

Monday 7th January 1884

The Committee met at 9.30 p.m.

Present Mr Millie (chair)
Thompson
Downward
Buge
Ridley
Sangster
Rennie
Severs
Meeks
Harlin
Biers

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed

A letter was read from the Revd A Gosman resigning his place on the Committee, as he was about to leave the colony. Resolved that the resignation be accepted with regret.

A letter was received from the Assistant (Mr H Webster) asking for an increase of salary.

A letter was received from the Hallkeeper (Mr Shyrell) asking for an increase of salary. Resolved that the letter be referred to the Finance Sub Committee to report.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Australian Secular Association asking if the Committee would let the Large Hall to the Association on Sunday evenings for lectures. Resolved that the consideration of the question be postponed till next meeting.

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:-

"Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the Aps for December and found them correct. They recommended that the sum of three hundred pounds be placed as a fixed deposit in the City of Melbourne Bank. The Assistant has applied for an increase to his salary. The Committee recommended that he shall receive an increase of five shillings per week. Payment is recommended of the following a/cs

Secretary's Salary for December	£ 25.0.0
Librarian's ~	19.10.0
Assistant to 29/12/83	3.0.0
Hallkeeper ~	10.0.0
Metrop Gas Co	9.3.9
Australian Electric Co	3.14.6
W Detmold Binding to 18/12/83	7.14.3
John Pounceby ~ 15/12/83	4.0.9
John Deckie Plumber Repairs to 3/1/84	2.10.4
Sumner & Miller Books to 31/12/83	1.11.6
Sundry Aps Pleasant Creek news	17.0.0
Whitehead Stationery	14.0.0
Nicholson removing piano	10.0.0
J D Stokes repairs	3.6.0
Petty Cash	5.0.0
	7.4.6
	£ 95.12.7

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

The Secretary laid the Balance Sheet on the table read the Treasurer's statement for the year 1883, which was received and referred to the Auditors.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Severs & Mr Meeks that the following gentlemen shall be the Committee to prepare the Committee's Report:- the President, Vice President & Treasurer

Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks and Mr Rennie
that a special meeting to adopt the report be held on
Monday 28th January

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month £115.11.6
Total revenue of ——— 220. 5.4
" " " 12 months 2890. 5.4
New members during month 12
" " " 12 months 329

Balance in current A/c Bank £452.5.6

Confirmed Thomas Harlin
Chairman
4/2/84.

Monday 28th January 1884

Special Meeting.

The Committee met at 7.30 pm.

Present. Mr Meilie, President, (Chair)
" Bugge Treasurer
" Biers
" Connor
" Sangster
" Meeks
" Harlin
" Ridley
" Goode
" Rennie
" Seners

The Sub Committee presented their draft of the Annual Report. After a few alterations had been made in it, it was adopted.

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

Sillwell & Co	£ 5.15.0
Ferguson & Moore	6. 5. 0
Swedel & Co	8.10.0

Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks & Mr Seners
that the tender of Messrs Sillwell & Co be accepted.

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Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 30th January

1884

The President, Alexander Millie Esq, took the chair at 8 p.m. and read the advertisement calling the meeting. The said advertisement had appeared twice in the daily papers, and a notice had been posted in the reading room in accordance with rule 20

The minutes of the Annual meeting held January 31st 1883 and of the special general meeting held 24th October 1883 were read and confirmed.

The Secretary then read the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM, FOR THE YEAR 1883.

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

1. The gross receipts for the year amount to £2830 5s. 4d. as against £2757 11s 10d. last year.
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5. The total expenditure for the ordinary purposes of the Institution was £2114 10s. 4d., of which amount £559 11s. 6d. was for books, magazines, and newspapers; and £77 10s. 3d. for binding.
6. The number of books added to the Library was 590, and extra copies have been supplied of the most popular serials.
7. The loan on mortgage has been further reduced by £500, leaving £4500 still to be paid.

8. As you are already aware, a special meeting of members was held on Wednesday, 24th October, 1883, to receive your Committee's Report with reference to the proposed new buildings. It was resolved that the Architects be instructed to prepare detailed plans, on the lines of sketch plans submitted to the meeting, and to call for tenders. In the event of any approved tender being within the estimated cost of £13,000, and of the money being obtainable at a rate not exceeding 5½ per cent. per annum, it was resolved that another meeting be held for the purpose of giving the necessary authority to borrow the money to carry out the work. The Architects are now preparing their plans, and the tenders will soon be called for.

9. The use of the electric light in the reading rooms has given great satisfaction. In the library it is attended with the further advantage of removing the danger of damage to the binding of the books on the upper shelves from the great heat caused by the gas.

10. STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS FOR THE LAST TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS.

YEAR.	No. of Subscribing Members.	New Members.	Volumes Added.	Volumes Circulated.	Magazines Circulated.
1856	500	269	300	12,435	1,010
1857	587	274	350	13,070	2,075
1858	567	174	350	18,175	2,117
1859	506	144	407	16,514	2,038
1860	433	113	220	20,274	3,343
1861	635	284	145	21,144	4,523
1862	600	209	344	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	9,899
1868	458	131	430	13,249	11,378
1869	460	129	413	13,614	10,278
1870	510	170	382	14,022	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	45,002	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	53,450	6,036
1880	1400	364	543	*36,317	6,399
1881	1398	326	552	*34,291	6,642
1882	1333	341	582	*34,342	7,268
1883	1330	329	560	*35,016	7,209

* Works.

11. The following return shows the number of works of various classes that have been issued during the last four years:—

CLASSIFICATION.	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.
Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics	16	6	7	6
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts	45	24	27	10
Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence	1,273	1,165	1,225	1,294
Classics and Philology	70	75	79	48
Fine Arts	70	45	33	33
Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works	1,912	1,686	1,807	1,833
History and Historical Memoirs	730	946	930	1,099
Jurisprudence and Legislation	15	16	7	3
Medical Science and Chemistry	50	44	26	15
Miscellaneous and Collected Works	1,800	1,231	1,123	1,139
Natural History and Botany	139	127	85	52
Works of Fiction	26,322	25,545	24,260	24,792
Music	7	10	2	10
Periodical Literature	2,815	1,854	3,028	3,053
Philosophy and General Science	396	565	586	578
Poetry and the Drama	283	290	239	260
Politics	95	61	73	42
Religious & Ecclesiastical Works	126	80	95	86
Juvenile Works	673	521	710	663
	36,317	34,291	34,342	35,016

12. The number of visitors introduced by members, under the provision of Rule 19, was 82.

13. 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.

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

Calendar from the Council of the Melbourne University.
Transactions and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria, Vol. XIX., presented by the Council of the Royal Society.
Brett's Auckland Almanac, by the publisher.
Official Directory and Almanac of Australia, by G. Robertson.
Two copies of Brisbane Post-office Directory and Country Guide, from the publishers, Messrs. Watson, Ferguson and Co.
Cultural Industries for Queensland, from the Government Printer, Queensland.
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.

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

15. The annual election of honorary office-bearers resulted in the return of the following gentlemen:—President, Alexander Millie, Esq.; Vice-President, Walter Thompson, Esq.; Treasurer, Henry R. Fuge, Esq.; Committee: Messrs. H. Biers, T. J. Connor, E. Downward, W. Gilbee, Rev. A. Gosman, T. Harlin, and L. A. Moody. Messrs. J. S. Ridley and G. Lush, were elected in place of Messrs. W. Thompson, and H. R. Fuge.

16. Your Committee record with deep regret the death of Mr. Lesley Alexander Moody who was a very attentive and useful member of Committee.

17. Mr. F. G. Duffy, having resigned his seat on the Committee, the place was filled by the election of Mr. Joseph Goode, and Mr. David Sangster was elected in place of Mr. L. A. Moody.

18. Mr. W. Gillbee, and Rev. A. Gosman have also resigned their places on the Committee in consequence of their departure from the Colony on a visit to Europe. Mr. Gillbee had been a member of Committee for thirty years. By unanimous resolution of the Committee, a letter was sent to him, thanking him for his valuable services to the institution.

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

The President—ALEXANDER MILLIE, Esq. attended 17
The Vice-President—WALTER THOMPSON, Esq. " 11
The Treasurer—HENRY R. FUGE, Esq. " 12

COMMITTEE:

Biers, H. attended 15 Harlin, T. attended 17
Connor, T. J. " 13 Ievers, W. " 14
Daniel, L. S. " 6 Lush, G. (elected in April) .. 10
Downward, E. " 10 Meeks, H. " 12
Elkington, Prof. " 10 Moody, L. A. " 2
Gilbee, W. " 3 Rennie, C. " 11
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Gosman, Rev. A. " 10 Sangster, D. (elected in June) 9

20. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following members of the Committee retire from office, but are eligible for re-election, viz.:—Messrs. L. S. Daniel, J. Goode, W. Ievers, G. Lush, H. Meeks, C. Rennie, and J. S. Ridley. Three members to hold office for one year are also to be elected, in place of the Rev. A. Gosman, Mr. W. Gilbee, and Mr. D. Sangster, the last of whom is eligible for re-election.

21. Your Committee would urge on the subscribers the necessity of individual exertion to increase the roll of membership, and to promote in every way the efficiency of the Institution.

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HENRY R. FUGE,
HONORARY TREASURER.

MELBOURNE, 14th January, 1885.

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

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the year ending 31st December, 1883.

To Balance, 31st December, 1882	£236 10 6	By Salaries	£703 0 0
Subscriptions	1355 19 6	Books, Magazines, and Newspapers ..	559 11 6
Rent of Large Hall	900 6 6	Gas and Electric Light	260 10 7
Small Hall	272 13 1	Interest	250 0 0
Rooms	102 18 6	Repairs, Furniture, &c.	122 14 8
Offices	165 0 0	Binding	77 10 3
Sales	22 17 9	Rates	56 0 0
Interest	10 10 0	Advertising and Printing	24 14 0
	2830 5 4	Postage, Duty, and Petty Cash ..	15 14 4
		Manual Assistance	13 7 6
		Insurance	11 12 9
		Stationery	10 3 3
		Auditors	4 4 0
		Fuel	3 17 6
		Guarantee Premium	1 10 0
			2114 10 4
		Payment of Part of Mortgage	500 0 0
		Balance	452 5 6
			£3066 15 10
			£3066 15 10

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Estimated value of Property	£17,000 0 0	Salaries for December	£57 10 0
Library	1,500 0 0	Gas and Electric Light	12 18 3
Furniture, &c.	500 0 0	Sundries	18 4 4
Cash in Bank	452 5 6	Loan under Mortgage	4,500 0 0
		Balance	14,863 12 11
	£19,452 5 6		£19,452 5 6

Examined and found correct.
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Moved by the President, Mr Alexander Millie, seconded by Mr Sewers that the Report & Balance Sheet be received and adopted.
 Mr John Andrew asked for the details of the item of Salaries which were furnished.
 The motion was carried.

Mr J. P. Smith, C Atcheson, J. Miles, and G Blackwood were appointed Scrutineers to superintend the annual election, if required.

Messrs Walter Thompson Junr & Andrew Burns were re-elected auditors.

The President announced that nominations for office Bearers and Committee would be taken till 10 p.m., and that the election if required would take place on Monday 4th February.

The meeting then closed.

The following nominations for Office Bearers and Committee were made:-

For President, Walter Thompson Esq
 Vice President Thomas Harlin Esq
 Treasurer Henry R Fuge Esq

Committee

Henry Meeks Esq
 Wm Sewers Esq
 Geo Lush Esq
 Chas Rennie Esq
 Jas S Ridley Esq
 Joseph Goode Esq
 David Langford Esq

For two years

John Hale Esq
 Edward Davies Esq
 W H Sincock Esq

For one year

As no other nominations were made, the above are duly elected.

Confirmed January 27, 1885,
 Thomas Harlin,
 Vice President.

Monday February 5th 1884.

The Committee met at 7.30 p.m.

Present

- Mr Hartin Vice Pres. Chair
- Duff Treasurer
- Biers
- Millie
- Goode
- Downward
- Ridley
- Sampster
- Hall
- Meeks
- Rennie
- Davies

An apology was made for the absence of Mr Lincoln.

The Minutes of the meeting of 7th & 28th Jan 84 were read and confirmed.

The Minutes of the annual general meeting were read for information.

A letter was read from Mr Gibbs one of the Trustees stating that he had deposited the sum of £300 in the City of Melbourne Bank till the 5th June 1884 @ 5 1/2 % per ann.

Coffee Palace The following letter was received from Mr Wisewould
 one of the Solicitors of the Institution
 30th Jan 1884

This morning I received a letter from Mr M R Davies stating that the Company declined to sign the lease except as originally approved of

by him. This course I cannot allow to be adopted as it would leave all responsibilities with the Atheneum which should be taken by the Company as long as it occupies the ground. While writing it may be as well for me to say that I never fully approved of the lease as it is altogether beyond the scope of the powers vested in the Trustees, and only allowed it in hope of avoiding litigation. The length of the term is unusual. Yours truly
 J. Wisewould.

Ultimatum
 Coffee Palace
 8/4

Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks & Mr Sampster that the Solicitors be instructed to allow fourteen days for completing the lease - failing which, the present negotiation is at an end

A letter was read from the Secretary, Mr Carter, applying for a fortnight's leave of absence

Resolved, on motion of Mr Sampster and Mr Downward, that it be granted

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

Secretary's Salary Decr	£ 25. 0. 0
Librarian's	19. 10. 0
Assistant	5. 0. 0
Hall Keeper	12. 10. 0
Auditors	4. 4. 0
Petty Cash	5. 0. 0

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Goode, that £200 be placed as a fixed deposit in our Bank till the 5th June 1884.

A place on the Committee being vacant by the election of Mr Hartin as Vice President,

Monday 3rd March 1884

Professor El Kingston was nominated thro' by Mr Biers and Mr Harlin.

The following Sub Committees were appointed on motion of Mr Biers:-

Finance

- President
- Vice President
- Mr Goode
- Hall
- Severs
- Lush
- Rennie

Library

- President
- Vice President
- Mr Connor
- Davies
- Fuge
- Smock
- Millie

House

- President
- Vice President
- Mr Biers
- Downward
- Meeks
- Ridley
- Saugster

Emergency

- President
- Vice President
- Mr Biers
- Fuge
- Meeks

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month £ 126.4.6
 Total revenue ----- 360.2.5
 New members 27
 Balance in Bank £ 418.15.4

Confirmed 3/3/84 W. Thompson chairman

The committee met at 9.30 pm.

Present:-

- Mr Thompson Pres (chair)
- Harlin Vice Pres
- Fuge Treasurer
- Biers
- Goode
- Ridley
- Downward
- Millie
- Rennie
- Hall
- Smock
- Saugster
- Meeks
- Severs
- Connor
- Davies
- Lush.

Hall on Sunday

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed

A letter was read from Mr Gibbs (Trustee) stating that he had deposited £200 in the City of Melb. Bk till 5th June 1884 @ 5 1/2 % per annum

A letter was read from Mr John Locknell asking to rent the Hall on Sundays for lectures in support of the Bible truths, and asking for the terms

Resolved, on motion of Mr Biers & Mr Downward that the application be declined

The Library Sub Committee reported as follows:-
 Your Com^{tee} beg to report that they have elected Mr Millie Chairman of the Committee for the year. During the past four months 131 vols have been received by mail, and added to the Library at a cost of £59.12.11.

The following are recommended for addition to the Library

From Samuel Muller 104 vols	£28.1.3
" Geo Robertson 14 "	3.16.6

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

The Finance Sub Com^{tee} reported as follows:-
 Your Com beg to report that they have elected Mr Rennie as their chairman for the year. They have audited the A/cs for January & February & found them correct. They recommend that the wages of the Hall Keeper be increased by five shillings per week, & that the said increase shall take effect from the 1st of last Jan^y. Payment is recommended of the following A/cs.

Secretary's Salary	£25.0.0
Librarian	19.10.0
Assistant to 1 st March	4.0.0
Hall Keeper	10
Melrose Gas Co two months	27.18.7
Australian Electric Co	7.14.0
Geo Robertson Books	60.7.0
E Whitehead & Co Magazines	64.18.11
Wm Dawson & Sons Newspapers	38.8.9
Wm Detmold Binding	9.18.0
John P. Rowley	9.6.6
John Armstrong Newspapers	13.4.0
J Casselden do	11.14.0
Stillwell & Co Printing	5.17.6

Shawie Repairs	£3.2.0
Chas Tweed Printing	2.12.6
W A Massina & Co	2.10.0
Sending A/c to L. Bamber Printing	£1.19.0
John Armstrong advtg	1.10.0
Melbourn Punch do	1.10.0
Thos Dakin Repairs	1.9.9
Advocate,	1.6.0
Drapers & Sons	1.5.2
Otago Daily Times	1.0.0
Nicholson removing piano	10.0
Poulton Homeopathic World	8.0
Wimmera Star	4.6
Petty Cash	5.0.0
	16.2.5
	<u>£332.4.2</u>

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

No other nomination having been received for the vacant place on the Committee, Professor El Kingston was declared duly elected, on the motion of Mr Diers & Mr Cash

Resolved, on motion of Mr Diers that Professor El Kingston ~~that~~ be added to the Library Sub Com^{tee}

Coffee Palace

Mr Rennie made an explanation with reference to the proposed lease to the Coffee Palace Co^y, and said that it was likely that a definite settlement would be made in a few days.

There was an understanding among the Committee that the lease should be issued if terms already offered were agreed to by the Co^y.

The Secretary read the following statements:-

Subscriptions for the month £179.6.0
 Total revenue of the month 240.3.5
 ——— 2 months 600.5.10
 New members during the month 28
 ——— 2 months 55

Balance in the Bank £387.14.9

Confirmed
 Thomas Harlin ;
 Chairman,
 7/4/84 -

Monday 7th April 1884

The General Committee met at 7.30 pm.

Present: — Mr Harlin J.P. (chair)
 " Biers
 " Gode
 " Langster
 " Davies
 " Sincock
 " Millie
 " Severs
 " Hall
 " Lush

An apology was made for the absence of the President (Mr Thompson) and also of Mr Ridley and Mr Connor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

David Blair A letter was read from Mr David Blair offering to give one or more lectures on certain conditions.
 As it was considered that the terms were not advantageous to the Institution, it was resolved on motion of Mr Biers and Mr Davies that the Secretary be instructed to inform Mr Blair that the proposal cannot be entertained in its present form.

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/ces:—

Secretary's Salary for March	£ 25. 0. 0
Librarian's	19. 10. 0
Assistant to 5 th April	5. 0. 0
Hallkeeper to 5 th April (5 weeks) £15. 0. 0	13. 15. 0
extra from 1 st Jan ^y to 5 th March	2. 5. 0
Melbop Gas lco	15. 4. 2
Australian Electric lco	3. 17. 0
Melbourne Water Supply	8. 0. 0
Samuel Mullee Magazines	£1. 3. 6
Books	30. 4. 5
John Pownceby Binding	4. 19. 6
W Detmold	1. 4. 3
Launceston Examiner	2. 10. 0
J. P. Laukie Repairs	2. 5. 0
Sundry A/ces Sands & Mr Doyle Directors	£1. 0. 0
L Howie Sundries	2. 10. 6
E. Whitehead Station	14. 0. 0
J. Gaunt winding clocks	1. 1. 0
Leistemanne Leader	6. 6
Petty Cash	5. 6. 0
	10. 12. 0
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	185. 9. 10
	£

Resolved, on motion of Mr Goode and Mr Saugster that the report be adopted.

Easter Holidays

Resolved that the Library be closed as usual on the Saturday before Easter.

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month £ 84. 19. 6

Total revenue of the month 183. 5. 0

~ ~ ~ 3 months 483. 10. 10

New members during the month 20

~ ~ ~ 3 months 75

Balance in the Bank £238. 15. 4

W. Thompson
President

5/5/84

Monday 5th May 1884

The Committee met at 7.30 p.m.

- Present
- Mr Walter Thompson (Chair)
 - Piers
 - Millie
 - Goode
 - Harlin
 - Sincock
 - Downard
 - Davies
 - Ridley
 - Hall
 - Neeks
 - Severs
 - Such
 - Lounor
 - Duse
 - Prof El Kingston.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed. An apology was made for the absence of Mr Langster.

Melb: Progressive Lyceum

A letter was read from Mr Thomas Lang, Conductor of the Melbourne Progressive Lyceum asking if the Committee would let the Hall to the Lyceum on Sunday forenoons and on what terms.

Moved by Mr Piers, seconded by Professor El Kingston that the Large Hall be let to the applicants for £25 per quarter payable in

advance, lease to terminate at the end of the quarter should either party so desire, and be the understanding that in the opinion of the Committee the proceedings of the Lyceum are decorous & inoffensive.

An amendment was moved by Mr Leach, seconded by Mr Sincock that the Hall be not let on Sundays except to a distinctly recognised religious congregation and for the purpose of public worship.

The amendment was carried by 11 votes to 5. It then became the substantive motion, and an amendment was moved by Mr Harlin, seconded by Mr Davies, that with regard to the present application two members of the Committee shall be deputed to attend at two meetings of the Lyceum and report to this Committee as to the nature of their Sunday service, before the application shall be decided.

The Chairman ruled that this was no amendment on the motion.

The motion was then put that the Large Hall be not let on Sundays &c and was carried by 10 to 5.

It was then moved by Mr Piers, seconded by Mr El Kingston that the members of the Melbourne Progressive Lyceum being a distinctly recognised religious congregation and wishing to rent the Hall for the purpose of public worship, it shall be let to them for £25 per quarter, the lease to terminate at the end of a quarter if either party so desire. The motion was negatived.

Gueneat

A letter was read from Mr Gueneat asking that our Hall be permitted to act as a work room at his Popular Concerts to be given in the Co-operative Hall. The request was not granted.

The Library Sub Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that during March & April 31 vols were received by mail and added to the Library at a cost of £12.13.6. The following are recommended for addition to the Library.

From Samuel Mullett	65 vols @	£14.7.3
" George Robertson	12 "	3.13.0
	<u>77</u>	<u>18.0.3</u>

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

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the Acs for April & found them correct. They recommend payment of the following Acs:-

Secretary's salary to 1 st May	£25.0.0
Librarian's " "	19.10.0
Assistant - to 3 rd May	4.0.0
Hallkeeper - " "	11.0.0
Melbop Gas Co	14.15.10
Australian Electric Co	3.17.0
John Armstrong & papers	13.4.0
City of Melbourne Lower Lighting rate	23.0.0
Stellwell & Co Printing	10.13.0
Powancey Bookbinding	7.6.3
Whitehead Stationery	2.1.6
Sundry Acs Mr Kinley Custy Schoolms	£0.7.0
Draper closets	16.8
Gelbong a draught	1.0.0
Petty Cash	5.0.0
	<u>7.3.8</u>
	<u>£143.11.3</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hall & Mr Gorde

Trustee

that the Report be adopted

The President reported that there was a vacancy in the Trusteeship caused by the death of the Honble J. J. Sumner.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Severs and Mr Fuge that nominations be now taken for a Trustee and that the election shall take place on the next meeting of the General Committee

The Honble Nathaniel Thornley MLC was then nominated by Mr Piers and Mr Downward

As the first Monday in June will be Whit Monday it was decided that the Committee should meet on the 9th June

The Secretary, Mr Curtis, informed the Committee that the electoral Registrarship of East Melbourne was vacant, and he asked if the Committee would allow him to apply for the appointment.

Resolved on motion of Mr Fuge & Mr Severs that permission be granted.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Piers & Mr Severs, that the President, on behalf of the Committee shall recommend Mr Curtis for appointment.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 77.17.6
Total revenue	197.16.10
	<u>4 months 99.7.8</u>
New members during the month	15
	<u>4 months 90</u>
Balance in the Bank	£257.2.7

H. Thompson
Chairman

Monday 9th June 1884

The Committee met at 7.30 p.m.

- Present
- Mr W Thompson, President (Chair)
 - Harli Vice Pres.
 - Buge Treasurer
 - Piers
 - Connor
 - Sargster
 - Downward
 - Hall
 - Lush
 - Millie
 - Goode
 - Meeks
 - Ridley
 - Davies
 - Devers
 - Rennie
 - Prof C Keightley

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

Progressive Lyceum

A letter was read from Mr Thomas Lang, Conductor of the Progressive Lyceum, requesting the Committee to reconsider their decision with regard to the application of the Lyceum to rent the Hall on Sundays.

After some conversation on the subject, Mr Davies gave notice that he would at the next meeting ^{propose} that the resolution refusing to let the Hall to the Progressive Lyceum be rescinded

The Finance Sub Committee reported

as follows:— Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the accounts for May and found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following accounts

Secretary's salary for May	£ 25.0.0
Librarians	19.10.0
Assistant to 31 st May	4.0.0
Hall Keeper	11.0.0
J B Payne ^{part payment of} interest mortgage, reducing it to £4000	500.0.0
J B. Payne interest on £4000 (balance of mortgage) for 6 months @ 5% per annum	112.10.0
Samuel Mullen books to 30 th April	14.7.3
Melbrop Gas Co	13.6.6
Australian Electric Co	3.17.0
Gordon & Gotch Newspapers	10.11.6
Dakin Repairs	7.9.8
Detmold binding	7.8.3
Victoria Insurance Co premium on £3000 (old building) at 3% less 15%	3.16.6
Pounceby Binding	5.9.9
Melbourne Punch to 30/6/84	2.8.0
Sunday Aps Rowland. chimneys 13/-	
Petky & ash 5.0.0	5.13.0
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	746.7.5

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

Repairs

The House sub Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have elected Mr Piers their Chairman They recommend that the Large Hall be thoroughly dusted as soon as convenient. The cost will be £6.0.0

They also recommend that the following repairs shall be effected:—

Small Hall. Ceiling repaired, lined, and

whitewashed, mouldings repaired, walls papered, floor repaired.

Refreshment room. Ceiling to be lined and whitewashed, dado in oil colours, walls distempred. Corridor. Distempred in present style as far as cornice. The upper portion of corridor to have dado only.

Estimates for the work have been sent in by four firms. The lowest tender is that of Messrs Mouncey & Reeler for £29.1.6 which your committee recommend for your acceptance.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Piers and Mr Sanger that the report be adopted.

Trustee
Hon Nathaniel Thornley
M.L.C.

The Secretary stated that the only nomination received for Trustee was that of the Honble Nathaniel Thornley M.L.C. proposed by Mr Piers and Mr Downward, and accepted by Mr Thornley.

Mr Thornley was declared duly elected.

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£ 145.15.6
Total revenue of ———	249. 2. 0
————— 5 months	1230. 9. 8
New members during month 30	
————— 5 months	120

Balance in the Bank £ 355.13.4

Compassed July 7, 1884,

Thomas Harlin,

V.P.

Monday July 7th 1884

The Committee met at 7.30 p.m.

Mr Harlin V.P. (Chair)
Hugo Treasurer
Piers
Rennie
Davies
Gannor
Dyers
Prof Elkington
Millie
Downward
Sanger
Hall
Lusk
Micks

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr Walker, secretary of the Victoria Coffee Palace, enclosing a bill of costs which he had received from Messrs Worswold & Gibbs, Solicitors for preparation of lease. He complained that the charges seemed excessive and requested the Committee to induce the Solicitors to make some reduction. The consideration of the matter was referred to a sub-committee consisting of Messrs Hugo, Rennie, & Micks.

A letter was read from Mr John Gordon Chalmers, one of the members of the Institution, drawing the attention of the Committee to the fact that periodicals were frequently taken from the reading room in a clandestine way. The matter was referred to the

Library Sub Committee, with power to act.

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:—

"Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the accounts for June and found them correct. The Victoria Coffee Palace Co^y have paid their first year's rent £40 as agreed. Payment is recommended of the following A/cs:—

Secretary's salary for June	£25.0.0
Librarian's	19.10.0
Assistant to 20 th June	4.0.0
Hall Keeper	11.0.0
Agency & 1/2 Culer painting & papering	34.0.6
Melrop Gas Co	17.11.11
Australian Electric Co	3.17.0
Powercity Building	4.4.0
Detmold	1.3.6
Guarantee Premium Secretary	1.10.0
Sundry A/cs Clifford Smith coal	£1.10.0
Draper to July 31 st	1.5.0
Whitehead Stationery	5.9
Petty Cash	5.0.0
	P. 0.9
	<u>£129.17.0</u>

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

Mr Davies moved that the resolution arrived at on the 7th May not to let the Large Hall on Sunday to the Progressive Lyceum be reconsidered. Professor Elkinflou seconded the motion.

The mover and seconder stated that they had attended the Sunday services of the Lyceum and found that they were conducted in an orderly manner. After a long discussion, it was resolved, on an amendment moved by Mr Meeks and Mr Connor, that the matter be not considered till that day six months.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £95.6.0
 Total revenue of the month 215.3.6
 " " " " 6 months 1446.3.2
 New members during the month 24
 " " " " 6 months 144
 Balance in the Bank £325.19.5.

Confirmed August 4, 1884,
 Thomas Hartley,
 Chairman—

Monday 4th August 1884

The Committee met at 7.30 p.m.

Present Mr Harlin (chair) V.P.
 Suge Treasurer
 Piers
 Rennie
 Downward
 Lusk
 Davies
 Lincoln
 Meeks
 Connor
 Stevens
 Goode
 Prof. ElKington

An apology was made for the absence of Mr Ridley.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

The Library sub Committee reported as follows:-

"Your Committee beg to report that during the past three months 43 vols have been received by the mail and added to the Library at a cost of £16.8. The following are recommended for addition to the Library

From Geo Robertson	21 vols	£ 8. 5. 0
Saml Mullen	16 "	5. 4. 10
A J Smith	3	1. 2. 6
	<u>40</u>	<u>£ 14. 12. 4</u>

With reference to the clandestine abstraction of periodicals from the reading room, your Committee

beg to report that no fresh complaints have been made. A notice bearing on the subject will be prepared and placed in the Reading room"

Resolved, on motion of Mr Suge & Mr Downward 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 July & found them correct. They recommend that £200 be placed as a fixed deposit in the City of Melbourne Bank till time 5th 85 at the best rate of interest procurable, and that the following A/cs be paid:-

Secretary's Salary for July	£ 25. 0. 0
Librarian's	19. 10. 0
Assistant to 2 nd August	5. 0. 0
Hall Keeper - - -	13. 15. 0
Melrose Gas Co	13. 18. 7
John Armstrong on papers 7/84	3. 17. 0
J. C. Solomon Automatic Gas Regulator	13. 4. 0
	12. 12. 0
Samuel Mullen Books	5. 4. 10
Wm Detmold Binding	6. 9. 9
John Powney Binding	6. 5. 9
Charles J Maxwell Law Series	4. 4. 0
Sundry A/cs & Howie sundries	1. 13. 7
Swedish circulars	12. 6
Petty Cash	5. 0. 0
	7. 6. 1
Fixed deposit	200. 0. 0
	<u>336. 7. 0</u>

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

Resolved, on motion of Mr Suge and Mr Rennie that the following report of special Committee be adopted:-

Monday 25th August 1884

Special meeting of General Committee.

The Committee met at eight o'clock.

- Present Mr Piers (chair)
- Goode
- Davies
- Heall
- Millie
- Langster
- Severs
- Sincock
- Suge
- Elkington
- Rennie
- Harlin
- Neeks

Mr Johnson, the Architect, was also present.
 Resolved, on motion of Mr Severs & Mr Langster, that Mr Piers take the Chair (Mr Harlin V.P. was not present at the commencement of the meeting).
 The Chairman stated that the meeting could not be called for the previous Monday as the plans had not been returned by the Board of Health.
 Mr Johnson (of Messrs Smith & Johnson) laid the draft plans on the table and explained certain alterations which Mr Le Capelin of the Board of Health had requested him to make. The plans having been inspected by the Committee it was moved by Professor Elkington, and seconded by Mr Severs that the Architects be instructed to prepare working plans and specifications on the basis of those now on the table, and that they be submitted for approval at the ordinary meeting.

The Sub Committee appointed to consider the letter from the Manager of the Victoria Coffee Palace Co^y with reference to the Solicitors' bill of costs for the preparation of the lease beg to report that the Solicitors have consented to reduce their bill to £24. The Manager of the Co^y has been informed of this, and is, we believe, satisfied.

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

Plans of new Building

Professor Elkington was requested to see the Architects with reference to the plans for the proposed new building. It was agreed that a special meeting shall be called for ^{their} consideration on this night fortnight (if they be ready) at 8 o'clock.

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month £ 141.13.0
 Total revenue of the month 249.10.4
 7 months 1695.13.6
 New members during the month 32
 7 months 176
 Balance in Bank £ 444.11.1
 Confirmed September 1, 1884 -
 Thomas Harlin,
 Chairman -

Monday 1st September 1884

The Committee met at 7.30 p.m.

- Present
- Mr Harlin V.P. (Chair)
 - Piers
 - Millie
 - Downward
 - Devers
 - Goode
 - Sincock
 - Suge
 - Leech
 - Hull

The minutes of the last monthly meeting and of the special meeting held 25th August were read & confirmed.

A letter was read from E M Gibbs Esq, one of the Trustees, stating that he had deposited the sum of £200 in the City of Melbourne Bank till the 5th June 1885 at 5 1/2 per cent per annum.

The Finance sub Committee reported as follows:-

" Your committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for August and found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following A/c

Secretary's Salary August	£ 25.0.0
Librarians	19.10.0
Assis taub to 30 th Aug	4. 0.0
H allkeeper - "	11. 0.0
Metrop Gas Co	12. 3. 7
Australian Electric Co	3. 17. 0
Geo Robertson Books	61. 14. 8
E Whitehead & Co Magazines	69. 8. 4
Shullen Books	5. 4. 10
E Whitehead & Co Paper (Dawson)	34. 8. 4
John Dickie Repairs	15. 3. 9
	109. 1. 6

in October.

Mr Hall moved that no further steps be taken with reference to the plans until another general meeting of members shall have been called.

This amendment not having been seconded, Mr Elkington's motion was put & carried.

Confirmed September 1, 1884.
Thomas Harlin,
Chairman -

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hall and Mr Goode, that the report be adopted

"Cup" day

Resolved that the Library be closed on "Cup" day, and that the reading rooms be closed from noon till six p.m.

The Secretary was authorised to let the Large Hall to Mr Samwell for the next twelve Saturday nights at £3.10 per night.

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£ 106.18.6
Total revenue of month	251.11.8
----- 9 months	2155.14.2
New members during month	18
----- 9 months	222

Balance in Bank cur. A/c	£ 274.6.4
Fixed deposit	200.0.0

Confirmed November 3, 1884,
Thomas Harlan,
Chairman

alterations required by them had been made, and the plans were now submitted for the approval of the Committee.

New Building

Mr Johnson (who was present at the Committee meeting) explained the nature of the alterations. Resolved, on motion of Professor Elkinston and Mr Severs that the plans submitted are hereby approved, and that the architects be instructed to prepare the necessary detailed plans and specifications, and further that they be instructed to call for tenders and submit the same to a meeting of this Committee on or about 24th November next.

Resolved, on motion of Professor Elkinston & Mr Goode that notice be given to all our quarterly tenants that the Institution may require to resume possession of their tenements in three months from the present date.

Tenants.

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:—

"Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/cs for September and found them correct; payment is recommended of the following A/cs:—

Salaries	£ 63.5.0
Gas	17.2.4
Electric Light	3.17.0
John Pownceby Binding	7.11.3
Wm Debold "	1.0.9
Town Rates	15.0.0
Water Rates	0.0.0
Nat & M Doo N. Zealand	2.10.0
Glaz Daily Times	2.0.0
Sundry A/c & Petty Cash	4.12.3
	£ 127.18.7

Monday 3rd November 1884

- Mr Harlin V. P. (Chair)
- Buge Treasurer
- Piers
- Downward
- Millie
- Ridley
- Sincock
- Rennie
- Saugster

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr Thos J Connor Hon Secy of the Metrop^u Liedertafel acknowledging the receipt of a letter referring to the termination of their tenancy when building operations shall be commenced, and suggesting that the Committee should decide that present tenants should have a prior claim to occupy the new building.

The Committee, whilst of opinion that such a course should be followed, declined to pass any resolution.

A letter was read from the Manager of the Australian Electric Co^y stating that they would, in future, have to charge at the rate of £3.10 per annum per burner for the Electric Light.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Piers and Mr Downward, that the Electric Light be discontinued in the Library and News Room and be continued only in the Reading room at the increased rate for six months.

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:-

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

Salaries	£ 59.10.0
Metrop Gas Co	17. 0. 6
Electric Light	3. 17. 0
Gordon & Gotch & papers	16. 16. 4
Saml Mullen Books	2. 9. 4
Bulletin & paper Co ^y	2. 9. 0
Misc Caffin & Co	2. 2. 0
Powneby, Binding	1. 19. 0
Sundry A/cs & Petty Cash.	11. 8. 5

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

The Library sub Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that during the past two months 30 volumes were received by mail and added to the Library at a cost of £12.5.6 They recommend 38 volumes to be added to the Library at a cost of £10.0.1

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

Resolved, on motion of Mr Piers and Mr Millie that the next monthly meeting of the Committee be held on the 5th December in lieu of the 1st.

The Secretary read the following statement:-

Monday 8th December 1884

The Committee met at 7.30 this evening, in lieu of
, et, agreeably with resolution.

- Mr Biers (chair)
- Mullie
- Sencock
- Downward
- Ridley
- Hall
- Gonnor
- Davies
- Weeks
- Ruge
- Rennie
- Professor Elkinston

An apology was received for his absence from Mr
Thos Hurlin, Vice President.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and
confirmed.

The Finance Sub Committee reported as
follows: -

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

Salaries	£59.10.0
T. B. Payne, interest	100. 0.0
Melrose Gas lco	12. 3. 4
Australian Electric lco	23. 10. 1
John Arme lco	10. 1. 0
Wm Detmold	34. 5. 3
Lecky Treasurer	7. 0. 0
Sam'l Muller	12. 9. 2
John Pownceby	8. 8. 8

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£ 81. 1. 6
Total revenue of - - -	246. 12. 10
- - - 10 months	2402. 7. 0
New members during month	22
- - - 10 months	242

Balance in the Bank Cur A/c	£ 396. 0. 7
Fixed deposit	£ 200. 0. 0

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Australian Alliance Soc 6/4	£ 2. 2. 6
Natl Insurance Socy	2. 2. 6
Victoria Ins. Socy	1. 1. 3
Sundry Aps	10. 8. 2
	<u>£ 283. 2. 2</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hall & Mr Sincok, that the report be adopted.

Closing Library

Resolved, on motion of Mr Connor and Professor Elkinston, that the Library be closed (as usual) from the 1st to 10th of January.

Loan

Resolved, on motion of Mr Connor & Mr Millie, that a deputation consisting of Professor Elkinston Mr Rennie and the Secretary shall wait on Mr J. B. Payne to ask him if he will advance the additional loan that may be required for the new building, and at what rate of interest. Should Mr Payne decline to make the loan, enquiries are to be made elsewhere.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 106. 3. 6
Total revenue	206. 2. 6
11 months	2608. 9. 6
New members during month	16
11 months	258
Balance in Bank Curlye	£ 484. 11. 6
Fixed deposit	200. 0. 0

Confirmed January 5, 1885,
Thomas Harlin
Chairman.

Monday 5th January 1885

The committee met at 7.30 pm.

Present Mr Harlin Vice Pres (chair)
Juge, Treasurer
Rennie
Ridley
Goode
Millie
Downward
Severs
Meeks
Lush
Sincok
Langster
Davies
Prof Elkinston.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:—
Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the accounts for December 1884 and found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following accounts;—

Salaries	£ 63. 5. 0
Gas	15. 3. 5
Electric Light	4. 13. 4
Casualties & papers	11. 14. 0
Downce by Binding	3. 16. 3
Delmold	3. 1. 9
Advertising Melbourne Punch	1. 10. 0
Sundry Aps - Draper	14. 6. 0
Relly Cash	5. 0. 0
	<u>5. 14. 6</u>
	<u>£ 108. 18. 3</u>