

Thursday 10th Jan^y 1889

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

- Mr Meeks chair
- Goode Vice Pres
- Hugh Treasurer
- Bates
- Dawson
- Ridley
- Bliffe
- Downward
- Sangster
- Millie
- Rennie
- Livers

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Hayter and Mr Levi.

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/c for December, & found them correct.

In view of the great success achieved during the year, it is recommended that a bonus of £50 be divided among the officers and employes proportionally to their salaries.

The following accounts are recommended for payment:-

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £98.19.6
 Total revenue of month 343.19.4
 " " 11 months 4267.10.6
 New members during month 14
 " " 11 months 336
 Balance in Bank £708.19.8
 Fixed Deposits £2525.0.0

correct
 Wm Meeks
 10/1/89

Salaries	£ 79. 1. 0
Metrop Gas Co Gas dues	10. 11. 9
G Caswell Newpapers	7. 9. 0
Sam Mullen Books	8. 0. 3
Wm Detmold Binding	2. 17. 6
R. W. Kingham Binding	2. 14. 0
To Sunday Eves. Chas Mayhew and Lark Inn	£ 3. 3. 0
Dooper & Sons	1. 5. 0
Whitehead Stationery	14. 3
Gutung Advertising	12. 0
Donne & Son Book	1. 5. 0
J Taylor, Repairing Chairs	10. 0
Police	10. 0
Petty Cash	5. 0. 0
	12. 19. 3
	<u>£ 131. 13. 5</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Coode and Mr Downward that the Report be adopted.

The Balance Sheet was laid on the table, and it was resolved, on motion of Mr Coode & Mr Scaupter, that it be audited.

The sub committee presented their draft of the Annual Report, which was read and adopted.

The Secretary reported that a fixed deposit in the City of Melbourne Bank for £1000 would fall due on 18th inst:

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Duff, that the amount be redeposited in the Bank at the current interest.

A conversation took place as to the best means of securing a good attendance of Members at the

Annual meeting on 30th inst. The President suggested that post cards, notifying the meeting, be sent to each member. It was ultimately decided to advertise the meeting in the usual way.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 88. 11. 0
Total revenue of	304. 14. 9
12 months	4572. 5. 3
New Members during month 19	
12 months	355
Balance in Bank	£ 353. 1. 6
Fixed Deposits	2525. 0. 0
	<u>£ 2878. 1. 6</u>

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Wednesday 30th Jan 4 1889

Annual Meeting of Subscribers

held in the Upper Hall
of the Institution

The Chair was taken at 8 p.m. by the President
Mr Henry Meeks.

The following members of Committee were present:-

- Mr Goode Vice Pres
- Fuge Treasurer
- Hayter
- Lush Rennie
- Sliffe
- Sangster
- Downward

and about 20 subscribers.

The Secretary read the advertisement convening the meeting. The said advertisement had appeared twice in the daily journals, and had been posted in the reading room in conformity with Rule 20.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed

The Secretary then read the Committee's Report
Copies of the Balance Sheet were circulated among the subscribers, & it was taken as read

The Committee have great pleasure in presenting to the members the report for the past year, from which it will be seen that the Institution continues to progress in prosperity and usefulness.

The gross receipts for the year amount to £4572 5s. 3d. and the expenditure to £3423 11s., showing a profit of £1148 14s. 3d. on the year, and making our credit balance in cash amount to £2878 1s. 6d., of which £2525 is deposited at good interest.

The following are the details of the receipts:-Subscriptions, £1591 19s.; rent of front shops, £1165; rent of large hall, £1150 5s. 10d.; small hall, £301 16s.; rooms, £274 2s. 9d.; interest, £62 10s.; sales, £26 11s. 8d.

The principal items in expenditure are:-Interest on mortgage, £990; salaries and wages, £972 15s.; books, magazines and newspapers, £592 19s. 1d.; repairs and furniture, 273 13s. 9d.; gas, £250 16s. 9d.; rates, £136 10s.; binding, £67 14s. 3d.

The total number of members is 1535, of whom 355 joined during the year.

The number of books added to the Library was 618; the total number of works issued to subscribers was 29,697, and 7108 magazines.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS FOR THE LAST THIRTY-ONE YEARS.

YEAR.	No. of Subscribing Members.	New Members.	Volumes Added.	Volumes Circulated.	Magazines Circulated.
1858	567	174	350	18,175	2,117
1859	506	144	407	16,514	2,038
1860	488	118	220	20,274	3,343
1861	635	284	145	21,144	4,523
1862	600	209	344	19,198	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	217	13,102	9,100
1867	437	117	217	13,146	9,899
1868	453	131	430	13,249	11,378
1869	460	129	413	13,614	10,278
1870	510	170	532	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	1483	567	984	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	361	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
1884	1334	277	711	35,129	7,231
1885	1311	254	680	29,653	7,200
1886	1468	351	700	29,382	7,000
1887	1568	376	613	28,241	7,150
1888	1535	355	618	29,697	7,108

* Works.

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

CLASSIFICATION.	1885.	1886.	1887.	1888.
Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics	8	9	11	23
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts	12	9	14	12
Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence	1,430	1,321	1,249	1,298
Classics and Philology	31	37	37	39
Fine Arts	15	36	27	18
Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works	1,218	1,056	737	908
History and Historical Memoirs	811	764	761	785
Jurisprudence and Legislation	11	6	5	10
Medical Science and Chemistry	9	8	3	6
Miscellaneous and Collected Works	1,329	1,007	738	812
Natural History and Botany	42	9	50	36
Works of Fiction	21,477	21,958	21,830	22,848
Music	7	7	3	0
Periodical Literature	2,005	1,880	1,782	1,830
Philosophy and General Science	366	406	347	366
Poetry and the Drama	360	330	245	279
Politics	58	58	91	57
Religious & Ecclesiastical Works	70	80	71	116
Juvenile Works	394	406	240	254
	29,653	29,382	28,241	29,697

The number of visitors introduced by members, under the provision of Rule 19, was 85.

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, C.M.G.
- Results of Observations, Melbourne Observatory, by R. L. J. Ellery, Esq.

The Government of New South Wales has contributed:-

- Parliamentary Papers for the year.
- The Wealth and Progress of New South Wales, 1886-7, by F. A. Goghan, Government Statistician.

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. XXIV., presented by the Council of the Royal Society.
- The Vaccination Inquirer and Health Review, forwarded monthly by Mr. J. Carson.
- Volume XIX. of the Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute, from the Society.
- 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 Sydney Trade Review and Prices Current, by the proprietors, Messrs. Mitchell, Chisholm, and Medcalf.
- The Calcutta Review, presented quarterly by H. Palmer, Esq.
- The Melbourne Masonic Journal, presented monthly by the proprietors.
- Imperial Review, by the publishers, Messrs. McKinley & Co., Melbourne.
- From G. W. Griffin, United States Consul at Sydney:-New South South Wales: Her Commerce and Resources.
- From the London publishers:-Kelly's Directory of Merchants, and Manufactures and Shipping, 1888. 2 vols.
- From the author, Mr. P. Galvin:-The Handbook of New Zealand Mines, 1887.

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

The annual election of honorary office-bearers resulted in the return of the following gentlemen:-President, Mr. Henry Meeks; Vice-President, Mr. Joseph Goode; Treasurer, Mr. Henry R. Fuge; Committee, Messrs. W. Bates, W. Ievers, J. Iliffe, J. Levi, C. Rennie, J. S. Ridley, and D. Sangster; also H. H. Hayter, in lieu of T. J. Connor, resigned.

There have been 12 meetings of the General Committee during the year:-

The President, Mr. HENRY MEESKES	attended	11
The Vice-President, Mr. JOSEPH GOODE	"	7
The Treasurer, Mr. HENRY R. FUGE	"	10

COMMITTEE:-

Mr. Bates	attended	5	Mr. Danson	attended	8
Mr. Ievers	"	5	Mr. Downward	"	10
Mr. Iliffe	"	10	Mr. Elkington	"	0
Mr. Levi	"	5	Mr. Harlin	"	9
Mr. Rennie	"	7	Mr. Hayter	"	5
Mr. Ridley	"	6	Mr. Millie	"	11
Mr. Sangster	"	9	Mr. Moloney	"	0
Mr. Lush (ex-officio)	"	7				

The following are the attendances of the Sub-Committees:-

LIBRARY.		HOUSE.		FINANCE.	
No. of Meetings, 10.		No. of Meetings, 7.		No. of meetings, 11.	
Mr. Lush	- 8	Mr. Ridley	- 7	Mr. Rennie	- 9
(Chairman)		(Chairman)		(Chairman)	
Mr. Hayter	- 6	Mr. Meeks	- 5	Mr. Goode	- 9
Mr. Millie	- 8	Mr. Sangster	- 2	Mr. Danson	- 9
Mr. Harlin	- 8	Mr. Rennie	- 5	Mr. Downward	- 6
Mr. Fuge	- 9	Mr. Iliffe	- 6	Mr. Levi	- 4
Mr. Elkington	- 2	Mr. Bates	- 6	Mr. Ievers	- 5
Mr. Goode	- 1	Mr. Goode	- 1	Mr. Fuge	- 2
(ex-officio)		(ex-officio)		(ex-officio)	

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following members of Committee retire from office, but are eligible for re-election, viz.:-Messrs. Danson, Downward, Elkington, Harlin, Hayter, Lush, Millie, and Moloney.

The Committee would urgently request those members who really take an interest in the progress of the Institution, to invite their friends to join it. It may be said, with strict truth, that there is no self-supporting Institution of the same character in the colony where similar advantages are obtained for so small an annual subscription. In proportion as the present debt on the new building is decreased, the funds for furnishing the Library and Reading Room will increase. By adding to the list of subscribers, the members will give material assistance to the Committee, and will warrant them in indulging the hope that, in twelve or fifteen years, the Institution will be entirely free from debt, thus permitting the whole of the receipts to be devoted to the enlargement and enrichment of the literary treasures, and to the general improvement of the Melbourne Athenæum.

HENRY MEEKS, *Chairman.*

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the year ending 31st December, 1888.

To Balance, 31st December, 1887	£1,729 7 3	By Interest on Mortgage	£990 0 0
Subscriptions	1,591 19 0	Salaries and Wages	972 15 0
Rent of Front Shops	1,165 0 0	Books, Magazines, and Newspapers	592 19 1
" Large Hall	1,150 5 10	Repairs, and Furniture	273 13 9
" Small Hall	301 16 0	Gas	250 16 9
" Rooms	274 2 9	Rates	136 10 0
Interest on Fixed Deposits	62 10 0	Binding	67 14 3
Sales of Papers	13 11 8	Goods and Sundries	38 12 2
" Catalogues	13 0 0	Postage and Petty Cash	33 0 0
	4,572 5 3	Advertising and Printing	28 11 6
		Insurance	28 0 6
		Stationery	6 14 0
		Auditors	4 4 0
		Balance, Fixed Deposits	3,423 11 0
		" in Bank	2,525 0 0
			353 1 6
			2,878 1 6
	£6,301 12 6		£6,301 12 6

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Estimated value of the Property of the Institution	£45,000 0 0	Loan under Mortgage	£18,000 0 0
Value of Library	1,750 0 0	Salaries for December and Sundry Accounts	131 13 5
" Furniture	1,000 0 0	Balance	32,496 8 1
Cash in Current Account	£353 1 6		
" Fixed Deposits	2,525 0 0		
	2,878 1 6		
	£50,628 1 6		£50,628 1 6

Audited and found correct.

HENRY R. FUGE,
HONORARY TREASURER.

W. THOMPSON,
ANDREW BURNS, } AUDITORS.

MELBOURNE, 17th January 1889.

The Report was adopted on the motion of the President, seconded by Mr Martin Hood. The Balance Sheet was also adopted.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr E V Brown and Mr David Sanjeter that the following scrutineers be elected, to conduct the election of Officers & Members of Committee, if required:—

- Mr Thomas Lee
- James Cooper
- Alexander Williamson
- Alexander W Scott.

The retiring Auditors, Messrs Walter Thompson and Andrew Burns were re-elected on the motion of Mr Joseph Levi & Mr Hood.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Cooper & Mr Brown, that a vote of thanks be given to the retiring President, Vice President, Treasurer, & Members of the Committee. The President, Mr H MEEKS, returned thanks for himself & his colleagues.

Resolved on motion of Mr Martin Hood and Mr E V Brown that a vote of thanks be given to the Officers of the Institution for the efficient manner in which they had discharged their duties.

The Chairman announced that nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer, and members of the Committee would be received by the Secretary till the hour of ten, and that if an election were required it would be held on Monday 4th February.

The following nominations were then made in due form as prescribed by the rules:—

Thursday 7th February 1889

The General Committee met at 8 P.M.
 Mr Goode, President (Chair)
 Trudge Vice Pres
 Rennie Treasurer
 Hayter
 Lush
 Downward
 Hartie
 Millie
 Levi
 Ridley
 Elkinston
 Meeks
 Langster

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed

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

A letter was read from the Assistant Librarian Mr E.H. Webster asking for an increase of salary, and was referred to the Finance Committee.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Lush & Mr Hayter, that the night & hour of meeting continue the same as last year.

New floor of Large Hall
 Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks & Mr Hartie that the new floor of the Large Hall be laid by Mr Kemp under the direction of the House Committee

Nominations of Officers & members of Committee

For President Mr Joseph Goode
 Vice President Henry R Luff
 Treasurer Charles Rennie

Committee

H. H. Hayter Esq. M.F.
 Professor Elkinston
 Mr George Lush
 Richard Danson
 Edward Downward
 Thomas Hartie
 Alexander Millie

The candidates, not being in excess of the number required, were duly elected

J. Kemp
 Chairman

29/1/90

Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks and Mr Downward, that the following be the sub committees for the year

Finance.	Library	House	Emergency
President	President	President	President
Vice Pres	Vice Pres	Vice Pres	Vice Pres
Treasurer	Harlin	Ridley	Treasurer
Sevens	Elkington	Saunders	Sevens
Downward	Hayles	Sliffe	Sliffe
Dawson	Lucy	Bates	Bates
	Millie	Levi	
		Meeks	

Resolved, on motion of Mr Sanjeter & Mr Downward, that the following expenses be paid

Salaries £ 79. 1. 8
 City Treasurer, Mount Laup 6. 18. 9.

Mr Hayes' front shop

The Secretary informed the committee that Mr Hayes wished to transfer his interest in the front shop to Mr Levy, and he wished for a renewal of the lease for three years (after the expiration of the present lease in June) on the same terms as at present.

The committee were willing to allow Mr Hayes to transfer his interest to Mr Levy, and to promise him a renewal of the lease. But with reference to the rent to be paid, it was resolved that the House Committee should consider the whole question of the rents of the four shops.

Resolved that Professors Elkington & Mr Harlin

be a sub committee to approve of books forwarded by mail.

For the vacancy on the committee caused by the election of Mr Rennie as Treasurer, Professor Tucker was nominated by Professor Elkington and Mr Sanjeter.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £ 110. 18. 0
 Total revenue of the month £ 118. 7. 10
 New members 32

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Thursday 7th March
1889

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

- Mr Coode, President (Chair)
- Seije V Pres
- Rennie Treasurer
- Hiffe
- Dawson
- Hayter
- Bates
- Levi
- Saunders
- Sevens
- Millie
- Harlin
- Meeks
- Cash.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

The Chairman declared Professor Tucker to be duly elected a member of the General Comtee.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Harlin & Mr Meeks, that Professor Tucker be added to the Library Sub Committee.

The Secretary applied for leave of absence for a fortnight, which was granted.

The Finance subcommittee reported as follows;—
Your committee report that they have elected

Professor
Tucker

Mr Rennie chairman of the sub-committee for the year. The books for January & February have been audited & found correct. It is recommended that the assistant, Mr Stanley Webster, shall receive an increase to his salary of 5/- per week from 1st Jan 1889. A fixed deposit of £250 in the City of Melbourne Bank fell due 2nd March. It is recommended that it be redeposited there. It is also recommended that an additional sum of £500 be deposited in a place to be selected by the General Committee.

The following expenses are recommended for payment:—

Salaries	£79. 1. 8
Mr Whitehead & Co Newspapers & Periodicals	114. 0. 0
Mr Robertson & Co Books	34. 2. 6
Melbourne Gas Co	27. 0. 11
Gen Ditmond Binding	12. 9. 3
John Armstrong Newspapers &c	15. 10. 9
R W Kingham Binding	6. 11. 4
W Shampson Binding &c	2. 2. 0
Andrew Burns " "	2. 2. 0
Sundry Expenses	19. 1. 6
	£ 312. 2. 7

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

Moved by Mr Harlin and seconded by Mr Saunders that the £500 be deposited in the Victorian Permanent Building Society for 12 months.

An amendment was moved by Mr Rennie, seconded by Mr Seije that it be deposited in the City of Melbourne Bank.

The amendment having been put, the voting was
3 for
9 against.

The amendment was declared to be lost, the original motion was then put & carried.

The House Committee reported as follows:—

Fixed
Deposit

pleasur of its defective acoustics.
Resolved that the matter be referred to the House Committee with power to act.

Resolved that two additional copies of the *Apex*, *Age*, & *Telgraph*, and three copies of 1st Edition of the *Evening Herald* be taken.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£140.14.6
Total revenue of "	331.10.8
" " 2 months	749.18.6
New members during month	33
" " 2 months	65
Balance in Bank	£835.6.2
Fixed Deposits	£2525.0.0

Confirmed A. H. Geo!

Rent of Front Shops

Your committee report that they have elected Mr Shiffe chairman of the subcommittee for the year. They have, agreeably with your instructions, considered the question of the rent of the front shops. They are of opinion that the rents now paid by the tenants are fair, and they consent that a renewal of the lease of the shop lately occupied by Mr Hayes be given to Mr Levy for three years at the present rate, and that the terms of the renewal of the leases of the other shops be considered when application shall be made therefor.

They have made arrangements for having the new floor of the Large Hall laid in the beginning of April. The laying will cost £73.10.0 and there will be a further charge of £13.10.0 for stacking and stowing (11 months) and cartage of materials.

Resolved on motion of Mr Shiffe & Mr Langton that the report be adopted.

The Library sub Committee reported as follows:-

Your committee report that they have elected Mr Harlin chairman of the subcommittee for the year. The following books are recommended for addition to the Library:-

- From Saml Muller 34 vols £8.14.5
- Geo Robertson 7 " 3.3.6

Spes amounting to £194.2.0 have been examined & found correct.

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

Acoustics of Large Hall

The Secretary reported that Mr Frank Lin colver who was giving an entertainment in the Large Hall com-

Thursday 4th April 1889

The Committee met at 8 pm.

- Mr Goode. Pres (Chair)
- Mr Y. P
- Mr Millie
- Mr Danson
- Mr Levi
- Mr Downward
- Mr Cliffe
- Mr Ridley
- Mr Lusk
- Professr Tucker

An apology was made for the absence of Mr Bates & Mr Rennie.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

The Library sub committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to recommend the following for addition to the Library:—

From Saml Mullen 18 vols	£ 4. 16. 4
Geo Robertson 2	7. 3

Accounts amounting to £ 82. 7. 7 have been examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Lusk & Mr Sage, 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 March & found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following A/cs:—

Salaries	£ 89. 1. 8
Gas	22. 14. 4
Saml Mullen Books & papers	49. 12. 11
Water Rates	17. 10. 0
Gordon & Lotch. Papers	16. 6. 2
Stillwell & Co Printing	12. 5. 6
Alex Kemp Repairs	2. 7. 0
Wm Detmold Binding	1. 10. 6
Sundry A/cs	2. 4. 6
	<hr/> £ 214. 0. 7

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

The House sub committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that the experiment for improving the acoustics of the Large Hall is considered satisfactory. It is recommended, however, that a pro trial be given to it, before it shall be replaced by permanent fittings.

It is recommended that the footlights of the platform be altered in conformity with the system now generally adopted in Theatres.

The following A/cs have been examined & found correct:—

Waltham Water Supply	£ 17. 10. 0
Alexander Kemp. Repairs	2. 7. 0

Resolved, on motion of Mr Cliffe & Mr Ridley, that the report be adopted.

Thursday 2nd May 1889
The General Committee met at 8 P.M.

- Mr Good President (chair)
- Fuge V. Pres.
- Stiffe
- Levi
- Millie
- Hayter CM G.
- Bates
- Harlin
- Downward
- Weeks
- Severs
- Lush
- Rennie

An apology was made for the absence of Mr Rennie.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr Edward Council, requesting the committee to accept for the Institution a copy of a work he is about to publish entitled "Mascims"

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hayter & Mr Downward, that the offer be accepted.

The House sub-committee reported as follows:—

Your committee beg to report that Mr Kemp will commence laying the new floor of the Large Hall on 1st May, and will have it completed in a fortnight.

The following Yes have been examined and found correct:—

New floor

Easter Holiday

Resolved that the Library be closed that the Library be closed on Easter Saturday & Sunday, as well as on Good Friday & Easter Monday.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £ 136. 12. 6

Total revenue of the month 364. 3. 0

" " 3 months 1114. 1. 6

New members during month 26

" " 3 months 91

Balance in Bank £ 387. 6. 7

Fiscal Deposits £ 3025. 0. 0

Confirmed York Pres.

S. W. Mouncey Papering Jr	£ 15.0.0
Draper & Sons. Closets	2. 14.0
Queen Ins. Co	6. 0.0
National Ins. Co	4. 10.0
Austr Alliance	4. 10.0
Hall of New Zealand	3. 0.0

Resolved, on motion of Mr Duffe & Mr Bates, that the Report be adopted.

The Library sub-committee reported as follows:—

Your committee beg to recommend the following for addition to the Library:— From Saml Mullen 32 vols @ £ 6. 18. 11, from George Robertson 2 vols 9/6, and that six copies of the "Evening Standard" be taken for one month, also two copies of the Universal Magazine.

They further recommend that:—

In addition to the standing order for works of fiction, the sum of £ 50 per annum be allotted for a standing order for general literature (as under), the order to be placed directly in the hands of a bookselling firm in London, or in the hands of a firm in London & a firm in the United States of America, the said firm or firms to forward newly published works at their discretion to the amount specified, the arrangement being subject to correction or suspension at any time.

Newly published works (unsectarian) of the following kinds, not being works of fiction or works of reference:—

1. Historical works, including essays & memoirs.
2. Poetry of a sufficiently permanent nature.
3. Biography, reminiscences, memoir
4. Essays, lectures, letters & speeches of sufficiently eminent persons, or of universal interest.
5. Travels & descriptive works of sufficient merit.
6. High class translations of ancient & foreign

£ 50
per annum
for
works
from
England

authors of a non-religious nature

7. Works on literature.

The firm to be directed to use its best discretion, after being informed of the nature of the Institution.

The following A/cs have been examined & found correct:—

George Robertson & Co. Books	£ 27.5.9
Samuel Mullen. Books	12.2.7
Wm Detmold. Binding	2.2.0
RW Kingham. Binding	3.1.4
G. Casselden. Newspapers	7.17.0
Pictorial Atlas of Australasia 1 vol	5.5.0
Sundry A/cs	6.19.0
	<u>£ 64.12.8</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Karlin & Mr Sawyer, that the report be adopted, the giving of the order to be left in the hands of the Library committee & the Secretary.

The Finance sub-committee reported as follows:—

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

Salaries & wages	£ 80. 1. 8
Gas	22. 14. 4
George Robertson. Books	27. 5. 9
S. W. Mouncey. Papering	15. 0. 0
Samuel Mullen. Books	12. 2. 7
G. Casselden Newspapers	7. 17. 0
Pictorial Atlas of Australasia	5. 5. 0
Insurance	18. 0. 0
RW Kingham Binding	3. 1. 4
Wm Detmold Binding	2. 2. 0
Sundry A/cs & Petty Cash	14. 13. 0
	<u>£ 208. 2. 8</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Coode & Mr Dawson

that the Report be adopted.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £128. 3. 0

Total revenue of the month 414. 15. 4
 " " 4 months 1528. 16. 10

New members during month 31
 " " 4 months 122

Balance in Bank £588. 1. 4
 Fixed Deposits 3025. 0. 0

Conformed Good Res:

Thursday 6th June 1889

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

Mr Cooke, Chair, (President)

Kege Vice Pres

Rennie Treasurer

Hagter

Danson

Millie

Saunter

Dates

Sliffe

Martin

Lucy

Ridley

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

A letter was read from Mesdames Acker & Brook asking for a renewal of the lease of their Shop. This is dealt with in the report of the House sub-committee.

A letter was read from the Junior Assistant, Mr Horace Taylor, applying for an increase to his salary. Referred to the Finance sub-committee.

The House sub-committee reported as follows:

Your committee beg to recommend the enlargement of the gas sunlights in the Upper Hall, as they do not give sufficient light. They also recommend that the oil painting by Edwin Hayes in the Secretary's room be cleaned & the frame rejilt, & that it be hung in the Upper Hall. With reference to the application from Mesdames Acker & Brook for a renewal of their lease, it is recommended that it be renewed for three years on the present terms (five pounds per week).

Acker
 &
 Brook

The following Yrs have been examined & found

correct:—

Lamp & lighting rate	£ 55.10.0
Thimworth, Sundries	1.4.0
Colonial & Domestic Help Coy	16.0
J Procter Good. Phengle	12.0
	<u>£ 58.2.0</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Cliffe & Mr Ridley, that the report be adopted.

The Library sub committee reported as follows:—

Your committee beg to report that they have decided to give the order for additional supply of books by mail to Messrs Dulau & Co 37 Soho Square, London.

The following are recommended for addition to the Library:—

From Samuel Mullen 22 vols	£ 6.3.6
Geo Robertson 4 vols	1.7.6

The following Aps have been examined & found correct:—

Samuel Mullen. Books	£ 10.8.11
John Armstrong Papers	15.1.9
William DeMott Binding	4.6.6
R W Kingham Binding	5.5.3
Sundry Aps	1.18.9
	<u>£ 37.1.2</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Stayer and Mr Lufe, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance sub committee reported as follows:—

Your committee beg to report that they have audited the Aps for May & found them correct.

Payment is recommended of the following Aps:—

Secretary's Salaries & Wages	£ 87.1.0
Mileage for car	21.17.4
Levy Subscribers. Lamp & Lighting Rate	55.10.0
John Armstrong. Newspapers	15.1.9
Samuel Mullen. Books	10.8.11
R. W Kingham. Binding	5.5.3
Wm DeMott Binding	4.6.6
Sundry Aps	6.0.7
Executors Summer Estate. Interest on £18000 for 1/2 year @ 5 1/2 %	495.00
	<u>£ 700.12.0</u>

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

The Secretary reported that the Building had been inspected by the officers of the Central & Local Health Committees, and that it was probable certain alterations with reference to the locks of the doors would be ordered to be made.

Resolved that the House Committee be empowered to take immediate action, if necessary.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 116.2.6
Total revenue of the month	319.8.2
5 months	1848.5.0
New members during month	28
5 months	150
Balance in Bank	£ 699.6.10
Fixed Deposits	3025.0.0

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Thursday 4th July 1889.

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

- Mr Goode, President (Chair)
- Sliffe
- Bates
- Winnward
- Marlin
- Lush
- Meeks
- Ridley
- Sangster

Apologies were accepted for the absence of Mr Fuge, Rennie, Danson, Hayter, & Levi.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr E. G. Fitz Gibbon, the Town Clerk, directing attention to the provisions of By-Law No 1 of the Local Board of Health.

Local Board of Health.

The Secretary pointed out that clause VII of section 1. did not apply to the Hall of the Athenaeum because there is no procession nor scenic accessories in it.

The matter was referred to the House Committee.

The Library sub committee reported as follows:—

The Library Committee beg to recommend the following for addition to the Library:—

- From Samuel Muller 18 vols £3.9.3
- George Robertson 3 . 17.6

Accounts examined & found correct amounting to £21.0.3.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Marlin & Mr Bates, that the Report be adopted.

The House sub committee reported as follows:—

The House sub committee beg to recommend that the Lavatory walls & floor be tiled at the cost of £17.6.0 Accounts amounting to £115.0.0 have been examined and found correct.

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

The Finance sub committee reported as follows:—

The Finance sub committee beg to report that they have audited the (Yrs for June & found them correct. It is recommended that the Junior Assistant (Mr Taylor) shall receive an increase of 3/- per week to his salary from 1st June ult. The following are recommended for payment:

Salaries	£ 80. 1. 8
Alexander Knip. Floor of Day Hall	100. 1. 3
Gas	27. 16. 10
Samuel Muller. Books	7. 6. 9
Draper & Lows	8. 3. 6
A. Blitcher. Restoring & varnishing pictures	4. 12. 6
Wm Detmold. Binding Books	10. 2. 6
R. G. Kingham. Binding	2. 11. 3
Sundry Expenses & Petty Cash	11. 13. 6
Allegue Book	2. 1. 8
	<hr/> £ 254. 11. 3

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

Mr Sliffe, chairman of the House Committee, reported that the alteration of the gas pipes costs

in the Upper Hall had made a great improvement in the lighting.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £104.8.0

Total revenue of the month 365.12.8

" " 6 months 2213.17.8

New members during the month 38

" " 6 months 188

Balance in Bank £364.7.6
 Excess Deposits £3025.0.0

Confirmed *Good Recd*

Thursday 1st August 1889

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

Mr Goode (Chair) President
 Judge Vice President
 Downward
 Mitche
 Danson
 Bates
 Ridley
 Jowers
 Sangster
 Lush
 Meeks
 cliffe

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Hayter, Mr Levi, & Mr Rennie.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Local Board of Health, which is dealt with in the Report of the House Committee.

The House Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that the Central and Local Boards of Health have given notice of the changes they require to be made in the entrances of the Large Hall, and your Committee have instructed the Secretary to see that they are carried out.

Accounts amounting to £23.7.0 have been examined and found correct.

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

The Library sub committee reported as follows:-

Your committee beg to recommend for addition to the Library 23 vols from Samuel Mullen (a £5.17.6) also that one copy of the Building & Engineering Journal be taken for twelve months.

Accounts amounting to £46.2.5 have been examined & found correct

Resolved, on motion of Mr Martin & Mr Sufe, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance sub committee reported as follows:-

Your committee beg to report that they have audited the accounts for July and found them correct. The following deposits fall due:-

£525 in the City of Melbourne Bank, Aug 5th
£230 in the Victoria Perm Coy Ltd, Aug 10th

It is recommended that they be re-deposited, and that an additional sum of £230 be deposited in the Building Society. The following (for) are recommended for payment:-

Salaries	82.1.8
Gas	26.6.6
Taylor & Sons. Savatory	21.14.0
Geo Robertson & Co Books (20.10.5)	20.18.5
Ly & Widdien Newspapers	10.8.6
Saml Mullen Books	7.3.0
Perfussou & Mitchell. Book	4.4.0
Wm De Moll. Binding	3.2.6
Landy & Wifes	1.19.0
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	£177.17.0

Moved by Mr Goode, seconded by Mr Bates, that the report be adopted.

An amendment was moved by Mr Martin, seconded by Mr Sanger, that the whole amount of £1025 be

deposits

deposited in the Building Society.

The amendment was carried.

The report as amended was then adopted.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£212.14.6
Total revenue of month	476.1.7
~ 7 months	2689.19.3

New members during month	34
~ 7 months	222

Balance in Bank	£555.17.8
Fixed Deposits	3025.0.0

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Thursday 5th Sept 1889

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

- Mr Hoode (President) Chair
- Judge Vice President
- Rennie Treasurer
- Millic
- Levi
- Dates
- Danson
- Downward
- Weeks
- Harlin
- Such
- Prof C. Kingston.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs Ridley, Cliffe, Hayter & Langston.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confd.

A letter was read from J. R. Wilson Esq. granting a renewal of a theatrical licence for the Hall

The Library sub committee reported as follows:-

Your committee beg to recommend the following for addition to the Library:-

- From Saml Muller 10 vols £ 3. 2. 6
- " Geo Robertson 5 " 13. 0

Dulau & Co

A letter has been received from Messrs Dulau & Co, Soujeu Bookellers, 37 Soho Square London W, advising us of the shipment of

two parcels of books. Accounts amounting to £ 31. 7. 3 have been examined & found correct.

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

The House sub committee reported as follows:-

Your committee beg to report that the alterations to the doors of the Hall ordered by the Central Board of Health have been made

Accounts amounting to £ 49. 11. 4 have been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Weeks & Mr Levi, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for August and found them correct. The sum of £ 1025 has been deposited in the Victoria Permanent Bd of Societies for 12 months at 6% per ann.

The following A/c's have been examined & found correct:-

Salaries	£ 20. 6. 8
Low Rate City of Melbourne to 31/12/89	37. 0. 0
Gas	23. 7. 0
John Armstrong & Co's papers	14. 12. 0
John Deakin Repairs	5. 11. 4
Saml Muller Books	5. 17. 6
RW Kingham Binding	5. 8. 3
Wm DeMold Binding	2. 8. 0
Messrs Smith & Johnson	3. 3. 0
Melbourne Punch	2. 8. 0
Sundry A/c's & Petty Cash	11. 10. 6
Printing City & Book	1. 5. 9
	£ 208. 10. 0

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie &

Mr Deans, that the Report be adopted.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £ 120.7.0

Total revenue of the month 365.16.0
 " " 8 months 3055.15.3

New members during month 23

" " 8 months 245

Balance in Bank £ 523.6.1
 Fixed Deposits 3275.0.0

Confirmed 3rd Oct. by Honk. Com.

Thursday 3rd October 1889

The Committee met at 8 P.M.

Mr Goode (President) Chair.

Burge Vice Pres

Rennie Treasurer

Millie

Bates

Downward

Hayter G.M.S.

Levi

Danson

Ridley

Fevens

Harlin

Meeks

Lush

Sungster

Prof. Colkington

An apology was made for the absence of Mr Shiffe.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

A letter was read from Mrs Nettleton a tenant of front shop N^o 186 asking for a reduction in her rent.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks and Mr Hayter that the request be not granted.

A letter was read from Mr George Wrigley, Hon Secy of the Metropolitan Liedertafel, asking permission to grant the use of the White Room for a fortnight to Mr Dulais Herz. The Secretary stated that, as the matter was urgent, he had given the permission.

Resolved that the action of the Secretary be endorsed.

A letter was read from Mr Robert E Joseph of the New Australian Electric Co^y Ltd, stating the terms on which the Co^y would light the Distribution by Electricity. The matter is dealt with in the report of the House Committee.

The Library sub-committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to recommend the following for addition to the Library:-

From Sam^l Mullen 10 vols £2.7.0

Accounts amounting to £105.2.5 have been examined and found correct.

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

The House sub-committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to recommend that the Reading Room, Library, & Vestibule be lit with the Electric light by the New Australian Electric Co^y Ltd. The cost of the fittings will be about £58.10.0 and the lighting about £120 per annum.

Accounts amounting to £50.2.5 have been examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Bates & Mr Meeks that the Report be adopted, and that the House Committee supervise the Installation.

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.

The sum of £500 deposited in the Victoria Permanent Bdg Society falls due Nov^r 2nd. It is recommended that it be re-deposited in a place to be selected by the General Committee

The following A/cs are recommended for payment

Electric Light

Cup day

Salaries & Wages	£81.1.8
Whitehead & Co Magazines	83.9.3
Melrose Gas Co	26.3.6
Melbourne Water Supply	17.10.0
Sam ^l Mullen Books	5.15.8
W Kingham Binding	4.15.0
W Detmold Binding	2.14.0
Picturesque Atlas 2 vols	5.5.0
Victoria Insurance Co	2.11.6
South British S & M Ins	1.19.0
Ackers & Brock. Repair	2.9.6
Sundry A/cs	3.3.6
George & George. Acoustic Screens	61.3.7
	<u>£298.1.2</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Sanpeter that the Report be adopted. The selection of the place for re-depositing the £500 was postponed till the next meeting. Mr Sage & Professor Elkington consented to give their opinion as to the liability of the Committee with reference to such deposits.

The question of closing the reading room on Cup day was discussed.

It was moved by Mr Bates, seconded by Mr Danson that the Reading room shall be open on Cup Day. On a vote being taken, there were seven for & seven against the motion. The Chairman gave his casting vote against the motion.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for this month	£ 122.11.6
Total revenue of	361.2.6
9 months	3416.17.9

New members during month 13
9 months 258

Balance in Bank £684.0.7
Bank Deposits £3275.0.0

Wm R. [Signature]
Ady. Comm. Sec.

Thursday 7th Nov 1889

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

- Mr Duce Vice Pres (Chair)
- Rennie Treasurer
- Micks
- Harlin
- Downward
- Sliffe
- Ridley
- Levi
- Sevens
- Millie

Apologies for absence were received from the President (Mr Joseph Goode) Mr Bates, Mr Langston, & Mr Haylor & Mr G.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The House Sub Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that the Installation of the Electric Light in the Reading room, Library and Vestibule is completed.

They have examined Aps amounting to £30. 0. 0 and found them correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Ridley & Mr Sliffe, that the Report be adopted.

The Library sub committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to recommend the following for addition to the Library:—

- From Saml Muller 10 vols £2. 3. 4
- Geo Robertson 8 " 16. 0

Electric Light

Aps examined amounting to £106. 7. 3 and found correct

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

The House sub committee reported as follows:—

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

Salaries	£ 81. 1. 8
Gas	24. 8. 0
From Dawson & Sons	29. 13. 4
Geo Robertson & Co Books	18. 10. 1
Gordon & Gitch Newspapers	17. 8. 10
W Detmold Binding & Sketching	16. 2. 6
Gleasonden Newspapers	11. 1. 0
R W Kingham Binding	3. 18. 9
Saml Muller Books	2. 11. 6
Chas S Maxwell. Aust Law Times	3. 3. 0
Sundry Aps & Petty Cash	15. 16. 3
<u>Total</u>	<u>£ 223. 14. 11</u>

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

With reference to the postponed question of the Essex Deposit, Mr Duce informed the Committee that he had his report ready, but that in the absence of Professor Elkington who had met with an accident he would prefer to have the matter postponed. This was agreed to.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 122. 11. 6
Total amount of 10 months	384. 7. 6
New members during month	25
10 months	253
Balance in Bank	£ 767. 6. 11
In Deposits	3275. 0. 0

Thomas Harlin,
Chairman, 7/1889

Thursday 5th Dec^r 1889

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

- Mr Starlin (Chair)
- Fuge Vice President
- Rennie Treasurer
- Millie
- Sliffe
- Danson
- Downward
- Levi
- Bates
- Sangster.

A letter was read from the President, Mr Goode, stating that he did not feel very well, and would be unable to attend the meeting.

Resolved that Mr Starlin take the Chair.

An apology for absence was received from Mr Ridley.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr G J Burke, a member of the Institution, complaining of delay in placing the English newspapers in the Reading Room. A memo from Mr Smith the Librarian was read in reference to the complaint.

The Library sub-committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to recommend the following for addition to the Library:—

- From Geo Robertson 1 vol £1.12.0
- Saml Mullen 14 vols 3.19.8

Accounts examined and found correct amounting to £40.16.6
Resolved, on motion of Mr Millie & Mr Fuge, that

Decorating
Vestibule
&c

the report be adopted.

The House Sub-committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to recommend that tenders be called for decorating the Vestibule, Corridor, Reading Room, Library Upper Hall and Secretary's room, also that a new Feltor and two umbrella stands be purchased for the Reading Room

Accounts examined and found correct amounting to £86.17.4

Resolved, on motion of Mr Sliffe & Mr Levi, 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 November & found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following A/cs.

Salaries		£ 88. 6. 8
Installation of Electric light	£ 59. 10. 0	} 71. 8. 4
Electric light Truss	11. 18. 4	
Gas		14. 14. 0
Messrs Dulauy Co Books		17. 10. 0
John Armstrong Newspapers		14. 18. 6
Mr Hutchinson Bros Binding		5. 6. 0
Sundry A/cs		3. 17. 0
Subst on Mortgage		495. 0. 0
		<u>£ 711. 0. 6</u>

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

Resolved that the President, Vice President, and Secretary shall draft the Annual Report of the Committee

Resolved that the next meeting of the Committee be on Thursday 16th January.

Mr Fuge read his report with reference to the

Annual
Report

Investments

liability of the Committee in connection with the investment of funds. It was resolved, on his motion, that it be referred to Professor ElKington for his opinion, and that further action be meanwhile delayed.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Levi, that the thanks of the Committee be given to Mr Sage

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month £ 99. 15. 6
 Total revenue of " 455. 14. 6
 " 11 months 4253. 19. 9

New members during month 14
 " 11 months 297

Balance in Bank £ 999. 6. 6
 F. D. £ 3275. 0. 0

J. M. P. R. G. B.
 Secy
 Man 16/1/90

Thursday 16th January 1890

The General Committee met at 8 P.M.

Mr Sage V.P. (Chair)

Rennie Treas

Stiffe

Levi

Millie

Danson

Harlie

Ridley

Downward

Towers

Hayter

Meeks

Cush

An apology for absence was received from the President Mr Corde.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The following correspondence was read:

From the assistant, Mr Harley Webster, applying for an increase of Salary.

From Mr J. Corbie Gould asking that a window should be made in the back wall of his shop.

From Professor ElKington stating that he agreed with Mr Sage's opinion with reference to the investment of money by the Committee, and also with the proposed new rule to meet the case

Sinking Fund.

Mr Sage then read again his report with reference to the liability of the Committee in connection with the investment of funds, and also the new rule which it was proposed to pass.