From the accompanying abstract of probable receipts and expenditure, it will be seen that the receipts may be estimated to be about £3530, and the expenditure about £2079. If to this latter amount we add £962 10s. for interest, it will make the total disbursement £3041 10s. This leaves £488 10s. to be used for paying off a portion of the borrowed money at the end of the first year, which amount will be increased each year by the sum saved in interest.

The Sub-Committee are therefore of opinion that the work may be proceeded with, if the tender price does not exceed the estimated cost, and if the money can be obtained at a rate not exceeding 5½ per cent. per annum.

J. S. ELKINGTON,
Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

3rd September, 1883.

ABSTRACT OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

	Present Average.	At Present.
Subscriptions	£1350 0 0	£1600 0 0
Rent of Large Hall	650 0 0	750 0 0
" Rehearsal Room	200 0 0	250 0 0
" Supper Room	—	50 0 0
" Shops	164 0 0	600 0 0
" Rooms	100 0 0	150 0 0
" Billiard Room	—	80 0 0
" Sales, &c.	80 0 0	50 0 0
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		£706 0 0
Salaries—Secretary	£300 0 0	
Librarian	234 0 0	
Assistant do.	52 0 0	
Hallkeeper	120 0 0	
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		£706 0 0
Extra Salaries—		
Assistant Librarian	104 0 0	
" Hallkeeper	75 0 0	
Female Assistant	40 0 0	
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		2079 0 0
Books, Magazines, and		
Newspapers	562 0 0	600 0 0
Binding, &c.	92 0 0	100 0 0
Lighting	250 0 0	280 0 0
Rates	56 0 0	86 0 0
Advertising and Printing	17 0 0	20 0 0
Postage, Petty Cash, &c.	13 0 0	15 0 0
Insurance	12 0 0	18 0 0
Stationery, &c.	12 0 0	15 0 0
Repairs	10 0 0	20 0 0
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		2079 0 0
Interest on £17,500 at 5½ per cent.		962 10 0
Balance		488 10 0
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		£3530 0 0

Resolved, on motion of Professor ElKington and Mr Severs, that the report be received and adopted that it be printed, and that a special meeting be called for this day fortnight to take it into consideration.

The Finance sub committee reported as follows:

Your committee beg to report that they have audited the A/cs for August and found them correct. They recommend that in future the salaries of the Secretary, Librarian, Assistant, & Hallkeeper be paid on the first day of each calendar month except when such day shall fall on Sunday, when the same shall be paid on the 2nd day of such month.

The following A/cs are recommended for payment:-

Secretary's Salary for August	£ 25.0.0	
Librarian	19.10.0	
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Hallkeeper	10.0.0	
Mechop Gas Co	21.2.1	
Australian Electric Co	3.17.0	
E. Whitehead & Co Magazines	72.13.5	
Wm Dawson & Sons & papers	30.2.4	
Robinson & Moffat Seats & Cover	57.0.0	
Thomas & Dakin Repairs	9.7.0	
Martin & Pearock in Balcony	15.3.9	
W Detmold Binding	7.3.3	
John Powacehy	4.7.9	
Sundry A/cs		
Draper & Sons	£ 1.13.6	}
J. Clifford Smith Coals	1. 11.0	
J. Gaunt 2 year cloths	1. 1.0	}
Olays Daily Times to 31/7/84	11. 4	
Warren ambrose Standan	6. 0	}
Atkinson & Co Mining Works	0.6	
Petty Cash	5.0.0	
		£ 289.5.3

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

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £ 106.7.0
 Total revenue of " " 219.18.6
 " " " 8 months 1969.9.5

New members during the month 19
 " " " 8 months 243

Balance in Bank £ 399.13.0.

Confirmed
 1/9/83

Attest
 Chairman.

an amount should be added for probable under-allowance.
Professor Elkington, on behalf of the sub-committee amended the Report as follows:—

Melbourne Athenæum.

AMENDED REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BUILDING.

(ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 1883.)

Your Committee beg to report as under with reference to the proposed remodelling of the Melbourne Athenæum, and the mode of providing the necessary funds for carrying it into effect.

At an early period of their deliberations, the Sub-Committee were convinced that the plans prepared last year did not represent the best means of dealing with the available space. They accordingly directed the Architects to submit pencil sketches embodying their views. These sketches are now presented to the General Committee for approval.

The alterations and improvements set out in the sketches are the following:

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COST, about £1,500.
3. The Entrance to the Large Hall will be by a vestibule from the centre of the front of the building.
4. On the Basement fronting Collins Street there will be **FOUR SHOPS**, two on each side of the Central Vestibule, with Storage Room at the rear.

[OVER]

He then moved:—

1. That the Report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.
11. That the Sub-Committee, in conference with the

Monday 17th September 1883

Special Meeting

The Committee met at 7.30 pm.

- Present: Mr Alexander Moillie Pres. (Chair)
- Downward
 - Ridley
 - Rennie
 - Piers
 - Daniel
 - Harlin
 - Sevens
 - Sculpter
 - Urge
 - Connor
 - Lush

Professor Elkington.

Apologies were made for the absence of Revd Mr Gosman and Mr Thompson.

The Chairman stated that the meeting was convened in accordance with the resolution of the Committee to consider the report of the Improvements Sub-Committee.

Professor Elkington moved the adoption of the report of the Sub-Committee. The motion was seconded by Mr Sevens.

The Committee then proceeded to consider the report, and an opinion was expressed by some that it would be undecidable to have galleries at the sides of the Large Hall. Mr Piers said that he was confident that the prices for some portions of the work were too low, and that he thought

Monday 17th September 1883

Special Meeting

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 - c. **CLASS ROOM**.
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- 8. Provision will be made for keeping the Institution open during the progress of the work.

COST.

The estimated cost for carrying out this work is—

For Main Building	£8,500
Supper Room, with Sundry Alterations	1,900
	<hr/> £10,400
Loss of Revenue during erection, with contingencies	1,000
Furniture	1,000
Architect's Commission, with Salary of Clerk of Works	600
	<hr/> £13,000

Also and the record the report of the Prof of the Law &

The Committee then proceeded to consider the report, and an opinion was expressed by some that it would be undecidable to have galleries at the sides of the Large Hall Mr Peim said that he was confident that the prices for some portions of the work were too low, and that he thought

An amount should be added for probable under valuation. Professor Elkington, on behalf of the sub committee amended the Report as follows:—

The Debt at the end of the year will be... £4,500
 So that the gross liability to which the Institution will stand pledged may be set down at ... 17,500

The Sub-Committee recommend that this amount (£17,500) should be borrowed on mortgage as at present, and that the General Committee should decide on a maximum interest of 5½ per cent. per annum, amounting to £962 10s.

From the accompanying abstract of probable receipts and expenditure, it will be seen that the receipts may be estimated to be about £3530, and the expenditure about £2079. If to this latter amount we add £962 10s. for interest, it will make the total disbursement £3041 10s. This leaves £488 10s. to be used for paying off a portion of the borrowed money at the end of the first year, which amount will be increased each year by the sum saved in interest.

The Sub-Committee are therefore of opinion that the work may be proceeded with, if the tender price does not exceed the estimated cost, and if the money can be obtained at a rate not exceeding 5½ per cent. per annum.

J. S. ELKINGTON,
Chairman of the Sub-Committee.

3rd September, 1883.

ABSTRACT OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

	Present Average.	At Present.
Subscriptions	£1350 0 0	£1600 0 0
Rent of Large Hall ..	650 0 0	750 0 0
" Rehearsal Room ..	200 0 0	250 0 0
" Supper Room	—	50 0 0
" Shops	164 0 0	600 0 0
" Rooms	100 0 0	280 0 0
" Sales, &c.	30 0 0	50 0 0
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Salaries—Secretary ..	£300 0 0	
Librarian	234 0 0	
Assistant do.	52 0 0	
Hallkeeper	120 0 0	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
		£706 0 0
Extra Salaries—		
Assistant Librarian ..		104 0 0
" Hallkeeper		75 0 0
Female Assistant		40 0 0
Books, Magazines, and		
Newspapers	562 0 0	600 0 0
Binding, &c.	92 0 0	100 0 0
Lighting	250 0 0	280 0 0
Rates	56 0 0	86 0 0
Advertising and Printing ..	17 0 0	20 0 0
Postage, Petty Cash, &c. ..	13 0 0	15 0 0
Insurance	12 0 0	18 0 0
Stationery, &c.	12 0 0	15 0 0
Repairs	10 0 0	20 0 0
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		2079 0 0
Interest on £17,500 at 5½ per cent. ..		962 10 0
Balance		488 10 0
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	£3530 0 0	£3530 0 0

He then moved:—

1. That the Report of the Sub-Committee be adopted.
2. That the Sub-Committee, in conference with the

Monday 1st October 1883

The Committee met at 7.30 p.m.

The minutes of the two preceding meetings were read & confirmed

Present:

Mr Alex^r Millie President (chair)

Thompson Vice Pres.

Ruge Treasurer

Saugster

Ridley

Daniel

Downward

Piers

Kennor

Rennie

Lush

Severs

Meeks

Harlin

Goode

Professor Elkinston

Rev Gosman

Letters were read from the Secretaries of the following Institutions thanking the Committee for donations of books, viz: - Melbourne Hospital, Benevolent Asylum, & Homoeopathic Hospital

Resignation
Mr Gillbee

A letter was received from Mr William Gillbee resigning his place on the Committee in consequence of his being about to visit Europe.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Thompson & Mr Severs that the resignation be accepted & that a letter be sent to Mr Gillbee, signed by the President & countersigned by the Secretary, thanking him for his long and valuable services to the Institution, and wishing

Architects, obtain from contractors prices for carrying out the work.

III. That the Sub Committee shall report at the next meeting of the General Committee as to the cost.

The motion was seconded by Mr Severs, and was carried, Mr Piers dissenting as to the first part.

The Committee then adjourned

Confirmed
Oct 11/83

Mr Millie

Chairman

him a very happy voyage and a safe return.

The Library Sub Committee presented the following report which was adopted on the motion of Mr Thompson & Mr Luge:—

Your Committee beg to report that during the past three months 81 vols have been received by the mail and added to the Library at a cost of £ 3 3s 19d. The following are recommended for addition to the Library:—

- Brown Saml Mullen 51 vols @ £12. 3. 5
- Geo Robertson 11 " @ 3. 8. 6

also the following extra copies of Magazines:—

- 2 Atlantic Monthly
- 1 Knowledge
- 1 Family Herald
- 1 Fortnightly Review
- 2 Good words
- 2 Longman's
- 2 Scribner's
- 1 Tinsley
- 1 St Nicholas

to take the place of Magazines no longer published

The Finance Committee presented the following report, which was adopted on the motion of Mr Thompson & Mr Stevens:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the Acs for September and found them correct. The following Acs are recommended for payment:—

Secretary's Salary for August £ 25. 0. 0
 Librarian's " " " 19. 10. 0

Assistant to 29/9/83	£ 3. 0. 0
Hall Keeper - - -	10. 0. 0
Melrop Gas Co	15. 0. 2
Australian Electric Co	3. 17. 0
Geo Robertson Books	61. 12. 6
Town Rates	15. 0. 0
Water Rate	8. 0. 0
Stowie Sundries	4. 0. 0
Helmold Building	3. 11. 6
Sundry Acs Sydney Bulletin 19.9	} 6. 9. 6
Castlemain Leader 9.9	
Petty Cash 5.0.0	
Cheque Book	2. 1. 8
National of N. Zealand Insurance Co	2. 10. 0
	<u>£ 100. 0. 4</u>

"Cup" day.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Piers & Mr Thompson that the Library be closed on "Cup" day & that the Reading rooms be closed from noon to 6 p.m.

Professor Elkington, Chairman of the Improvements Sub Committee reported that the Architects had not been able to obtain Contractors' prices for proposed new Building in time for this meeting. It was arranged that the President shall call a special meeting at an early date after they shall have been obtained.

Mr Langster stated that he had heard complaints of insufficient light in the reading rooms on some occasions. The Secretary was instructed to see the Manager of the Australian Electric Co on the subject.

Mr Connor suggested that something should be done for the better preservation of the Magazines that are circulated from the Library unbound. It was agreed that the subject

Monday 8th October 1883
Special Meeting

The Committee met at 7.30 p.m.
Present Mr Millie President Chair
Thompson Vice President
Downward
Ridley
Lush
Connor
Severs
Langster
Rennie
Harlie
Prof. Elkinston
Rev Gosman.

The Committee meeting was convened by the President in accordance with the resolution of the previous meeting. The following letter was read from the Architects

To the Secretary of the Melbourne Athenaeum
Sir,

Referring to your communication of 10th inst we have made a detailed estimate of the cost of the "Improvements" at the Melbourne Athenaeum and we have had the opinion of a contractor thereon who considers ours a very fair estimate, and the amount accords with the rough estimate previously furnished to you
Yours faithfully
Smith & Johnson.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Severs & Mr Connor that the Report of the sub Committee (with necessary verbal alterations) be adopted as the

should be considered by the Library Committee.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £ 97.9.6
Total revenue of ----- 188.15.6
----- of 9 months 2158.4.11

New members during the month 24
----- of 9 months 267

Balance in Current A/c Bank £ 297.2.3
Fixed Deposits 500.0.0

Confirmed
15/11/83

Attest Millie
Chairman.

Wednesday 24th October 1883.

Special General Meeting



The President, Mr Alexander Millie, took the chair at 8 o'clock. The following members of committee were present:—

- Mr Walter Thompson, V. Pres
- Huge Treasurer
- Professor Elkington
- Mr Severs
- Langster
- Daniel
- Ridley
- Lush
- Rennie
- Meeks
- Goode
- Connor
- Biers
- Hearlin
- Revd Gosman

and about forty other members of the Institution

The Chairman stated that the meeting was called in accordance with a resolution passed at the last annual meeting, which was read.

The advertisement calling the meeting was then read. The said advertisement had been inserted in the Melbourne daily newspapers of October 16th, 20th, & 24th.

Report of the General Committee to be submitted to a special General Meeting of Members to be held in the Small Hall of the Institution on the 24th October at 8 p.m.

Resolved on motion of Mr Ridley & Mr Connor that the President & Professor Elkington with the Secretary make preparations for the meeting.

Confirmed
5/11/83.

At Millie
Chairman

The following Report was distributed among those present

Melbourne Athenæum.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BUILDING.

Your Committee beg to report as under with reference to the proposed remodelling of the Melbourne Athenæum, and the mode of providing the necessary funds for carrying it into effect.

The Architects were directed to submit pencil sketches embodying the instructions received from your Committee. These sketches are now laid before you for your examination and approval. The alterations and improvements set out in them are the following:

1. The whole of the present front building to be removed as far as the southern wall of the Large Hall.
2. The floor of the Large Hall to be raised about 4 ft. in order to construct a Supper Room underneath it. The size of the Supper Room will be 78 ft. by 32 ft. and 15½ ft. high. It is proposed to have this room floored, the walls coloured, the ceiling to be lined with beaded boarding stained. Windows to be formed along east side wall, with borrowed lights also from the rooms on the west side. The ventilation can be effected by this means, together with air tubes at each of the corner shafts of the Large Hall, terminating with a revolving efflux cowl. The rooms already existing beneath the Hall will afford convenient adjuncts to the proposed Supper Room. The staircase to the Supper Room will be from the front vestibule.

COST, about £1,500.

3. The Entrance to the Large Hall will be by a vestibule from the centre of the front of the building.
4. On the Basement fronting Collins Street there will be **FOUR SHOPS**, two on each side of the Central Vestibule, with Storage Room at the rear.
5. On the **FIRST FLOOR** there will be—
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Furniture	1,000
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	<u>£13,000</u>

The Debt at the end of the year will be	£4,500
So that the gross liability to which the Institution will stand pledged may be set down at	17,500

From the accompanying abstract of probable receipts and expenditure, it will be seen that the receipts may be estimated to be about £3530, and the expenditure about £2079. If to this latter amount we add £962 10s. for interest, it will make the total disbursement £3041 10s. This leaves £488 10s. to be used for paying off a portion of the borrowed money at the end of the first year, which amount will be increased each year by the sum saved in interest.

The Committee therefore recommend that the work be proceeded with, whenever it can be done at the estimated cost, and when the money can be obtained at a rate not exceeding 5½ per cent. per annum.

ALEXANDER MILLIE,
Chairman.

3rd September, 1883.

ABSTRACT OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

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Rooms	100	0 0	230	0 0
Sales, &c.	30	0 0	50	0 0
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Librarian	234	0 0		
Assistant do.	52	0 0		
Hallkeeper	120	0 0		
				<u>£706 0 0</u>
Extra Salaries—				
Assistant Librarian	104	0 0		
Hallkeeper	75	0 0		
Female Assistant	40	0 0		
Books, Magazines, and Newspapers	562	0 0	600	0 0
Binding, &c.	92	0 0	100	0 0
Lighting	250	0 0	280	0 0
Rates	56	0 0	86	0 0
Advertising and Printing	17	0 0	20	0 0
Postage, Petty Cash, &c.	13	0 0	15	0 0
Insurance	12	0 0	18	0 0
Stationery, &c.	12	0 0	15	0 0
Repairs	10	0 0	20	0 0
				<u>2079 0 0</u>
Interest on £17,500 at 5½ per cent.			962	10 0
Balance			488	10 0
				<u>£3530 0 0</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie and Mr Meeks that the Report be taken as read.

Moved by the Chairman, seconded by Professor Elkington that this Report be received and adopted.
Professor Elkington gave an explanation of the

proposed Improvements with the help of sketch plans which were exhibited.

An amendment was moved by Mr John Hall, seconded by Mr Piers, that the consideration of the question be postponed until the present debt on the Institution shall be further reduced. This amendment was lost.

A second amendment was moved by Mr Martin Hood and seconded by a member of the Institution, that the further consideration of the question be postponed for a month, owing to the bad attendance at the meeting. This amendment was also lost.

The original motion was then put and carried.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Connor and Mr Meeks that the Architects be instructed to prepare the plans, and to call for tenders.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Severs and Mr Langster:— "That, in the event of any of the tenders being within the estimated cost, and of the money being obtainable at a rate not exceeding $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent per annum, a ^{general} public meeting of the members be called at an early date to give the necessary authority for borrowing the money".

Resolved, on motion of Mr Connor & Mr Ridley that a vote of thanks be given to the Chairman.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood and Mr Piers, that a cordial vote of thanks be

given to Professor Elkington for the great care he had taken in the preparation of this question for the consideration of the Committee & of this meeting.

The Chairman said he must bear testimony to Professor Elkington's unwearied assiduity in the matter.

The Chairman and Professor Elkington returned thanks, and the meeting closed.

It was suggested that the next meeting in connection with the subject should be summoned by circulars.

In reply to a question asked previously to the putting of the second resolution, Professor Elkington stated that the Architects would make no change for their plans until the work was proceeded with.

Attest
Chairman.

Monday 5th November 1883

The Committee met at 7.30 p.m.
Present Mr Alexander Millie Pus (chair)
Langston
Downward
Harlin
Biers
Severs
Lush
Revd Gosman

Minutes of meetings on 1st & 8th October read & confirmed

The minutes of the Special General Meeting of the members held 24th October were read for information, and the Secretary was instructed to add that Professor Elkinston stated, in reply to a question put at the meeting, that the Architects would make no charge for their plans until the work was proceeded with.

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

The Finance Committee reported that they had audited the A/cs for October & found them correct. They recommended payment of the following A/cs:-

Secretary's Salary for October	£ 25.0.0
Librarian's ~ "	19.10.0
Assistant's to 3/11/83	3.15.0
Ballkeeper ~ "	12.10.0
Metrop Gas lco	23.0.11
Australian Electric lco	3.17.0
Gordon & Gotch N'papers	8.13.0
S Muller Books	12.3.5

John Armstrong N'papers	£13.4.0
Pownceby Binding	4.15.0
Detmold Binding	4.5.3
Stillwell Printing	5.15.0
Sundry A/c's J Kitcher & Sons Stearine	£1.0.0
Whitehead Stationery	1.13.0
R. J. Sharpe. Repairs	17.6
John Dickie. Repairs	10.3
J. G. Hornblower. Inghamwood Rd.	17.10
J. Clifford Smith. Coals	17.3
Quekong Advertiser	6.6
Richard Warren. Ocean & Thur. Prov.	6.6
Petty Cash	5.0.0
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	148.5.5

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

The House Committee reported as follows:-
"With reference to the application of the Liedertafel Metropolitan Liedertafel to rent a room for a club room, your Committee beg to report that they have been informed by the Secretary that the room can be spared, and they therefore recommend that it be let to the Liedertafel for one year (subject to "improvement" provision) at a rental of £4.0 without gas."

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

Resolved, on motion of Mr Severs and Mr Lush, that the Architects be instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the Improvements and to call for tenders, with the understanding that if the work be not proceeded with there will

be no charge for such plans & specifications

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month £107-2-6
 Total revenue of " " 270-7-6
 " " " 10 months 2428-12-5

New members during the month 33
 " " " 10 months 300

Balance in current A/c in Bank £309-11-1
 Fixed Deposits " £500-0-0

Confirmed
 14/11/83

W. Millic
 Chairman.

Monday December 3rd 1883

The Committee met at 7.30 p.m.

Present. Mr Millie, President (Chair)

Biers

Connor

Downward

Meeks

Severs

Harlin

Langster

Ridley

Prof. E. Kington

An apology was made for the absence of Rev. Mr. Gosman.
 The minutes of the previous meeting were read ~~and~~ ⁱⁿ ~~and~~.
 Professor E. Kington took exception to the resolution that
 was passed, instructing the Secretary to make an addition
 to the Minutes of the special general meeting of members held
 on the 24th October 1883. He said that the statement which
 he was reported to have made at that meeting was not
 correct, ^{by report} and that it was not a proper mode of procedure for
 the Committee to direct the Secretary to alter the minutes.
 A conversation ensued, but the President decided that the
 minutes of the last Committee meeting must be confirmed,
 if correct, before any other discussion on them could
 take place. It was then resolved that the minutes
 be confirmed.

It was then resolved that the addendum ordered to
 be made to the minutes of the special general meeting
 of members be struck out.

A letter was read from B. M. Gibbs Esq, one of
 the Trustees of the Institution stating that he had
 withdrawn £500 from deposit in the City of Melbourne
 Bank and paid it to the credit of the current A/c of
 the Institution, together with £10-10 interest.

The Finance Sub. Committee reported as follows:-

Your committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for November and found them correct. They recommend that notice be given to Mr J. B. Payne that £500 will be paid off the mortgage next June. Payment is recommended of the following A/c's.

Secretary's Salary for November	£ 25. 0. 0
Librarian's " "	19. 10. 0
Assistant's to 1/12/83	3. 0. 0
Hallkeeper " "	10. 0. 0
Metro Gas Co	17. 0. 4
Electric Light	13. 17. 0
J. B. Payne part payment of mortgage reducing it to £4500	500. 0. 0
J. B. Payne interest on balance of mortgage £5000 for 6 months	125. 0. 0
City Treasurer Street Lamp for 1884	7. 0. 0
Wm Wetmold Building	3. 10. 3
John Pounceby "	2. 17. 0
John Armstrong advertising	2. 17. 0
Gordon & Gotch N Zealand Times to 31/12/83	3. 2. 6
Melbourne Punch	2. 0. 0
Australian Alliance Ins. Co Premium on £2000	2. 2. 6
Nat Insurance Co " "	2. 2. 6
Victoria Insurance Co " on £1000	1. 1. 3
Sundry A/c's Draper	£1. 5. 2
" "	3. 0
Le G Roeszler	2. 6
Petty Cash	5. 0. 0
	6. 10. 8
	<u>£737. 7. 0</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Sangster and Mr Ridley that the Report be adopted.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks and Mr Sangster, that the Library be closed during the first ten days of January 1884

Library closed

Architects. Improvements

Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks & Professor Elkington that the Secretary write to the Architects, Messrs Smith & Johnson, enclosing a copy of the resolutions passed at the special general meeting of members.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £ 83. 1. 6
 Total revenue of " " 228. 1. 6
 " " " 11 months 2669. 9. 11

New members during the month 17
 " " " 11 months 317

Balance in current A/c Bank £469. 7. 2
 Fixed deposits " " 500. 0. 0

Confirmed 7/1/84

Wm Millie Chairman.