

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.

The Secretary has reported that Madame Oederwall has made two payments for rent of £30 & £20 and has promised to make a further payment soon. She has given up one of the shops. It is recommended that she be allowed to continue her tenancy of the other shop for a further period.

The Balance Sheet for the past year has been under our consideration, and the Secretary has also laid before us a tabulated statement of the items of receipts & expenditure for the past five years. For the first time in many years the expenditure is in excess of the receipts. This is caused, not by any increase in the expenditure, which has been below the average, but by a shrinkage in the receipts which has occurred chiefly in the subscriptions and in the rent received for the front shops & the rooms. The revenue from the two Halls has been fairly good. The Committee think that bearing in mind what we all know about the general depression, there need be no uneasiness about the temporary drop in the receipts. A little extra economy in the expenditure will probably enable us to keep the balance on the right side during the present year, and brighter times will restore us our former prosperous condition. The following are recommended for payment.

Salaries & wages	£ 95. 16. 8
George Robertson & Co. Books	33. 10. 10
Alexr Kemp Repairs	17. 11. 3
Gas & Electric Light	24. 13. 6
G. Cassiday Newspapers	11. 14. 0
Melville, Muller & Glade. Books	10. 15. 11
William Detmold Printing	9. 1. 0
Mr Skutlovian Book Binding	6. 5. 6
Maker & Sons Closets	5. 0. 6
John Prokie Rep.	3. 5. 6
Althorne Punch. Advertising	1. 10. 0
A. H. Thaxton & Co Printing	1. 10. 0
Sundry Exp. & Petty Cash	10. 10. 10
	£ 231. 5. 6

The Balance Sheet was laid on the table.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Norman that the Report be adopted and that the Balance Sheet be referred to the Auditors.

^{Annual} The Report as prepared by the sub committee, was read and adopted.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£ 46. 14. 0
12 months	1110. 3. 6
Total revenue of the month	£ 1140. 6. 0
12 months	3178. 7. 5
New members during the month	4
12 months	186
Balance in Bank	£ 118. 17. 5
Fixed Deposits	£ 300

E. Downman
2/2/93

Annual General Meeting

held in the Upper Hall on
Wednesday 25th January
1893.

In the absence of the President & Vice President, it was resolved that Mr Martin (one of the ex Presidents) should take the chair.

The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of Rule 20.

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 1892.

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

The revenue has not been so satisfactory as in former years; but, bearing in mind the continued dulness in financial matters, the shrinkage is no more than was to be expected.

From the accumulated savings of preceding years, the sum of £4000 has been paid off the mortgage on the real

property of the Institution, reducing the amount from £18,000 to £14,000, which has been borrowed at the reduced interest of 5 per cent. per annum.

The following are the items of the receipts:—Subscriptions, £1110 3s. 6d.; rent of front shops, £770; rent of large hall, £728 15s.; rent of small hall, £205 11s.; rooms, £140 15s.; interest, £208 11s. 5d.; sale of papers and catalogues, £14 11s. 6d.

The principal items of expenditure are:—Salaries and wages, £1073 10s.; interest on mortgage, £845; books, magazines and newspapers, £639 1s. 4d.; lighting, £296 7s. 3d.; rates, £139 2s. 6d.; binding, £110 14s. 6d.; repairs, goods, and furniture, £117 19s. 5d.

The number of members on the roll is 1198, of whom 186 joined during the year.

The number of books added to the Library during the year was 652; the total number of works issued to subscribers was 30,319, and 7121 magazines.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS FOR THE LAST TWENTY YEARS.

YEAR.	No. of Subscribing Members.	New Members.	Volumes Added.	Works* Circulated.	Magazines Circulated.
1873	1139	655	705	34,886	15,176
1874	1236	547	1414	39,729	12,323
1875	1287	480	657	45,002	10,697
1876	1488	567	980	43,115	10,500
1877	1571	481	746	45,293	11,000
1878	1525	444	654	46,262	11,115
1879	1410	361	771	58,450	6,996
1880	1400	364	543	36,317	6,399
1881	1398	326	552	34,291	6,342
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
1889	1515	312	698	30,601	7,209
1890	1492	316	670	30,699	7,142
1891	1381	237	640	30,441	7,083
1892	1198	186	652	30,319	7,121

* 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.	1889.	1890.	1891.	1892.
Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics	9	8	5	6
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts	18	12	6	7
Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence	1,214	1,265	1,435	1,464
Classics and Philology	93	57	42	40
Fine Arts	10	17	7	11
Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works	815	960	1,037	972
History and Historical Memoirs	723	635	651	613
Jurisprudence and Legislation	0	9	2	2
Medical Science and Chemistry	7	1	1	1
Miscellaneous and Collected Works	725	700	647	494
Natural History and Botany	76	37	52	30
Works of Fiction	24,081	24,263	24,263	24,494
Music	0	4	1	1
Periodical Literature	1,805	1,783	1,558	1,471
Philosophy and General Science	333	295	289	262
Poetry and the Drama	304	254	183	214
Politics	50	47	29	34
Religious & Ecclesiastical Works	81	42	49	28
Juvenile Works	257	310	179	175
	30,601	30,699	30,441	30,319

The number of visitors introduced by members, under the provision of Rule 19, was 75.

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 XXIII of the Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute, from the Society.
- Victorian Year Book 1890-91, H. H. Hayter, Esq., C.M.G.
- Two Copies of Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria, supplied regularly by Messrs. Stillywell 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.
- Literary Curiosities, being a series of letters to the New South Wales Public Newspapers, by the Author, E. J. Godfrey.
- Volume of Poems, by the Author, H. H. Hayter, Esq., C.M.G.

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. J. S. Ridley; Vice-President, Mr. E. Downward; Treasurer, Mr. Charles Rennie; Committee, Rev. Mr. Abernethy, Messrs. W. A. Callaway, E. Davies, M. Hood, W. Ievers, J. Iliffe, J. Levi, and D. Sangster.

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

The President, Mr. J. S. RIDLEY	attended	11
The Vice-President, Mr. E. DOWNWARD	"	10
The Treasurer, Mr. CHARLES RENNIE	"	7

COMMITTEE:

Mr. Callaway	attended	11	Rev. Mr. Abernethy	attended	8
Mr. Davies	"	9	Mr. Barlow	"	11
Mr. Hood	"	12	Dr. Jamieson (from August)	"	5
Mr. Ievers	"	2	Mr. Harlin	"	11
Mr. Iliffe	"	10	Mr. Lush	"	11
Mr. Levi	"	8	Mr. Millie	"	7
Mr. Meeks (Trustee)	"	3	Mr. Norman	"	10
Mr. Sangster	"	6	Mr. Hayter (ex officio)	"	9

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

LIBRARY.	HOUSE.	FINANCE.
No. of Meetings, 11.	No. of Meetings, 13.	No. of Meetings, 12.
Mr. Callaway - 10	Mr. Hood - 13	Mr. Rennie - 10
(Chairman)	(Chairman)	(Chairman)
Rev. Abernethy - 9	Mr. Barlow - 10	Mr. Barlow - 9
Mr. Harlin - 3	Mr. Davies - 7	Mr. Callaway - 10
Mr. Hayter - 7	Mr. Downward - 2	Mr. Downward - 7
Mr. Hood - 11	*Dr. Jamieson - 3	Mr. Ievers - 3
Mr. Lush - 9	Mr. Iliffe - 12	Mr. Norman - 9
Mr. Millie - 10	Mr. Levi - 5	
	Mr. Ridley - 12	
	*Mr. Sangster - 0	

* Dr. Jamieson was elected in August.

The vacancy on the Committee, caused by the election of Mr. Downward as Vice-President, was filled by the election of Mr. R. C. Norman.

Mr. Goode, who had been a member of the Committee for several years, tendered his resignation, which was accepted with regret, and the vacancy filled by the election of Dr. Jamieson.

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following members of the Committee retire from office, but are eligible for re-election, viz.:—Rev. Mr. Abernethy, Dr. Jamieson, Messrs. Barlow, Harlin, Lush, Millie, and Norman.

It is earnestly hoped that, with the return of prosperity which may reasonably be looked for in the near future, the revenue of the Institution will again be as large as in former years.

J. S. RIDLEY,
President.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the year ending 31st December, 1892.

To Balance, 31st December, 1891	£4,617 10 0	By Salaries and Wages	£1,073 10 0
Subscriptions	£1,110 3 6	Interest on Mortgage	845 0 0
Rent of Front Shops	770 0 0	Books, Magazines, and Newspapers	639 1 4
Large Hall	728 15 0	Gas and Electric Light	296 7 3
Small Hall	295 11 0	Rates	139 2 6
Rooms	140 15 0	Repairs, Furniture, and Sundries	125 14 5
Interest on Fixed Deposits	208 11 5	Binding	110 14 6
Sale of Papers	11 11 6	Insurance	36 0 6
Catalogues	3 0 0	Bonus to Officers	35 0 0
	3,178 7 5	Postage, and Petty Cash	32 0 0
		Advertising and Printing	24 0 6
		Costs of Mortgage	10 10 0
		Stationery	5 15 0
		Auditors	4 4 0
			3,377 0 0
		Part payment of Mortgage	4000 0 0
		Balance, Fixed Deposit in Bank	300 0 0
			118 17 5
			418 17 5
			£7,795 17 5

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Estimated value of the Property of the Institution	£45,000 0 0	Loan under Mortgage	£14,000 0 0
Value of Library	1,750 0 0	Salaries for December and Sundry Accounts	231 5 6
Furniture	1,000 0 0	Balance	33,937 11 11
Cash in Current Account	£118 17 5		
Fixed Deposit	800 0 0		
	418 17 5		
	£48,168 17 5		£48,168 17 5

Audited and found correct.

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

ANDREW BURNS,
WALTER THOMPSON, } AUDITORS.

MELBOURNE, 17th January, 1893.

Copies of the Balance-Sheet having been circulated, it was resolved that it be taken as read.

The Report and Balance-Sheet were adopted, on the Motion of the Chairman Mr S. Harlin, seconded by Mr Mc Dougall.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Jamieson & Mr Weeks that the following gentlemen be scrutineers to conduct the election - if required:-

Mr Blackwood, Mr Duffy, Mr Charnock and Mr McKenzie.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Davis & Mr Rennie that Mr Andrew Burns and Mr Walter Thompson be re-elected Auditors.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood & Mr Favers that a vote of thanks be given to the retiring officers & the retiring members of Committee. The Chairman returned thanks and proposed a vote of thanks to the Officers of the Institution which was carried, and was acknowledged by the Secretary Mr Curtis.

The Chairman announced that Nominations for Officers and for members of Committee would be taken by the Secretary till ten o'clock.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman.

The following Nominations were made:-

For President Mr E. Downward
Vice President, Mr S. Sliffe
Treasurer Mr Chas Rennie

Committee

Rev Mr Abernethy, Messrs Barlow, Harlin, Lush Hayter, Norman, & Mr Jamieson

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

John Sliffe

Chairman

31st January 1894.

Thursday 2nd Feb 1893

The General Committee met at S.P.U.

- Mr Downward President (Chair)
- Cliffe Vice President
- Hood
- Levi
- Rev Abernethy
- Dr Jamieson
- Barlow
- Sangster
- Callaway
- Norman
- Lush

Apologies made for the absence of Mr Rennie & Mr Ridley

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed

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

Appointment of sub Committees

Resolved on motion of Mr Lush & Mr Harlin that the sub-committees be the same as last year with the exception of substituting Dr Jamieson for Mr Millie on the Library sub-committee

Library	House	Finance
Mr Callaway	Mr Hood	Rennie
Rev Abernethy	Barlow	Barlow
Mr Harlin	Davies	Callaway
Hayter CMG	Downward	Downward
Hood	Cliffe	Sevens
Lush	Levi	Norman
Dr Jamieson	Ridley	
	Sangster	

E Downward
2/3/93

Thursday 2nd March 1893

The General Committee met at S.P.U.

- Mr Downward, President, chair
- Hood
- Hayter CMG
- Callaway
- Norman
- Levi
- Harlin
- Davies
- Barlow
- Lush
- Sevens

Apologies for absence of Mr Rennie, Mr Sangster & Rev Mr Abernethy. Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

A letter was read from Madame Cederwall, a tenant, thanking the committee for the consideration shown to her with reference to her arrears of rent.

Resignation of Mr Rennie: A letter was read from Mr Charles Rennie the Treasurer stating that he was leaving for London on the 11th inst and would be absent till next August. He applied for leave of absence for six months from the committee, and also tendered his resignation of the Office of Treasurer of the Institution.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Barlow & Mr Levi, that the leave of absence be granted

Resolved, on motion of Mr Harlin & Mr Hayter that the resignation by Mr Rennie of his office of Treasurer be accepted as for the 10th inst, and that Mr Lush be elected Treasurer.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Harlin & Mr Barlow that the Secretary furnish Mr Rennie with credentials bespeaking for him the kindly consideration of the Officers of kindred Institutions.

The Library sub-committee reported as follows: Your Committee beg to report that they have re-elected Mr Callaway Chairman. The following are recommended for addition to the Library: - From Melville Mullen & Stace

20 vols at £3.2.11 and 8 vols @ £2.5.3. Accounts amounting to £16.3.4 have been examined & found correct.

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

The House sub-committee reported that they had re-elected Mr Hood chairman. The shop next the Coffee Palace has been let for £4.10.0 per week, and a month's rent paid in advance. A/c's amounting to £45.19.9 examined & found correct.

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

The Finance Sub-committee reported:—

Your committee beg to report that Mr Rennie is unable to accept the chairmanship of this sub-committee as he is shortly to leave Melbourne and will be absent for some months. Mr Darlow has been elected chairman. The Secretary has been instructed to prepare a monthly Balance sheet a year, with a suggestion made by the General Comtee. The A/c's for January & February have been audited & found correct. Payment is recommended in addition to the salaries for January of the following A/c's.

Salaries	£ 87.1.8
Warranted A/c's & A/c's warranted	15.0.0
Gas & Electric Light	16.7.9
City Treasurer	6.5.0
Binding	12.3.0
Auditor	4.4.0
J. P. Loukin & Co Repair	3.3.0
Sundry A/c's & Petty cash	10.10.4
	£ 154.14.9

Resolved, on motion of Mr Darlow & Mr Jones that the Report be adopted.

The Secretary applied for his usual leave of absence of three weeks to date from about 11th inst. Resolved, on motion of Mr Darlow & Mr Jones, that the leave be granted.

Resolved that the Easter Holidays be the same as last year. Library to be closed on Good Friday, Saturday, Monday & Tuesday. Reading Room to be closed on Friday & Monday.

Resolved that the next meeting of the Committee be on the second Thursday in April.

Secretary's Statement

January.

Subscriptions for the month	£ 84.9.6
Total revenue of the month	183.15.10
New members during the month	13

February

Subscriptions for the month	£ 110.3.6
2 months	202.13.0
Total revenue of the month	£ 249.19.6
2 months	433.15.4

New members during the month 11
2 months 24

Balance in Bank £ 234.5.7
Fixed Deposit 300.0.0

E. Downward
13/4/93

Thursday 13th April 1893

The General Committee met at 8 p.m.
 Mr Downward President (chair)
 Bliffe Vice President
 Lusk Treasurer
 Wood
 Callaway
 Davies
 Barlow
 Hayter & M.G.
 Levi
 Harlic
 Norman

Apologies for the absence of Revd Mr Abernethy & Mr Ridley

Stoudley

A letter was read from Mr Stoudley, one of our tenants, asking for a reduction of his rent. The secretary stated that the matter was dealt with in the Report of the House Sub Committee.

The House sub committee reported as follows.

Your Committee beg to report that the Tenant in the Leant Shop next to the Coffee Palace has found business to be so slack that he is forced to ask for a reduction in the rent. Your Committee have given the case full consideration and recommend that a rebate of ten shillings per week, from 17th April be allowed, reducing the rent from £4.10.0 per week to £4. Accounts amounting to £60.15.10 have been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Barlow & Mr Levi 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 Melville Mullen & Slade six vols £1.11.7 and 22 vols £3.6.8 Accounts amounting to £950.3.0 have been examined & found correct

Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway & Mr Hayter,

that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Sub committee reported:— Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the Aps for March and found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following Aps:—

Salaries & Wages	£ 87.1.8
Whitehead & Co Magazines	70.2.5
Wm Dawson & Sons Newspapers	38.10.1
Melville, Mullen & Slade Books &c	53.2.7
George Robertson & Co. Books	28.3.10
Melrose Water Supply	18.12.6
New South Electric Co Ltd	23.16.8
Melrose Gas Co	12.16.2
John Armstrong. Newspapers	15.17.10
W. Lillie & Co. Printing	12.11.6
G. Caselden Newspapers	11.14.0
Drap & Sons Belovets	4.1.0
Mc Hutcheson Bro Binding	3.10.9
Wm Detmold. Binding	2.14.0
Melbourne Punch	2.8.0
Yorke P.O. Com Directory	2.0.0
W. Leau Bro & Rigg Disruptant	1.1.0
Lundrys Chambers & Seymour Jnds	£ 0.8.6
Poulton & Owen Rom Hold	8.0
Sands & Mc Dougal Advertising	5.0
Whitehead & Co Stationery	7.0
	1.8.6
	<u>£ 398.0.6</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Barlow & Mr Norman that the report be adopted.

Mr Bliffe drew the attention of the Committee to a letter in the "Argus" of this morning signed Turri, and complaining of the want of a smoke room for members. The Secretary was instructed to write a reply.

The Secretary laid upon the table a Balance Sheet showing the receipts and expenditure for the first three months of the year 1893 contrasted with the same period of 1892.

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month £102.6.6
 " " " 3 months 305.9.6

Total revenue of the month £240.2.9
 " " " 3 months 673.18.1

New members during the month 11
 " " " 3 months 35

Balance in Bank £319.13.7
 Good deposit. 300.00

E. Downward
 4/5/93

Thursday 4th May 1893

The General Committee met at 8 p.m.

Mr Downward (chair)

Shiff. & President

Leah Treasurer

Barlow

Davies

Levi

Hood

Rev. Abernethy

Norman

Callaway

Ridley

~~Langston~~

Mr. Hamison

Hayter C.M.G.

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An apology was made for the absence of Mr. Harlin. Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr. J. G. Levis thanking the Secretary & Committee for the courteous reply to his letter in the Argus, and offering some suggestions.

The Library sub-committee reported as follows:-

Your committee beg to report that the following are recommended for addition to the Library:- From Milville, Muller & Stade 22 vols £3.7.6 and from E. A. Peckinck & Co 5 vols @ £ D. 12.10. Accounts amounting to £9.16.3 examined & found correct.

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

The House sub-committee reported that, after amounting to £8.5.3 had been examined & found correct. The Report was adopted, on the motion of Mr Hood & Mr Levi.

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The Finance sub committee reported
 Your committee beg to report that they have
 audited the Aps for ~~Receipts~~ and found them correct. Payment
 is recommended of the following Aps:—

Salaries & wages	£ 95. 16. 8
Alexr Kemp. Handrails &c	6. 16. 3
Melville Mullen & Slade. Books	5. 10. 9
Mr Hutchinson Bro Binding	3. 2. 0
A & Co Ellingworth Goods	1. 0. 0
Sunday Aps	6. 12. 6
	£ 118. 18. 2

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

The Secretary laid on the table Summary of Receipts
 and Expenditure for the first four months of the Year.

Resolved that the next meeting be on 8th June.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£ 82. 6. 6
4 months	387. 16. 0
Total revenue of month	£ 189. 1. 11
4 months	856. 0. 0

New members during month 6
 4 months 41

Balance in Bank £ 102. 14. 0
 Fixed Deposit £ 300. 0. 0

Downward

Thursday 8th June 1893.

The General Committee met at 8 pm
 Mr Downward President (Chair)
 Bliffe Vice President
 Lush Treasurer
 Davis
 Hood
 Ridley
 Levi
 Revd Abernethy
 Norman
 Barlow
 Langster
 Callaway

An apology was made for the absence of Mr Meeks

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 Melville Mullen & Slade 5 vols	£ 1. 5. 10
6 "	1. 0. 5
E A Petherick & Co 2 "	14. 0

It is recommended that a copy of the Farmer & Crozier
 be taken.

Books amounting to £ 33. 16. 2 have been examined
 & found correct.

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

The House sub committee reported that they had
 examined Aps amounting to £ 109. 9. 9 and found
 them correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood & 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 May & found them correct. The Cash Balance to our credit in the Bank will not be sufficient to pay the A/c of the month including £350 for interest on Mortgage. It is recommended that an overdraft not exceeding £250 be asked for from the Bank. The Secretary has read to us a letter from Madame Cederwall making a statement in reference to her current rent and also the arrears. It is recommended that her proposal be accepted. The following A/cs are recommended for payment

Salaries & wages	£ 89. 1. 8
Rates	61. 2. 6
Gas & Electric Light	44. 13. 9
London & French Newspapers	14. 6. 8
John Armstrong Newspapers	9. 6. 6
Mechelle, Mallett & Glade Books	4. 10. 0
Draper & Sons Cloaks	3. 9. 6
1/2m Detroit Building	2. 4. 6
Mr Kubeleum Bros	1. 7. 6
Sundry A/cs	2. 17. 0
Interest on Mortgage	350. 0. 0
	£ 580. 14. 7

Madame Cederwall's letter was read. In it she promised to pay her current rent of £5 per week regularly, and to pay off her arrears at the rate of five shillings in the £1 per week.

Resolved, on the motion of Mr Barlow & Mr Hallaway, that the report be adopted, and that Madame Cederwall be informed that her current rent must be paid regularly.

Financial position

Mr Norman moved, that in view of the present financial position and prospects of the Athenæum, a subcommittee consisting of the President, Vice President, & Treasurer

Madame
Cederwall

together with the Chairman of the Finance, House, and Library ~~and~~ Committees respectively be formed to consider and report as to the financial position, and a possible curtailment of the expenditure, if necessary.

The motion was seconded by Mr Steffe and carried.

The Secretary laid on the table a summary of receipts and expenditure for the first five months of the year.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £ 90. 4. 6
5 months 478. 0. 6

Total revenue of the month £ 90. 4. 6
5 months 1164. 1. 7

New members during the month 11
5 months 52

Balance in Bank £ 242. 18. 5
Fixed Deposit 300. 0. 0

E. Downward

Thursday 6th July 1893

The General Committee met at 8 p.m.

- Mr Downward, President (chair)
- Sliffe, Vice President
- Lush Treasurer
- Ridley
- Rev. Churthy
- Davies
- Hood
- Barlow
- Levi
- Norman
- Callaway
- Dr Jamieson
- Sangster
- Hardie
- Hayter C.M.G.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed

A letter was read from Mr Stroudley, Mr Edwards, and Mr Saunders, three of the tenants of the front shops, asking for a reduction of rent. It was considered in connection with the report of the Special Committee.

The Library subcommittee reported as follows:—

Your committee beg to recommend the following for addition to the Library, namely 6 vols from Melvilleullen & Slade at a cost of 19/2. Accounts amounting to £34.1.1 examined & found correct.

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

The House subcommittee reported that they inquired into the cause of the absence of the caretaker on a recent occasion and mentioned by Mr Lush at the last meeting. It was ascertained that the caretaker had

received leave of absence from the Secretary, and William (the helper) had been appointed to take his place, but was absent at the time complained of, for which the Secretary reprimanded him. Accounts amounting to £19.12.6 had been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood and Mr Ridley, that the report be adopted.

The Finance subcommittee reported as follows:—

Your committee beg to report that they have audited the A/cs for June, and found them correct. The City of Melbourne Bank has granted an overdraft of £250 for twelve months, the rate for the advance being one per cent more than the fixed deposits bear. Payment is recommended of the following A/cs

Salaries and wages	£ 85. 1. 0
George Robertson & Co Books	22. 0. 0
William Detmold Binding	7. 3. 0
The New Aust ^m Electric Co Ltd	11. 10. 4
Melville Mullen & Slade Books	3. 8. 3
Mr Hutchinson Pro Binding	1. 6. 6
Melbourne Punch	1. 4. 0
Stellwell & Co Printing	1. 2. 6
Huddart Parker & Co Coal	1. 0. 0
Sundry A/cs. E. R. Peterson Books	£0. 12. 10
E. Whitehead & Co Stationery	10. 0
Police	10. 0
A. E. Mungroth. Goods	4. 2
Petty Cash	5. 0. 0
Ren Premium Secretary's guarantee	1. 10. 0
	<u>£ 142. 11. 3</u>

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

Report
of
Special sub committee
on
The Financial Position

The subcommittee appointed to consider and report on the financial position and the possible curtailment of expenditure (if necessary) have the honour to report that, from a statement, showing the estimated items of Receipts & Expenditure, it is probable that the receipts for the year will amount to £2778, 0.0, and the expenditure to £3057, 7.0. There will, therefore, be a probable deficit of £279, 7.0.

There are many items of expenditure (such as Interest, Rates, Lighting, & Insurance) on which no reduction can be made.

The chief items on which a curtailment can be effected are:

Salaries & Wages	£1074.
Books	200
Magazines	200
Newspapers	200
Repairs, Furniture &c	100
Binding	100
Total	£1874

Your committee recommend that a reduction of ten per cent per annum be made on the items enumerated. The services of the charwoman, who has been receiving £26 per year, will also be dispensed with.

E Downward, Chairman.

The Report having been maturely considered, it was resolved, on motion of Mr Downward and Mrcliffe that it be adopted.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Harlin & Mr Barloco that the reduction take effect as regards salaries from 1st of July to the end of the year, and that the subcommittee be requested to give effect to the other reductions.

Resolved that the letter of the tenants of the Front Shops be referred to the Finance Committee with power to act.

The Secretary laid on the table a statement of the receipts & expenditure for the first six months of 1892-93

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £88.3.6
6 months 566.4.0

Total revenue of the month £192.8.0
6 months 1356.9.7

New members during the month 11
6 months 63

Gr Balance & Bank £146.9.2
Fixed Deposits £300

E Downward
Chairman

3/8/93

Thursday 3rd August 1893

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

- Mr Downward President (Chair)
- Stiffe & President
- Lush Treasurer
- Norman
- Stood
- Barlow
- Callaway
- Levi
- Ridley
- Harlin
- Lampster
- Dr Jamieson
- Rev Abernethy

An apology was made for the absence of Mr Hayter.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

A letter was read from Miss Dreyfus thanking the Committee for having placed some drapery at the western end of the Upper Hall which had improved the acoustics.

Stoke A letter was read from Mr Ernest Stoke, Secretary of the Public Service Association asking for certain concessions for their members. It was considered after the Report of the Finance Committee.

Liederstafel A letter was read from Mr Washleigh Hunt Secretary of the Royal Metropolitan Liedertafel, asking for a reduction of the rent of the Upper Hall and Club room. This is dealt with in the Report of the Finance Subcommittee.

The Library sub committee presented the following Report.
Your Committee beg to report that the question of Retrenchment in Books, Magazines, Newspapers

is receiving their attention & will soon be settled. Some sets of books at 11/8 are recommended for addition to the Library. Expenses amounting to £29.10.4 have been examined & 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 report that the question of improving the acoustics of the Upper Hall has been under their consideration. An experiment has been made which has had good effect. When the funds will allow it, a more complete arrangement can be made. Accounts amounting to £34.11.9 have been examined & found correct. Resolved, on motion of Mr Stiffe and Mr Levi, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Subcommittee reported as follows:—

Rent

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the Gas for July and found them correct. The question of the reduction of rent asked for by three of the front tenants has been considered, and it is recommended that the rent of each be reduced by ten shillings per week. A similar application from the Royal Metropolitan Liedertafel has also been considered, and it is recommended that the Rent of the Upper Hall be reduced to £52 per year, and the Club rooms to the same amount — to take effect from 1st Sept next. The following Expenses are recommended for payment.

Salaries & Wages	£ 24. 16. 6
Gas & Electric Light	28. 8. 3
Gasolene & Papers	11. 14. 0
Detmold Binding &c	11. 4. 0
Drapery & Saus	3. 13. 6
Mr Hatcher's (Box Binding)	2. 13. 9
Miss Mullen & Glade Books	1. 6. 6
Sundry Expenses	5. 10. 1
	£ 149. 6. 2

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

Mr Stoke's application was then dealt with. He applied for a reduction in the rent, and also that the

members of the Association should be allowed the use of the Reading Room on payment of £15 per year. The question led to considerable discussion. It was ultimately resolved that the question of the reduction of the rent be referred to the Finance Committee with power to act, and an intimation to the Committee that the rules of the Institution do not permit of the proposed concession being made with reference to the use of the Reading Room. The motion was carried by seven votes to five.

It was resolved that, with reference to the application of the Liedertafel, the Finance Committee be empowered to deal with the matter in the event of any further application being made.

Notice of motion

Mr Lusk gave notice that, at the next meeting, he would move that the services of one of the Assistants be dispensed with.

The Secretary laid on the table a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the first seven months of 1892 and 1893.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 96.10
7 months	662.14
Total revenue of the month	253.3.11
7 months	1609.13.6
New members during month	10
7 months	73
Bank overdraft	£ 31.15.6
Fixed Deposits	£ 300.

E. Downward

Thursday 7th Sept 1893

The General Committee met at 8 P.M.

Mr Downward, President, (Chair)
 Diffe, Vice President
 Lusk, Treasurer
 Levi
 Callaway
 Sangster
 Norman
 Barlow
 Hood
 Martini
 Stevens
 Dr Jamieson
 Rev. Sherrinley

An apology was made for the absence of Mr Ridley.

Royal
 Metrop
 Liedertafel

A letter was read from Mr W. K. Rashleigh, Hon^y Secretary of the Royal Metropolitan Liedertafel stating that the Committee of the Liedertafel would agree to enter into a monthly tenancy at the rate of £8.13.4 per month which is proportionally at the same rate asked by our Committee. Resolved, on motion of Mr Barlow & Mr Sangster that the terms be accepted.

The Library committee recommended the purchase of three new books at 12/6, and stated that after amounting to £129.14.1 had been examined & found correct, and that a retrenchment in the supply of magazines and newspapers had been effected which will save £66.6.10 per year. The Report was adopted on the motion of Mr Callaway & Mr Hood.

The House sub-committee reported that they had examined Aps amounting to £36.14.2.

The Finance sub-committee reported that they had examined the Aps for August & found them correct.

Payment was recommended of the following accounts: _____

examined & found correct.

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

The Finance subcommittee reported as follows:—

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

Salaries & wages	£ 84.0.0
Victoria Assurance Co ^y	2.11.6
South British of New Zealand	1.19.0
Town Rate City of Melbourne	40.15.0
Gloucester Newspapers	11.14.0
George Robinson & Co Books	17.19.10
The New Amstr. Electric Co ^y	11.18.4
Gas Co ^y	11.3.7
McKillop Muller & Slade Books	2.6.4
Mr Hutchinson Bros Printing	1.12.6
Sundry A/cs	1.17.0
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	£ 187.17.1

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

The Secretary laid on the table a statement of Receipts & Expenditure for the first nine months of the Year, contrasted with those of 1892.

Mr Cliffe informed the committee that it was possible that, during the next few days, an offer would be made by the Victorian Orchestral Society, of which he is the Hon^y Secretary, to rent the Upper Hall for Rehearsals, and he begged to know that the Chairman of the Finance Committee & the Secretary be empowered to arrange terms. The motion having been seconded was carried.

Secretary's statement,

Subscriptions for the month £ 64.15.6
9 months 805.1.6

Total revenue of the month ~~£~~ 190.13.8
9 months 2047.10.2

New numbers during the month 12
9 months 96

Bank overdraft £ 37.8.2
Fixed deposits £ 300

Downward

Thursday 2nd Nov^r 1893

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

Mr Downward (Chair)

Leah (Treasurer)

Levi

Barlow

Rev^d Abernethy

Norman

Callaway

Ridley

Mr Jamieson

Hood

Hayter C.M.G.

Davies

Meeks Trustee

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Rennie, Harlin & Shiff.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

Victoria
Coffee
Palace

A letter was read from Mr Walker, the Manager of the Victoria Coffee Palace asking for a reduction in the rent of the Subway. Referred to the House Committee.

Madame
Bederwall

A letter was read from Madame Bederwall expressing her regret at not being able to pay her weekly rent regularly. The matter is referred to in the Report of the Finance Committee.

The Library subcommittee reported as follows:

Your committee beg to recommend the purchase of 10 vols from Melville, Mullen & Slade @ £1.10.5, being all "replaced" books. Accounts amounting to £6.10.6 have been examined and found correct.

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

The House subcommittee reported that they had examined accounts amounting to £41.9.11, 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 audited the A/c's for October, and found them correct.

Madame Bederwall has become still further in debt for rent, and owes at the present moment £1107. Since her promise to pay regularly every week, the following amounts have been received:— £17 in July, £20 in September, £5 in October. Payment is recommended of the following A/c's:—

Salaries & Wages	£ 76.11.6
Melbourne & Metroplex Board of Works	18.12.6
Metroplex Gas Co Sept ^r	10.7.7
The New Austr ⁿ Electric Co Ltd	11.18.4
Melville, Mullen & Slade Books	3.3.6
Mr Hutchison Bro ^r Binding	1.17.6
Charles Smedel. Printing	1.2.6
Bundin Evening Star	£ 0.13.0
Chambers & Seymour foods	11.6
	1.4.6
	<u>£ 124.17.11</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Barlow & Mr Norman, that the Report be adopted. The matter of Madame Bederwall's rent was referred to the Finance Committee to be dealt with.

Holidays.

It was resolved that the arrangements for "Cup" Day be the same as last year.

The Secretary laid on the table a statement of Receipts & Expenditure for the first ten months of this & the previous year.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 59.13.0	for 10 months	£ 864.14.6
Total Revenue of the month	£ 167.18	of 10 months	£ 2172.8.2
New Members during month	8	10 months	104
Bank overdraft	£ 59.3.15	Fixed Deposits	£ 300

E Downward

Thursday 7th December 1893

The General Committee met at 8 p.m.
 Mr Downward, President Chair
 Shiffe Vice President
 Lusk Treasurer
 Meeks a Trustee
 Ridley
 Davies
 Levi
 Barlow
 Rev Abernethy
 Hood
 Stevens
 Norman
 Rennie

Apologies made for the absence of Mr Naylor CMF & Mr Callaway.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

The Library subcommittee reported as follows:—

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

From Melville Mullen & Slade 13 vols £5.5.0
 2 " 7.11

Accounts amounting to £22.2.2 have been examined & found correct.

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

The House subcommittee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have postponed till their next meeting the consideration of the application made by the manager of the Victoria Coffee Palace for a reduction in the rent of the Subway. Accounts amounting to £30.3.8 have been examined and found correct.

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

Victoria Coffee Palace Subway

The Finance subcommittee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have maturely considered the question referred to them by you with reference to Madame Cederwall's tenancy of one of the front shops, and they recommend that she be allowed to continue for three months longer provided that she will undertake to pay her rent regularly every week and will also pay off some of the arrears.

The following A/cs are recommended for payment

Salaries and wages	£ 16. 11. 6
Gas & Electric Light	25. 2. 11
John Armstrong M'papers	7. 10. 9
William Desmond Binding	9. 15. 0
Melville Mullen & Slade Books	3. 6. 5
Stittwell & Co Printing	3. 6. 0
Mr Hutchinson Bros Binding	2. 0. 0
John Dickie Repairs	2. 0. 6
Alas Kemp. Repairs	1. 14. 1
E. J. Petherick Books	1. 9. 0
Mr Leau Brothers & Riff funds	1. 1. 0
Sundry A/cs & Petty Cash	2. 0. 2
	£ 129. 17. 4

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

Madam Cederwall Resolved, on motion of Mr Lusk and Mr Meeks that Madame Cederwall's rent be reduced to four pounds per week, and if she be more than a fortnight in arrears her tenancy shall terminate.

Auditor.

The Secretary informed the Committee that it would be necessary to appoint an auditor in the place of Mr Walter Thompson deceased.

Mr Phineas Rainey and Mr William Bayd were nominated. Mr Rainey was declared duly elected.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Shiffe and Mr Hood

Retrenchment of the Institution with a view to the question of retrenchment and economy when considering the Annual Balance Sheet.

That the Finance Committee and the Treasurer take into consideration the whole question of the finances of the Institution with a view to the question of retrenchment and economy when considering the Annual Balance Sheet.

The President, Vice President, and Treasurers were appointed a subcommittee to draft the Annual Report for the Annual Meeting.

The date of next meeting of the General Committee was fixed for Thursday 11th January 1894.

Holidays. Resolved, that the Christmas & New Year holidays be in accordance with the Rules of the Institution.

The Secretary read Receipts & Expenditure for the first eleven months of this & the preceding year.

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£ 86.9.0
11 months	951.3.6
Total Revenue of the month	244.11.0
11 months	2416.19.2
New members during month	12
11 months	116
Bank Balance	£ 60.9.3
Fixed Deposits	£ 300.0.0

E. Downward

Thursday 11th Jan 1894

The Committee met at 8 P.M.
 Mr Downward President Chair
 Sliffe Vice President
 Lusk Treasurer
 Hayter
 Barlow
 Callaway
 Rev Abernethy
 Ridley
 Levi
 Sangersten
 Hood
 Harlin
 Mr Jamieson
 Norman
 Rennie
 Stevens

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed

The Library subcommittee reported as follows:
 Your committee beg to ~~report~~ report that they have examined the accounts amounting to £54.17.11 & found them correct.

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

The House subcommittee reported as follows:
 With reference to the matter of the Application of the Managers of the Victoria Coffee Palace to you for a reduction in the rent of the subway, your committee beg to report that a lease for the site of the subway was granted to the Company for twelve years at £20 per year, and that the lease does not expire till October 1897. Your committee beg to recommend that the terms of the lease be allowed to

Lease
of
subway