

Thursday 14th Jan 1892

The Committee met at 8^{1/2} o'clk.
 Mr Ridley, Vice Pres (chair)
 Downward
 Langford
 Lusk
 Martin
 Millie
 Rennie
 Callaway
 Levi
 Hiffe
 Weeks
 Hood

An apology was received for the absence of Mr Barlow.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

A letter was read from the Tenants of the Front Shops asking for a reduction in their rent.
 Resolved, on motion of Mr Hiffe that it be referred to the Finance Committee for their Report.

A letter was received from Mr Frederic Maccabe referring to alterations in the Large Hall. It was referred to the House Committee.

The Library sub committee reported as follows:-
 Your Committee beg to report that they have examined Aps amounting to £71.1.1 & found them correct.
 Resolved, on motion of Mr Martin & Mr Callaway that the Report be adopted.

The House Sub-committee reported as follows:-
 Your Committee beg to recommend that the ceiling in the room of the Public Service Assocⁿ be whitewashed, and the lobby cleaned. Accounts

amounting to £30.12.11 have been examined & found correct.
 Resolved, on motion of Mr Levi & Mr Hiffe that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Sub-committee reported as follows:-
 Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the Aps for December & found them correct. A Fixed Deposit in the City of Melbourne Bank for £1000 falls due 18 inst. It is recommended that it be redeposited for three months. The Treasurer's Balance Sheet for the year has been submitted to this Committee, and they consider the result of the year's operations very satisfactory, as the credit Balance has been increased by nearly £600. The only items which require any notice are those of subscriptions and rent of front shops. The decrease in these two items is, no doubt, to be attributed to the prevailing financial depression and to the fact of one of the shops being vacant for some time. The amount received for the Large Hall is very satisfactory, especially in view of the great competition that exists owing to the increased number of similar places of entertainment. The following accounts are recommended for payment:-

Salaries & Wages	£86.1.8
George Robertson & Co Books	32.10.11
Melville Muller & Co Stationery	13.3.2
G Caselden Newspapers	11.17.6
Gas & Electric Light	28.17.11
Mr Hutchinson Bros Printing	7.4.5
Melbourne Punch. Advertising	1.10.0
At Pillingworth Sundries	1.7.6
Sunday Aps & Petty Cash	11.5.9
	£194.6.11

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

The Treasurer's Balance Sheet was presented and was referred to the Auditors.

The Draft of the Annual Report of the Committee

was read, and it was resolved on the motion of Mr Martin & Mr Meeks that it be adopted as the Report of the General Committee.

The Secretary reported the death of Mr Fuge which took place 7th Decr

Resolved, on motion of Mr Meeks & Mr Lush, that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of Mr Fuge, and that the President together with the mover & seconder, & the Secretary draw up the same.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £83.13.6
 " 12 months 1330.11.0

Total Revenue of the month £ 369.2.6
 " 12 months 4072.8.6

New members during the month 13
 " 12 months 237

Balance in Bank £392.10.0
 Fixed Deposits, 4225.0.0

James Ridley President
 4 July 1892

Annual General Meeting held in Upper Hall Wednesday 27th January 1892

The Chair was taken by the President N A Hayter Esq C.M.G. at 8 pm.

The Secretary read the advertisement convening the meeting the said advertisement had been published twice in the daily Journals, and had been posted in the Reading Room & Library.

The Minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read & confirmed.

The Secretary read the following report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE Melbourne Athenæum, For the Year 1891.

The Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submit their report of the transactions of the past year.

The revenue of the year has been satisfactory as a whole, and has exceeded by £75 that of 1890.

It will be seen from the Balance Sheet that the gross receipts for the year amount to £4072 8s. 6d., and the expenditure to £3495 14s. 1d., giving the satisfactory balance of £576 14s. 5d., and bringing the total credit balance up to £4617 10s., of which sum £4225 is deposited at interest.

The following are the receipts:—Subscriptions, £1330 11s.; rent of front shops, £1009; rent of large hall, £911 15s.; small hall, £308 5s.; rooms, £311 1s. 5d.; interest, £182; sale of papers and catalogues, £19 16s. 1d.

The principal items of expenditure are:—Salaries and wages, £1060 10s.; interest on mortgage, £990; books, magazines and newspapers, £654 9s. 5d.; lighting, £294 12s. 10d.; rates, £138; repairs and furniture, £100 17s. 9d.; binding, £90 16s. 3d.

The number of members on the roll is 1381, of whom 237 joined during the year.

The number of books added to the Library during the year was 640; the total number of works issued to subscribers was 30,441, and 7083 magazines.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS FOR THE LAST TWENTY YEARS.

YEAR.	No. of Subscribing Members.	New Members.	Volumes Added.	Works Circulated.	Magazines Circulated.
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	10,590
1877	1571	481	746	45,293	11,000
1878	1525	444	654	46,262	11,115
1879	1410	361	771	58,450	6,996
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
1884	1334	277	711	35,129	7,331
1885	1311	254	680	29,653	7,200
1886	1468	351	700	29,382	7,000
1887	1568	376	613	28,211	7,150
1888	1535	355	618	29,697	7,108
1889	1515	312	698	30,601	7,209
1890	1492	316	670	30,699	7,142
1891	1381	237	640	30,441	7,083

* Prior to 1880, the figures represent single volumes; since that date they represent the entire work, whether consisting of one volume or more.

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

CLASSIFICATION.	1888.	1889.	1890.	1891.
Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics	23	9	8	5
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts	12	18	12	6
Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence	1,298	1,214	1,265	1,435
Classics and Philology	39	93	57	42
Fine Arts	18	10	17	7
Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works	908	815	960	1,087
History and Historical Memoirs	785	728	635	651
Jurisprudence and Legislation	10	0	9	2
Medical Science and Chemistry	6	7	1	1
Miscellaneous and Collected Works	812	725	700	647
Natural History and Botany	36	76	37	52
Works of Fiction	22,848	24,081	24,263	24,268
Music	0	0	4	1
Periodical Literature	1,830	1,805	1,783	1,558
Philosophy and General Science	366	333	295	289
Poetry and the Drama	279	304	254	183
Politics	57	50	47	29
Religious & Ecclesiastical Works	116	81	42	49
Juvenile Works	254	257	310	179
	29,697	30,601	30,699	30,441

The number of visitors introduced by members, under the provision of Rule 19, was 34.

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

- Transactions and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria, Vol. III—New Series, presented by the Council of the Royal Society.
- The Vaccination Inquirer and Health Review, forwarded monthly by Mr. J. Carson.
- Volume XXII of the Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute, from the Society.
- Victorian Year Book 1888-89, H. H. Hayter, Esq., C.M.G.
- 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.

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. H. H. Hayter, C.M.G.; Vice-President, Mr. J. S. Ridley; Treasurer, Mr. Charles Rennie; Committee, Messrs. H. S. Barlow, R. S. Danson, E. Downward, J. Goode, T. Harlin, G. Lush, and A. Millie.

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

The President, Mr. H. H. HAYTER, C.M.G.	attended	10
The Vice-President, Mr. J. S. RIDLEY	"	9
The Treasurer, Mr. CHARLES RENNIE	"	10

COMMITTEE:

Mr. Barlow	attended	9	Mr. Callaway	attended	11
Mr. Danson	"	2	Mr. Hood	"	11
Mr. Downward	"	10	Mr. Ievers	"	4
Mr. Goode	"	3	Mr. Iliffe	"	9
Mr. Harlin	"	9	Mr. Levi	"	6
Mr. Lush	"	9	Mr. Meeks	"	6
Mr. Millie	"	10	Mr. Sangster	"	7
			Mr. Fuge (<i>ex officio</i>)	"	9

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

LIBRARY.	HOUSE.	FINANCE.
No. of Meetings, 11.	No. of Meetings, 12.	No. of Meetings, 11.
Mr. Callaway - 10	Mr. Hood - 10	Mr. Barlow - 9
Mr. Fuge - 7	Mr. Iliffe - 9	Mr. Danson - 6
Mr. Harlin - 5	Mr. Levi - 8	Mr. Downward - 3
(Chairman)	(Chairman)	Mr. Goode - 4
Mr. Hayter - 6	Mr. Meeks - 3	Mr. Ievers - 5
Mr. Hood - 7	Mr. Ridley - 9	Mr. Rennie - 7
Mr. Lush - 7	Mr. Sangster - 1	(Chairman)
Mr. Millie - 7		

The Committee record with deep regret the death of Mr. Alderman Moubray, one of the Trustees. He was one of the oldest members of the Institution, always took a deep interest in its progress, and helped it in various ways, among which special mention should be made of the gift of the statue of Minerva, which adorns the façade of the building. They have also been deprived by death of the valuable services of Mr. Henry R. Fuge, who was a member of the Committee from the year 1867, was Treasurer for several years, and was a past President of the Institution; also of those of Mr. R. S. Danson, who was a member of the Committee for four successive years.

The vacancy on the Trust, caused by the death of Mr. Moubray, was filled by the election of Mr. Henry Meeks, one of the oldest members of the Committee. This election will have to be confirmed by you.

The vacancy on the Committee caused by the election of Mr. Ridley as Vice-President, was filled by the election of Mr. Martin Hood.

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following members of the Committee retire from office, but are eligible for re-election, viz.:—Messrs. Callaway, Hood, Ievers, Iliffe, Levi, and Sangster. There are also vacancies caused by the election of Mr. Meeks as Trustee, and by the death of Mr. Danson.

The mortgage on the real property of the Institution expires next April. It is the intention of the Committee to pay off at least £4000, and it is believed there will be no difficulty in renewing for the balance on favourable terms.

It is earnestly hoped that the subscribers to the Institution will not limit their interest to the use of the Library and the Reading Room, but will assist the Committee in their efforts to obtain fresh subscribers, and in other respects to promote the usefulness and prosperity of the Melbourne Athenæum.

H. H. HAYTER,
President.

The Balance Sheet was circulated in the room, and it was resolved that it be taken as read.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the year ending 31st December, 1891.

To Balance, 31st December, 1890	£4,040 15 7	By Salaries and Wages	£1,060 10 0
Subscriptions	£1,330 11 0	Interest on Mortgage	990 0 0
Rent of Front Shops	1,009 0 0	Books, Magazines, and Newspapers	654 9 5
Large Hall	911 15 0	Gas and Electric Light	294 12 10
Small Hall	308 5 0	Rates	138 0 0
Rooms	311 1 5	Repairs, and Furniture	100 17 9
Interest on Fixed Deposits	182 0 0	Binding	90 16 3
Sale of Papers	14 16 1	Advertising and Printing	44 4 0
Catalogues	5 0 0	Goods and Sundries	40 17 0
	4,072 8 6	Insurance	36 0 6
		Postage, Petty Cash and Stamped Cheques	36 3 4
		Auditors	4 4 0
		Stationery	3 18 0
		Payment of Cheque suspended	1 1 0
		Balance, Fixed Deposits	4,225 0 0
		in Bank	392 10 0
			4,617 10 0
			£8,113 4 1

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	184 6 11
Furniture	1,000 0 0	Balance	34,183 3 1
Cash in Current Account	£392 10 0		
Fixed Deposits	4,225 0 0		
	4,617 10 0		
	£52,367 10 0		£52,367 10 0

Audited and found correct.

CHAS. RENNIE, HONORARY TREASURER.
J. H. B. CURTIS, SECRETARY.

ANDREW BURNS,
W. THOMPSON, } AUDITORS.

MELBOURNE, 15th January, 1892.

It was resolved on the motion of the President (Mr. H. H. Hayter) seconded by the Vice-President (Mr. J. S. Ridley), that the Report & Balance Sheet be adopted.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Martin Hood and Mr. Alex. Millie that the following gentlemen be scrutineers to conduct the election (if required), viz.:—Messrs Blackwood, Hooper, Disher & Pitt.

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

Table with 5 columns: CLASSIFICATION, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891. Rows include Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics; Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts; Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence; Classics and Philology; Fine Arts; Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works; History and Historical Memoirs; Jurisprudence and Legislation; Medical Science and Chemistry; Miscellaneous and Collected Works; Natural History and Botany; Works of Fiction; Music; Periodical Literature; Philosophy and General Science; Poetry and the Drama; Politics; Religious & Ecclesiastical Works; Juvenile Works.

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The Balance Sheet was circulated in the room, and it was resolved that it be taken as read.

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

- The President, Mr. H. H. HAYTER, C.M.G. attended 10
The Vice-President, Mr. J. S. RIDLEY 9
The Treasurer, Mr. CHARLES RENNIE 10

Table with 2 columns: COMMITTEE, attended. Rows include Mr. Barlow, Mr. Danson, Mr. Downward, Mr. Goode, Mr. Harlin, Mr. Lush, Mr. Millie, Mr. Callaway, Mr. Hood, Mr. Ievers, Mr. Iliffe, Mr. Levi, Mr. Meeks, Mr. Sangster, Mr. Fuge (ex officio).

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

Table with 3 columns: LIBRARY, HOUSE, FINANCE. Rows include No. of Meetings, Mr. Callaway, Mr. Fuge, Mr. Harlin, Mr. Hayter, Mr. Hood, Mr. Lush, Mr. Millie, Mr. Hood, Mr. Iliffe, Mr. Levi, Mr. Meeks, Mr. Ridley, Mr. Sangster, Mr. Barlow, Mr. Danson, Mr. Downward, Mr. Goode, Mr. Ievers, Mr. Rennie, Mr. Sangster.

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H. H. HAYTER, President.

Thursday 2nd July 1893
Stuffer, Downward, Luffey, Bond, Levin, Abernethy, Samson, Balan, Sangster, Callaway, Karman, Lush.

Mr Downward thanked for letters
Mr Lush thanked for -

That the Committee as last year except Mr Millie who is replaced by Mr Danson

(Mr H. H. Hayter) seconded by the Vice President, Mr J. S. Ridley, that the Report of Balance Sheet be adopted.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Martin Hood and Mr Alex Millie that the following gentlemen be scrutineers to conduct the election (if required), viz: Messrs Blackwood, Hooper, Fisher & Pitt.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Levi & Mr Barlow, that Mr Andrew Burns & Mr Walter Thompson be re-elected Auditors.

Resolved, on motion of Mr E Davies, that a vote of thanks be given to the retiring President Vice President & Treasurer, and the retiring members of Committee. The President returned thanks and then proposed a vote of thanks to the Secretary Librarian & other officers of the Institution. Mr Curtis returned thanks

Henry Meeks Trustee

Resolved, on motion of Mr Harlin & Mr Lusk, that the election of Mr Henry Meeks as Trustee be & hereby is confirmed.

The President announced that nominations for Officers & Members of Committee would, in accordance with the rules, be taken till ten o'clock.

After a vote of thanks had been given to the Chairman, the meeting closed.

The following Nominations were made:-

- For President J S Ridley Esq
 - Vice President E Downward Esq
 - Treasurer Chas Rennie Esq
- Committee

Messrs W A Callaway, M Hood, W Lovers, J Sliffe, J Levi, D Sangster, E Davies, & Revd J. the R Abernethy.

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

Confirmed 25/1/93.
Thomas Harlin
Chairman

Thursday 4th Feb 1892

The General Committee met at 8 P.M.

- Mr Ridley. President Chair
- Downward Vice President
- Hood
- Barlow
- Levi
- Millie
- Davies
- Hayter
- Harlin
- Sliffe
- Callaway
- Lusk
- Revd Abernethy.

Mr Ridley returned thanks for the honour conferred on him by his election as President.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed

Minutes of the Annual Meeting read for information. They were considered correct.

A letter was read from Mrs Fuge thanking the Committee for their letter of sympathy.

The Finance sub committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the Accounts for January & found them correct.

They have given careful consideration to the question of the Rents of the Front Shops referred to them by you, and beg to recommend that the Rent of the three shops now let shall continue as heretofore, that the rent of the Shop next to the Coffee Palace be £5.10

Rent of Shops

per week, that a rebate of one pound per week be allowed till 1st of September in the rent of the first three, and for twelve months after occupancy in the case of the fourth.

Payment is recommended of the following

Salaries & wages	£ 94. 11. 8
The New Australian Clerical Coy Ltd	11. 18. 4
Metropolitan Gas Coy	6. 7. 10
City Treasurer. Fruit Camp	6. 5. 0
Auditors' fees	4. 4. 0
	<u>£ 123. 6. 10</u>

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

The Secretary reported that there was a vacancy on the Committee caused by the election of Mr Downward as Vice President. Mr R. C. Norman was nominated to fill it by Mr Harlin & Mr Millie.

Resolved that this Committee shall meet as hitherto on the first Thursday of the month at eight o'clock.

The following sub committees were appointed

Finance	Library	House	Emergency
President	President	President	President
Vice President	Vice President	Vice President	Vice President
Treasurer	Mr Harlin	Shiffe	Shiffe
Mr Goode	Lush	Sampster	Levers
Cevens	Millie	Levi	Callaway
Barlow	Callaway	Davies	
Callaway	Hood	Hood	
	Hayter	Barlow	
	Rev Abernethy		

Resolved, on motion of Mr Harlin & Mr Lush, that a bonus of £20 be granted to the Secretary and one of £15 to the Librarian, as a mark of appreciation of their services to the Institution.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month £101. 10. 0

Total revenue of the month £272. 13. 4

New members during the month 28

Balance in Bank £470. 16. 5

Dues Deposit £425. 0. 0

James Ridley
3 March 1892

Thursday 2nd March
1892

The General Committee met at 8 pm.

- Mr Ridley, President (chair)
- Downward Vice President
- Rennie Treasurer
- Meeks Trustee
- Cush
- Harkin
- Evans
- Hood
- Saugster
- Callaway
- Barlow
- Millie
- Hagler
- Sliffe
- Levi
- Norman
- Davies
- Rw Shunethy

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr Edwards tenant of one of the front shops thanking the Committee for their kindness in reference to the rent.

Mr Norman

Mr R. G. Norman was declared duly elected a member of the Committee.

Secretary

The Secretary applied for leave of absence for three weeks. The request was granted.

The Library sub committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have elected Mr W. A. Callaway chairman of this sub committee for the year. The following are recommended for addition to the Library:-

From Melville, Mullen & Glade 62 vols	£ 16. 13. 7
" " " 14 "	10. 10. 4

(The list of new books was laid on the table) Accounts amounting to £ 142. 3. 4 have been examined and found correct.

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

The House sub committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have elected Mr Martin Hood chairman of this sub committee for the year. Accounts amounting to £ 30. 4. 0 have been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood & Mr Sliffe, that the report be adopted

The Finance sub committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have elected Mr Rennie chairman of the sub Committee. The A/c for February have been examined & found correct. Payment is recommended of the following:-

Salaries & wages	£ 86. 1. 8.
Whitehead & Co. Magazines	76. 15. 11
Smith & Green & Sons (Northwick) Papers	38. 12. 8
Melville Mullen & Glade Books	16. 13. 7
John Armstrong Newspapers	15. 10. 0
New Union Electric Co. Ltd	11. 18. 4
Saunders & Co. Bayall. Alum. Rods	7. 15. 0
John Cooke Repairs	7. 10. 8
S. O. Torkin & Sons. Repairs	16. 5. 6
William Detmold Binding	5. 3. 0
Art & Masonry & Co. Printing	2. 10. 0
Draper & Sons Colours	2. 14. 0
Mr Hutchinson Bros Binding	1. 16. 0
John Armstrong Advertising	1. 13. 0
Lancaster & Co. Stationery	1. 6. 0
Saunders & Co. Bayall Directory &c	1. 5. 0
Melbourne Print Binding	1. 4. 0
Janet Binding Clock	1. 0. 0
Sundry A/c & Petty Cash	7. 14. 8
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	£ 293. 9. 0

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

Mortgage. Mr Rennie, chairman of the Finance Committee, informed the General Committee that he had interviewed one of the Executors of the Sumner Estate in reference to the Mortgage. He had ascertained that the mortgage did not expire till the 30th June next. He had hopes that we should be able to get a renewal of the mortgage for five or seven years at five ^{per cent} per annum.

Mortgage to be renewed } Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Meeks, that the Finance Committee be empowered to negotiate for a renewal of the mortgage on the basis stated by Mr Rennie.

Mr R. C. Norman was added to the Finance Sub-committee.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£ 94. 16. 0
- - - 2 months	196. 6. 0

Total revenue of the month	£ 241. 16. 0
- - - 2 months	514. 9. 4

New members during month	23
- - - 2 months	51

Balance in Bank	£ 534. 5. 7
Fixed Deposits	£ 4225. 0. 0

James Ridley President
7/4/92

Thursday 7th April 1892

The Committee met at 8 p.m.
Mr Ridley, President, Chair
Downward Vice President
Hood
Barlow
Levi
Callaway
Langster
Stimmon
Hayter
Martin
Cliffe
Rev. Sturmithey

Apology for the absence of Mr Miller & Mr Rennie.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Library sub-committee reported as follows:-
Your Committee beg to report and recommend the following for addition to the Library:-
From Melville Muller & Stade 34 vols £ 7. 1. 0
" E. A. Petherick 17 " 3 5. 1
Aps amounting to £ 114. 17. 1 have been examined & found correct:-

Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway & Mr Levi, that the report be adopted.

The House sub-committee reported:-
Your Committee beg to report that they have had a special meeting for the purpose of considering the desirability of recommending the General Committee to have certain alterations and improvements effected in the "Area". The subject is still under consideration. The front shop, so long vacant, has been let to a good tenant. Aps amounting to £ 52. 0. 2 have been examined & found correct.
Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood & Mr Levi, that the report be adopted.

The Finance Subcommittee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for March & found them correct. The Chairman, Mr Rennie, had an interview with Mr Egglestone with reference to the Mortgage, and has received from him a communication stating that he has consulted the mortgagees, and they are willing that £3000 or £4000 should be paid off the Mortgage on 30th June, and that the Balance should remain on Mortgage for five years from that date at 5% per annum

Your Committee recommend that those terms be accepted and that the sum of £4000 be paid off. They also recommend that immediate steps be taken to have Mr Meek registered as Trustee in the place of Mr Alderman Moulbray in connection with the Mortgage.

The following A/cs are recommended for payment:-

Salaries & Wages	£ 86.1.8
Melville Mullen & Glade	59.3.10
George Robertson & Co Books	26.3.3
Melbourne & Bishop of Works. Water	18.12.6
Shillwell & Co Printing	15.9.0
Mulroy Gas Coy	15.2.4
Electric Light	11.10.4
G Campbell Newspapers	11.14.0
Mr Hutchinson Bros Binding	7.5.6
Francis Graham. Papering & Painting	5.10.0
Sundry A/cs	2.6.6
	<u>£ 253.6.11</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway and Mr Norman, that the report be adopted.

Easter Holidays

Resolved that the Library be closed on the Saturday before Easter & on Easter Tuesday, & that the Library & Reading Room be closed on Good Friday & Easter Monday.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £ 116.12.6
3 months 310.10.6

Total revenue of the month £ 249.13.0
3 months 764.2.4

New members during month 19
3 months 70

Balance in Bank £ 503.9.7
Fixed Deposits £ 4225.0.0

James S. Ridley
5 May 1892

Thursday 5th May 1892

The Committee met at 8 P.M.

Mr Ridley President (chair)

Downward Vice President

Rennie Treasurer

Hood

Barlow

Millie

Norman

Davies

Martin

Leah

Seners

Levi

Hayter

Samson

Callaway

Rev. Abernethy

An apology for absence was received from Mr Pliffe.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr George D Mendell of the Young Victorian Patriotic League asking for a refund of £6.10 paid for rent of Large Hall for a meeting which did not take place. Resolved that the rent be not refunded but that another night be allowed free of rent.

The Library subcommittee reported as follows:

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

From Melville Mullen & Slade 21 vols £4.12.6

Books amounting to £30.16.5 examined & found correct.

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

The House subcommittee reported as follows:—

Your committee beg to report that, whilst considering

Encroachment
in
Right of way

the question of certain improvements which they contemplate recommending she made in the area, their attention has been directed to a seeming encroachment made some years ago on a portion of land once forming a part of the right-of-way at the rear of the Institution though not included in our present certificate of title. Your committee recommend that the Secretary be instructed to ascertain who has the fee simple of the piece of land alluded to.

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

The Finance subcommittee reported as follows:—

Your committee report that they have audited the A/c for April & found them correct. To carry out the decision already made by the General Committee, it is recommended that our Solicitors be instructed to have Mr Meeks registered as a Trustee of the Institution, and also that they have the Mortgage extended by endorsement. The following A/c's are recommended for payment:—

Salaries & wages	£ 94. 11. 8
Detmold Printing	12. 17. 6
Metrop ⁿ for Leo	18. 14. 9
The New Church ⁿ Electric Co ^{rs}	11. 10. 4
Melville Mullen & Slade Books	7. 10. 7
Mr Hutchinson Bro ^{rs} Printing	5. 5. 3
C. A. Petherick & Co Books	3. 5. 1
Melbourne Punch	1. 4. 0
Year Book of Australia	7. 6
Geelong Advertiser	6. 6
Petty Cash	5. 0. 0
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	£ 161. 1. 2

Also that the Renewal Premiums on Insurance Policies due 20th May 1892 be paid

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

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£ 104. 8. 6
4 months	415. 17. 0
Total revenue of the month	214. 7. 9
4 months	1048. 10. 1
New members during the month 1892	4 months 89.
Balance in Bank	£ 534. 10. 5
Acc'd Deposits	£ 4225. 0. 0

James Ridley
2 June 1892

Thursday 2nd June 1892

The Committee met at 8 p.m.
 Mr Ridley President (chair)
 Downward Vice President
 Rennie Treasurer
 Barlow
 Davies
 Langster
 Levi
 Norman
 Harlin
 Callaway
 Bliffe
 Hood
 Pugh
 Meeks

An apology for his absence was received from Revd Mr Abernethy

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Mr Goode's Resignation
 A letter was read from Mr Goode resigning his place on the Committee. Resolved that the resignation be accepted with regret.

A letter was read from Mr Poole asking for a reduction of his rent. The Secretary informed the Committee that there was a recommendation on the subject from the Finance Sub committee.

A letter was read from Hayes & Co, tenants of one of the Print shops asking for certain repairs to be effected. Referred to the House subcommittee.

The Library subcommittee reported as follows:-
 Your Committee beg to recommend the following for addition to the Library:-
 Seven Melville Muller & Stade 23 vols £5.11.0
 Accounts amounting to £20.14.9 have been examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway and Mr Downward, that the report be adopted.

Right of Way

The House sub committee reported as follows:-
 Your Committee beg to report that, from enquiries made by the Secretary, they find that the right-of-way formerly extended a distance of fifty feet two inches in a westerly direction beyond the present back entrance to the Coffee Palace. The fee simple of it was vested in the Athenaeum under the old title, but not under the new one. Mr E. M. Gibbs informed the Secretary that when he, as a Solicitor of the Institution, was bringing the land under the New Act he applied for a title for all the land that belonged to the Institution, but could not get one to more of the right-of-way than is shown on the plan, which shows the right-of-way just as it now stands. The Committee recommend that our Solicitor shall submit the matter for Counsel's opinion, the statement of the case to be shown, in the first instance, to this sub-committee for approval.

The floor in the Ladies' Upper Room has been attacked by dry rot, and is in a dangerous condition. It is recommended that a new floor be laid, and that it be ventilated underneath, the work to be done under the direction of our Architects.

It is recommended that an electric bell for calling the caretaker be fixed with the knob at the left of the entrance to the Large Hall.

Accounts amounting to £2.10.6 have been examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood and Mr Bliffe, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance subcommittee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for May, and found them correct.

It is recommended that the Salary of the Junior Assistant be increased from 35s to 40s per week, and that he be informed that this will be his maximum salary.

It is recommended that the rent of the Upper Room occupied by the Secretary or the Public Service Association be reduced from £40 to £35 per annum - the latter being

Junior Assistant's Salary

the price originally fixed.

Mortgage

The Committee recommend that their chairman, Mr Rennie, shall with the secretary see to the withdrawal of the Issued Deposits now in our Bank for the purpose of paying off £4000 from the mortgage.

The following Expenses are recommended for payment:

SALARIES & WAGES	£ 86.1.0
RATES	61.2.6
GRASS & GROUND MAINTENANCE	6.19.6
DRAPER & LOUS CLOSETS	4.1.0
JOHN ARMSTRONG NEWSPAPERS	15.4.0
MELVILLE MULLEN & SLADE BOOKS	5.17.6
MR HUTCHISON BOOK BINDING	4.13.9
MR DETMOLD BOOK BINDING &c	1.6.6
MR MASSIMA & CO LABELS	1.0.0
SUNDY EXPENSES	1.0.6
INTEREST ON MORTGAGE	495.0.0
PART PAYMENT OF MORTGAGE FOR ELECTRIC LIGHT	4000.0.0
	30.6.1
	<u>£ 4712.13.0</u>

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

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 107.2.0
5 months	522.19.0
Total revenue of the month	348.10.0
5 months	1397.0.9
New members during the month	22
5 months	111
Balance in Bank	£ 691.19.11
Issued Deposits	4225.0.0

James Ridley
7/7/92

Thursday 7th July 1892

The Committee met at 8 pm.

Mr Ridley President chair.

Callaway

Barlow

Hood

Davies

Sliffe

Lush

Rev Abernethy

Apologies for absence received from: Messrs Norman, Jewers, Levi, Millie, and Rennie.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

Mr Jamieson

Proposed & resolved that Mr Jamieson be a member of the General Committee (The Library) subcommittee reported as follows:—

The Library Committee beg to recommend for addition to the Library 23 vols from Melville Mullen and Slade at £ 7.17.11. Accounts amounting to £ 14.5.9 have been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway and Mr Hood, that the Report be adopted.

The House Sub Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that the new floor has been laid in the Ladies' Room, and that effective ventilation has been provided. Accounts amounting to £ 36.10.7 have been examined and found correct.

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

The Finance subcommittee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the (Exp) for June and found them correct.

New Mortgage

(Pursuant to your instructions, the sum of £ 4000 has been paid off the mortgage of £ 10,000 and the new mortgage for £ 14,000 at five per annum has been arranged. Payment is recommended of the

following A/cs	
Salaries & wages	£ 87.1.8
George Robertson & Co Books	26.7.9
Gas & electric light	27.7.1
from Detmold Binding	12.7.9
G. Cassell den New papers	11.14.0
Melville Mullen & Stade Books	10.10.0
W. Skutcheon Den Binding	6.16.9
from Dickie Repairs	5.11.0
E. S. Maxwell. Law Times	3.3.0
E. Whitehead & Co Stationery	1.2.3
Thos Dean & Co Coals	1.10.0
Renewal premium secretary's guarantee	9.0.9
Sending A/cs	
	<u>£ 204.16.0</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Barlow & Mr Callaway,
that the Report be adopted.

Secretary's statement.

Subscribers for the month	£ 99.9.6
6 months	622.8.6
Total revenue of month	£ 375.0.5
6 months	1772.1.2
New members during month	15
6 months	126
Balance in Bank	£ 279.7.7
Fixed deposits	£ 300.0.0

James Ridley

Thursday 4th August 1892

The Committee met at 8 P.M.

Mr Ridley chair
 Rennie Treasurer
 Lusk
 Barlow
 Hartie
 Hood
 Callaway
 Norman
 Davis
 Hayter
 Levi
 Lumsden
 McKis
 Mr Jamieson
 Rev Mr Abernethy

Apologies received for the absence of Mr Downward and Mr Millie.

A letter was read from Mr J. M. Buchanan relative to the sale of papers.

A letter was read from Mesdames Ockers & Prook requesting that their front door should be painted. The Secretary stated that the matter had been already under the consideration of the House subcommittee.

The Library subcommittee reported as follows:—

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

Brown Melville, Mullen & Stade 14 vols £3.12.5
 " E. A. Petherick 2 " 1.5.6

Accounts amounting to £31.0.0 have been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway & the Rev Mr Abernethy that the Report be adopted.

The House subcommittee presented the following Report:—

Your Committee beg to report that, in accordance with your instructions, the Secretary wrote to our Solicitors and instructed them to take counsel's opinion with reference to the matter of

the encroachment on the right-of-way.

A reply was received from them stating that, in the year 1821, when they made an application to bring the land under the new Act, Mr Examiner Bardswell declined to allow the matter to proceed until a survey was made and lodged showing all encroachments (if any) on the land claimed by the Institution. This plan having been furnished, our Solicitors were informed that the Office of Titles would not issue a title to any land then in occupation of the various parties as shown on the plan, and they directed that the southernmost forty one feet (or thereabouts) should be excised from the advertisement of the application. The Solicitors then reported the matter to the General Committee, and it was decided to accept

the title as it now stands

Your subcommittee have given most mature consideration to the whole matter, and have received most valuable assistance from the Vice President, Mr Downward, who obtained a plan giving the measurements of all the various portions of the property originally vested in the Institution, and showing the various alienations and encroachments. Your Committee have come to the conclusion that the fee of the southernmost forty one feet of the old right-of-way had been forfeited by adverse possession.

Your Committee have decided that the plan made by Mr Downward shall be kept and that a portion of their investigation shall be attached to it as furnished record.

It is also recommended that the gate at the back entrance to the Institution be removed to its former position in a line with the gate forming the back entrance to the Coffee Palace, and that a strip of land at the western side of

Back gate

the Hall, extending from our back gate to the northern end of the Hall, be enclosed with a chain.

It is recommended that the thanks of the General Committee be given to Mr Downward for the trouble he took to obtain information for the Committee.

Accounts amounting to £41. 10. 3 have been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood and Mr Levi, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance subcommittee reported as follows;—

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c's for July and found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following A/c's:—

Salaries & wages	£ 95. 16. 0
Shew Eglinton, Derham & Martin, Cost of mortgage	10. 10. 0
Gas & Electric Light	27. 0. 7
Freeman & Frith & papers	14. 19. 0
Middle Muller & Glade, Books	9. 3. 11
George & George Carpet	6. 0. 5
Mr Skelton & Sons Binding	4. 7. 3
Drapers & Sons Cloths & Paper	4. 10. 0
Mr Dickie Gas Repairs	1. 11. 9
Police Duty 5 th & 19 th	1. 0. 0
J. Grant Winding clocks.	1. 0. 0
Sunday A/c's	3. 2. 0
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	£ 179. 13. 7

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

Mr Jamieson was declared duly elected a member of the Committee.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Barlow and Mr Hood, that Mr Jamieson be a member of the House Committee.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £101.7.6
7 months 723.16.0

Total revenue of the month £294.13.3
7 months 2066.14.5

New members during the month 12
7 months 138

Balance in Bank £368.4.10
Fixed Deposit 300.0.0

James Ridley,
1 Sept 1892

Thursday 1st September 1892

The Committee met at 8 pm
Mr Ridley, President (chair)
Downward V President
Rennie Treasurer
Hood
Bliffe
Barlow
Hayter, C.M.G.
Callaway
Norman
Lush
Dr Jamieson

Apology for absence received from Rev Mr Sherman, Mr
Mullie and Mr Langster.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Library subcommittee reported as follows:-

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

From Melville, Mullie & Glade 9 vols	£2.0.0
" " " " " " " " " "	1.15.5
" " " " " " " " " "	1.6.10

Also amounting £148.19.9 have been examined and
found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway & Mr Hood
that the Report be adopted.

The House subcommittee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to recommend that the
concession made to the tenants of a rebate of £1
per week in the rent till 1st Sept be continued for
six months longer. Actors & Brook have vacated
their Shop. The rent due by Hayes & Co for their
Shop has been received. The Secretary has
reported to us that there is a probability of a tenant

Rebate
in
rent

applying for the two vacant shops if the rent be reduced to £9 per week for the two. We recommend that the offer be accepted if made.

Expenses amounting to £44.12.10 have been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood and Mr Barlow that the Report be adopted.

Rent
of
two shops

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had not, as he expected, received the offer of £9 per week for the shops but only £8 per week for the first twelve months. Possibly he might get £8.10 per week. After mature consideration, it was resolved that the Secretary be empowered to let for any amount not less than £8 per week.

The Finance subcommittee reported as follows:—

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

Salaries & wages	£ 07.1.0
Whitehead & Co Periodicals	86.6.3
Wm Davidson & Sons	28.5.9
Alfred Kemp, Repairs	31.11.0
John Armstrong & Papers	15.10.0
New Amstron Electric Co Ltd	11.10.4
Melville, Muller & Glade Books	6.7.5
Wm Detmold Binding	4.10.6
Wm Hutchinson Bst & Binding	3.12.0
Methuen's Punch	1.4.0
G. W. Petherick & Co Books	1.5.6
Thos Deau & Son Coals	1.1.6
Smiddy Gos & Petty Cash	6.13.2
	<u>£ 285.15.1</u>

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

Citizen
Roll

The Secretary reported that he had sent in the names of the three Trustees to be placed on the Citizen Roll. The action of the Secretary

was endorsed.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £ 92.0.6
8 months 815.16.6

Total revenue of the month £ 323.0.7
8 months 2389.15.0

New members during the month 12
8 months 130

Balance in Bank £ 511.11.10
Saver Deposits 300

James Ridley
6 October 1892

Thursday 6th October 1892

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

Mr Ridley President, chair.

Lush

Hood

Millie

Parlow

Rev Abernethy

Downward, Vice Pres.

Levi

Davies

Shiffe

Jamieson

Harlie

Norman

Hayter C. M. G.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

Rent
of
Liedertafel

A letter was read from the Hon^{ble} Secretary of the Royal Metropolitan Liedertafel asking for a rebate in the rent paid by the Society of £50 from 1st Sept^r. The Secretary informed the Committee that the matter was dealt with in the report of the House subcommittee.

The Library Subcommittee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that the Secretary has reported to them that a member has been detected in the act of taking newspapers and periodicals from the Reading room. A letter has been received from the delinquent who admits his guilt, expresses his sorrow, and throws himself on the mercy of the Committee. This Committee has gone thoroughly into the case, and it recommends that the member be expelled from the Institution.

The following are recommended for addition to the Library:—

From Melville, Muller & Made 14 vols £ 3.6.4

3 vols 16.7

C. J. Peckinck 3 " 10.3

Accounts amounting to £ 39. 18. 11 examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Rev^d Mr Abernethy & Mr Lush, that the Report be adopted.

It was further resolved, on motion of Mr Hayter and Mr Lush, that the fact of the expulsion be posted in the Reading Room and Library.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Harlie & Mr Hood, that the Secretary shall write to the offender, Mr George Smith, informing him that he is expelled.

The House subcommittee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to recommend that an electric light be placed in the room off the Ladies' room. An application has been received from the Secretary of the Royal Metropolitan Liedertafel for a reduction rebate in their rent. It is recommended that a rebate be made on the rent due from 1st Sept^r last of twenty per cent for one year, this will reduce the amount from £169 to £135.4.0. The following is the statement which is to be kept with the

Plan of the Land of the Institution.

The annexed plan shows the property of the Melbourne Atheneum. The portion coloured pink indicates the land on which the Institution stands. This was brought under the act ~~by~~ without survey. The portion coloured blue, forming the right of way, was brought under the act by survey. The free of the part coloured brown remains in Trustees under the old law, but has not been brought under the act.

The whole of allotments 2 and 3 section 11 of the town and parish of Melbourne formerly belonged to the Corporation. They were divided into lots with rights of way between them, and certain lots were sold with easement over the rights of way.

Application was made in July 1881 by our Trustees to bring the whole of the Right of way under the act. The Registrar of Titles refused to issue the notice of application to be advertised unless the Land Office not an official portion of the right of way (coloured brown on the plan) were excluded. The said portion was subsequently acquired by the Trustees with the consent of the General Committee of the Institution. The advertisement of the application then appeared, and a caveat was lodged by the Victoria Coffee Palace Co^{ys} against the narrow easement slip coloured brown on plan. By direction of our Trustees, a survey of the right of way was then made by Mr Hunt, and, as it appeared that an error had been made by the Coffee Palace Co^{ys} who had built on the right of way slip, the question was considered by the solicitors of the Corporation and those of the Institution. A report was made to our General Committee who anticipated an objection to do what they considered best for the interests of our Institution.

It was thereupon decided to accept the title to the right of way as it

now stands, and as shown on the plan by the part coloured blue.

The whole matter of the title to the right of way was minutely and exhaustively investigated by the House and committee on 17th July 1892. They found that, according to the statements received from our solicitors and the information obtained from the Titles Office, we have forfeited our right to the land forming the southern portion of the right-of-way (coloured brown on plan) by allowing it to be adversely occupied for over the statutory period, without taking any action to assert our rights and title to the same. They also found that it is now useless to make an application to the Titles Office for the issue of a certificate of title for the said land.

It was resolved that the plan, kindly made by Mr Brownwald, should be kept in the archives of the Society, and that this price should accompany it.

Accounts amounting to £102.15.4 have been examined and found correct.

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

The Finance subcommittee reported as follows:—

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

Salaries & wages	£ 95.16.8
Insurance	4.10.6
Loma Rate	40.15.0
Gas & Electric Light	38.19.4
Water supply	18.12.6
Printing & Binding	15.4.6
Leasidun Newspapers	11.14.0
Mulle Muller & Coe Books	4.10.10
Mr Stubbs & Co Books	4.5.9
Wraper & Sons closets	2.14.0
Ed Petherick & Co Books	1.16.10
John Inwood & Co Circulars	1.10.0
Building & Engineering Journal	1.1.0
Land & A/c	1.14.6
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	£ 243.1.5

Resolved, on motion of Mr Barlow and Mr Norman, that the Report be adopted.

Cup day

Resolved that the Library be closed on Cup day, and that the Reading Room be closed from 12 noon till 6 p.m.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month £14.3.0
9 months 889.19.6

Total revenue of the month £222.3.0
9 months 2011.18.0

New members during the month 18
9 months 160

Balance in Bank £285.15.1
Trust Deposit 300

James Skidley
3 November 1892

Thursday 3rd November 1892

The Committee met at P. M.
 Mr Ridley, President (chair)
 Downward, Vice Pres
 Rennie Treasurer
 Millie
 Hood
 Barlow
 Cliffe
 Norman
 Callaway
 Langster
 Harlin
 Lush
 Dr Farnsworth
 Rev Mr O'Rourke

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.
 A letter was read from the Secretary of the Royal Metropolitan Liedertafel thanking the Committee for the concession made in the rent.

A letter was read from the Hon^{ble} Secretary of the Boyle Concert Committee asking for a rebate in the rent. It was resolved that as the benefit concert had been promoted by some of the members of the R. Met. Liedertafel, a rebate of £2. 2. 0 should be made.

Public Service Assocⁿ

A letter was read from Mr E. Joske Secretary of the Public Service Association asking that members of the Association might be allowed the use of our Reading Room on certain conditions. The letter was referred to the House sub-committee for consideration.

The Library sub-committee reported as follows:—
 Your Committee beg to recommend that four additional copies of the 'Arfau' be supplied to the Reading Room. The following are recommended for addition to the library. From Melville Muller & Co. 19 vols @ £4.4.11 from E. A. Pitkin & Co 3 vols @ 1/11 Accounts amounting

to £40.12.7 examined & found correct. Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway & Mr Hood, that the Report be adopted.

The House sub-committee reported as follows:— Your Committee beg to report that they have examined A/cs amounting to £20. 4. 10 and found them correct. Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood & Mr Cliffe, 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 October and found them correct. A fixed deposit in the City of Melbourne Bank for £300 falls due 13th inst. We recommend that it be renewed. The following A/cs are recommended for payment.

Salaries & Wages	£ 87. 1. 8
George Robertson & Co Books	18. 7. 6
Johnson & Smith News papers	15. 0. 0
Alexander Kemp. Printing	7. 0. 0
Mr Skutchinow. Books Binding	2. 16. 3
Melville Muller & Co. Books	4. 2. 11
Drapery & Lous goods	7. 14. 6
Electric light	11. 10. 4
Melbourne Punch	1. 4. 0
Sundry a/cs	9. 1. 9
	£ 160. 13. 1

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

It was resolved to postpone the next meeting of the Committee to the second Thursday in December.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month £ 94. 5. 6
 10 months 984. 5. 0
 Total revenue of the month £ 194. 7. 6
 10 months 2506. 5. 6
 New members during month 7
 10 months 175
 Balance in Bank £ 405. 19. 10
 Fixed Deposit £ 300.

James Ridley
 2 8/12/92

Thursday 8th Dec 1892

The Committee met at 8 pm.
 Mr Ridley, President, Chair
 Downward, Vice President
 Hayter C.M.F.
 Millie
 Callaway
 Norman
 Harlin
 Davies
 Hood
 Shiffe
 Lush

Apologies received for absence of Rev. Mr. Abernethy, Mr. Rennie, Mr. Levi & Dr. Jamieson.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

The Library subcommittee reported as follows:

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

Seven Melville Mullen & Slade vols	£4.9.6
21 "	3.5.0
E. A. Petherick 7	16.7
George Robertson 3	1.0.6

Accounts amounting to £26.17.0 have been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway & Mr Hood, that the report be adopted.

The House subcommittee reported: - "Your committee beg to report that they have considered the request made by the Secretary of the Public Service Association, and referred to them by you for consideration. They beg to recommend that it be not acceded to. It is recommended that a handrail be placed on each side of the stair case leading to the reading room similar to those in the Vestibule

Accounts amounting to £34.12.4 have been examined and found correct.

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

The Finance subcommittee reported: - Your committee beg to report that they have audited the accounts for November & found them correct. The Secretary has submitted a list of members who are in arrears with their subscriptions, and it is recommended that, except in a few cases where the Secretary shall consider there are reasonable grounds for an extension of time, those who are 12 months in arrears shall receive a final notice and their membership shall cease if they do not then pay their subscription. The Secretary has reported that the new tenant is more than two months in arrears with her rent, and we have instructed him to report the matter to you unless he shall have received at least £30 in arrears before this meeting. The following are recommended for payment:-

Salaries & Wages	£ 87.1.8
Fuel	20.3.0
Electric Light	11.10.4
Melville Mullen & Slade Books	6.12.4
John Armstrong Newspapers	11.10.6
Mr Nicholson Post & Printing	6.2.9
A. E. Mungro's goods	2.6.0
Sunday Cafe	2.8.5
Interest on Mortgage	350.0.0
	<hr/> £ 498.11.0

Resolved, on motion of Mr Norman & Mr Callaway that the Report be adopted.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Lush & Mr Harlin, that the Secretary shall take instructions in the matter of the tenant in arrears from the Finance Committee who shall have power to act. The rent to be paid forthwith.

The President & Vice President were appointed a subcommittee to assist the Secretary in drafting the Annual Report.

The next night of meeting was fixed for the second Thursday in January.

Holidays

It was resolved, on motion of Mr Lusk and Mr Norman that the Library and Reading ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~Reading Room~~ be closed 26th Dec & 2nd January and the Reading Library be also closed 24th Dec.

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month £77.4.6
11 months 1081.9.6

Total revenue of the month 231.15.8
11 months 3038.1.2

New members during the month 7
11 months 180

Balance in Bank £477.2.5
Fixed Deposit 300.0.0

E. Downward
12/1/93

Thursday 12th January 1893.

The Committee met at 8 P.M.

Mr Downward. Vice Pres (Chair)
Rennie Treasurer
Hayter Secy
Hood
Callaway
Norman
Rennie
Levi
Mellie
Hartie
Parlow
Lusk
Davies
Shiffe
Dr Jamieson

An apology was made for the absence of the President (Mr Ridley) and of the Revd Mr Abernethy.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

The Library subcommittee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £77.5.10 and found them correct. Resolved on motion of Mr Callaway and Mr Mellie that the Report be adopted.

The House subcommittee reported that they had examined a/c's amounting to £53.3.0 and found them correct. Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood and Mr Levi, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance subcommittee reported as follows:-
Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the A/c's for Dec^r 1892 & found them correct.