

Thursday 10th Jan 1895.

The Committee met at 8 pm
 Mr Wiffle President, Chair
 Levi Vice Pres
 Rennie Treasurer
 Davies
 Ridley
 Callaway
 Barlow
 Downward
 Norman
 Lush
 Hartie
 Hood

Rev Abernethy

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

The Literary sub committee reported having examined, & found correct, accounts amounting to £10.13.0.
 Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway & Mr Hood, that the Report be adopted.

The House sub committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £38.10.3 which were found to be correct.
 Resolved, on motion of Mr Ridley & Mr Hood, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance sub committee reported as follows:—
 Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for Dec & Jan. There were 1 Payment is recommended of the following A/cs:—
 Salaries & wages £ 66.5.0
 Gas & Electric Light 21.9.9
 Book, Desk & Repairs 6.5.6
 Melville, Mullen & Slide Books 3.13.11
 The Subscription Drott Printing 3.5.6
 Forward £ 100.19.1

Print Journal	£100.19.1
Leamington Newspapers	3.4.5
Melbourne Punch	3.12.0
Advocate	1.19.6
Evening News	1.14.9
Sundry A/cs & Petty Cash	7.0.6
	£ 118.16.3

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

The Secretary read the Balance Sheet which, on the motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Hood, was adopted, subject to —

Annual Report The Secretary read the draft of the Annual Report, as prepared by the sub committee. After a slight amendment had been made, it was adopted, on the motion of Mr Wiffle & Mr Levi.

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£53.9.0
12 months	942.13.0
Total revenue of the month	123.8.0
12 months	2142.8.0
New members during the month	6
12 months	123
Bank overdraft	£ 678.0.11
Fixed deposits	£ 300

Joseph Levi
 President

Annual General Meeting

held in the Upper Hall

Wednesday 30th January 1895

The chair was taken by the President, Mr John Bliffe, at 8 p.m.

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

The minutes of the last General Meeting were read & confirmed. The Secretary read the following

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS FOR THE LAST TWENTY YEARS.

YEAR.	No. of Subscribing Members.	New Members.	Volumes Added.	Works Circulated.	Magazines Circulated.
1875	1287	480	657	45,002	10,697
1876	1488	567	980	43,115	10,500
1877	1571	481	746	45,203	11,000
1878	1525	444	654	46,262	11,115
1879	1410	361	771	58,450	6,096
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	7,231
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
1893	1036	126	639	28,815	7,057
1894	945	123	627	27,880	6,983

* Prior to 1889, 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.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.
Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics	5	6	4	5
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts	6	7	10	4
Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence	1,435	1,464	1,058	880
Classics and Philology	42	40	45	42
Fine Arts	7	11	8	9
Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works	1,037	972	748	729
History and Historical Memoirs	651	613	504	478
Jurisprudence and Legislation	2	2	2	1
Medical Science and Chemistry	1	1	1	1
Miscellaneous and Collected Works	647	494	441	335
Natural History and Botany	52	30	29	27
Works of Fiction	24,268	24,494	23,840	23,002
Music	1	1	1	1
Periodical Literature	1,558	1,471	1,558	1,810
Philosophy and General Science	289	262	160	178
Poetry and the Drama	183	214	160	117
Politics	29	34	25	43
Religious & Ecclesiastical Works	49	28	28	31
Juvenile Works	179	175	193	187
Total	30,441	30,319	28,815	27,880

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

OF THE

Melbourne Athenæum,

For the Year 1894.

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

They regret there is still a falling off in the receipts, caused mainly by the reduced rent of the front shops and the fewer lettings of the two halls and the rooms.

Notwithstanding the reduction made in the staff of officers and assistants, referred to in last Report, the expenditure is greater than the receipts, and this fact will require to receive the attention of the Committee.

The following are the items of receipts:—Subscriptions, £942 13s.; rent of front shops, £585; rent of large hall, £374 13s.; rent of small hall, £130 12s.; rent of rooms, £79 2s. 6d.; sale of papers and catalogues, £16 17s. 6d.; interest, £13 10s.

The principal items of expenditure are:—Salaries and wages, £800 4s. 6d.; interest on mortgage, £700; books, magazines and newspapers, £541 1s. 1d.; lighting, £253 18s.; rates, £125 2s. 6d.; binding, £56 9s. 3d.; insurance, £36 0s. 6d.; repairs, goods, &c., £32 2s. 2d.

The number of members on the roll is 945, of whom 123 joined during the year.

The number of books added to the Library during the year was 627; the total number of works issued to subscribers was 27,880, and 6983 magazines.

The number of visitors introduced by members, under the provision of Rule 19, was 52.

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. XXX—New Series, presented by the Council of the Royal Society.
- The Vaccination Inquirer and Health Review, forwarded monthly by Mr. J. Carson.
- Volume XXV of the Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute, from the Society.
- Victorian Year Book 1892-93, H. H. Hayter, Esq., C.M.G.
- Two Copies of Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria, supplied regularly by Messrs. Stillwell and Co.
- The Sydney Trade Review and Prices Current, by the proprietors, Messrs. Mitchell, Chisholm, and Medcalf.
- The Melbourne Masonic Journal, presented monthly by the proprietors.
- French's Handbook of the Destructive Insects of Victoria, parts 1 and 2, from Mr. D. Martin, Secretary for Agriculture.

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. John Iliffe; Vice-President, Mr. Joseph Levi; Treasurer, Mr. Charles Rennie; Committee, Messrs. W. A. Callaway, E. Davies, M. Hood, W. Levers, J. S. Ridley, and D. Sangster.

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

The President, Mr. JOHN ILIFFE	attended	11
The Vice-President, Mr. JOSEPH LEVI	"	11
The Treasurer, Mr. CHARLES RENNIE	"	9

COMMITTEE:

Mr. Callaway	attended	11	Rev. Mr. Abernethy	attended	7
Mr. Davies	"	9	Mr. Barlow	"	11
Mr. Hood	"	11	Mr. Hayter, C.M.G.	"	2
Mr. Levers	"	1	Mr. Harlin	"	9
Mr. Ridley	"	9	Dr. Jamieson	"	7
Mr. Sangster	"	6	Mr. Lush	"	10
Mr. Downward (ex officio)	"	4	Mr. Norman	"	10

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

LIBRARY.	HOUSE.	FINANCE.
No. of Meetings, 12.	No. of Meetings, 11.	No. of Meetings, 11.
Mr. Callaway - 12 (Chairman)	Mr. Ridley - 8	Mr. Barlow - 11 (Chairman)
Rev. Abernethy 9	Mr. Hood - 11	Mr. Callaway - 10
Mr. Harlin - 2	Mr. Barlow - 9	Mr. Downward - 1
Mr. Hayter - 6	Mr. Davies - 8	Mr. Levers - 1
Mr. Hood - 12	Mr. Downward - 1	Mr. Lush - 2
Mr. Lush - 7	Mr. Norman - 4	Mr. Norman - 7
Dr. Jamieson - 4	Mr. Iliffe - 7	Mr. Rennie - 7
	Mr. Levi - 6	
	Mr. Sangster - 1	

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

The Committee would once more request the members of the institution to use their influence in obtaining new members, and in otherwise assisting the Committee to promote the interests of the institution.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the year ending 31st December, 1894.

To Balance, 31st December, 1893—		By Bank Overdraft	£216 19 1
Fixed Deposit in Bank	£300 0 0	Salaries and Wages	£800 4 6
Subscriptions	2942 13 0	Interest on Mortgage	700 0 0
Rent of Front Shops	585 0 0	Books, Magazines, and Newspapers	541 1 1
Large Hall	374 13 0	Gas and Electric Light	253 18 0
Small Hall	130 12 0	Rates	125 2 6
Rooms	79 2 6	Binding	56 9 3
Sales	16 17 6	Insurance	36 0 6
Interest	13 10 0	Repairs, Furniture, and Sundries	32 2 2
	2,142 8 0	Postage, Stationery and Petty Cash	23 3 6
Bank Overdraft	678 0 11	Advertising and Printing	16 8 9
		Interest on Bank Overdraft	14 15 7
		Auditors	4 4 0
			2,603 9 10
		Fixed Deposit in Bank	300 0 0
			£3,120 8 11
	£3,120 8 11		

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Estimated value of the Property of the Institution	Loan under Mortgage
Value of Library	Salaries for December and Sundry Accounts
Value of Furniture	Bank Overdraft
Fixed Deposits	Balance
£45,000 0 0	£14,000 0 0
1,750 0 0	118 16 3
1,000 0 0	678 0 11
300 0 0	33,253 2 10
£48,050 0 0	£48,050 0 0

Audited and found correct.

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

ANDREW BURNS, F.I.A.V. }
PHINEAS RAINEY, F.I.A.V. } AUDITORS.

MELBOURNE, 21st January, 1895.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Martin Hood and Mr David Sangster that the Balance Sheet be taken as read and be received.

Resolved, on motion of the President, Mr John Stiffe and the Vice President, Mr Joseph Levi that the Report & Balance Sheet be adopted.

Moved by Mr H. S. Barlow, seconded by Mr M Hood & carried that the following gentlemen be appointed Scrutineers: - Messrs Mueser, Disher, Pett, & Coates.

Moved by Mr Ridley, seconded by Mr Evans and carried that Mr Andrew Burns & Mr Phineas Raine be re-elected auditors.

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers & members of Committee on the motion of Mr S Ranklin and was acknowledged by the President.

The Chairman announced that nominations for officers & for the Committee could be made until the hour of ten p.m.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Tho Hartlin and the Reverend Mr Abernethy that a vote of thanks be passed to the Secretary and Librarian for the efficient manner in which they had discharged their duties. Mr Coates returned thanks.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Sangster & Mr Hood that a cordial vote of thanks be given to the Chairman for the able manner in which he conducted the business of the meeting. Mr Stiffe returned thanks.

The following Nominations were made in due form: -

For President Mr Joseph Levi

Vice President Mr H. S. Barlow

Treasurer Mr Charles Rennie

Committee

Rev Mr Abernethy

Mr Jamieson

Mr Hartlin

Hayter

Lush

Norman

Downward

The number of candidates not being in excess of those required, they were elected.

Joseph Levi
Chairman

29/1/96

Thursday 7th Feb 1895

The General Committee met at 8 p.m.

Mr Jos Levi President (Chair)

Rev Abernethy

Dr Jamieson

Mr Hood

Davies

Callaway

Norman

Harlin

Apologies received for absence of Mr Barlow, Mr Lewis and Mr Ridley.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Minutes of Annual meeting read for information

A circular was received from Mr Bride, Librarian of the Public Library, asking on behalf of the Trustees of the Public Library for co-operation in the foundation of a Library Association of Australasia.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Harlin and Mr Callaway that it be referred to the Library subcommittee to report thereon.

The following sub-committees were appointed for the year:—

Library	House	Finance	Emergency
Mr Callaway	Mr Ridley	Barlow	Mr Cliffe
Rev Abernethy	Hood	Callaway	Rennie
Mr Harlin	Barlow	Dunward	Barlow
Hayler	Davies	Dicks	Dunns
Hood	Dunward	Lusk	
Lusk	Dr Jamieson	Norman	
Dr Jamieson	Mr Cliffe	Rennie	
	Levi	Harlin	
	Sanjater		

Rev Mr Abernethy directed the attention to the bad quality of the Electric lighting in the Reading Room and the Library. Resolved that the matter be referred to the House Committee.

Mr Levi was congratulated on his election to the Presidency returned thanks

Joseph Levi
President
7/3/95

Thursday 7th March 1895

The General Committee met at 8 pm

Mr Levi President (chair)

Barlow Vice President

Rennie Treasurer

Bliffe

Marlin

Davies

Downward

Callaway

Sanjour

Hood

Luck

for Jamieson

Rev Mr Abernethy

Mr Ridley

Minutes of the previous meeting read & confirmed.

The President informed the Committee, with great regret, that Mr Councillor Wm Sivers Junr, for many years a member of the Committee & ~~was~~ President for a year, had departed this life.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood & the Rev Mr Abernethy, that a letter of condolence be sent to Mr Sivers Senr, expressing the sympathy of the Committee for him & Mr Sivers and their family for their sad bereavement.

Resolved that the vacancy caused by the death of Mr Sivers be filled at the next meeting of the Committee, the provisions of Rule 37 being observed.

The Library sub Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have elected Mr Martin Hood chairman of the Committee for the year.

With reference to the question of the conference of Librarians and others interested in library work with

Death of Mr Sivers

Vacancy on Committee

Library Association of Australasia

a view of forming a Library Association of Australasia, concerning which a Circular was received from Mr Budge and was referred by you to this Committee, it is recommended that the Chairman of the Library Committee, the Librarian & the Librarian shall attend the first meeting and report to you.

The following are recommended for addition to the Library: from Melville Muller & Glade 23 vols (a £41.8.0) (yes amounting to £19.3.4. I have been examined and found correct.

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

Mr Bliffe drew the attention of the Committee to certain alterations required in the labels placed on the backs of the books.

The House sub Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have elected Mr Bliffe chairman of the Committee for the year.

The matter of the generally unsatisfactory condition of the Electric light in the Reading Room and Library has received our attention, and the Secretary has been instructed to write to the New Australian Electric Co^y directing their attention to the matter & stating that an improvement must be effected at once, and also stating that we consider a reduction should be made in the cost.

Electric Light

Gas

The question of the Gas Consumption is also being alluded to.

Accounts amounting to £39.14.6 have been examined & found correct.

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

The question of the charge made by J Faunt & Co for winding & regulating the clocks was considered, and it was moved by Mr Luck that the winding be done by one of the assistants. The motion was agreed, & the matter was left in the hands of the House Committee.

The Finance Sub Committee reported as follows
 Your Committee beg to report that they have elected Mr Rennie chairman of the Committee for the year, the A/c for Jan^y & Sep^r have been audited & found correct. Payment is recommended of the following A/c's:—

Salaries & Wages	£ 62. 7. 6
Wm Dawson & Sons N'papers	23. 5. 3
E Whithead & Co Magazines	68. 8. 1
George Robblee & Co Books	18. 16. 3
The New South Electric Co Ltd	24. 3. 4
The Mitropa Gas Co ^y	13. 4. 1
John Armstrong N'papers	7. 4. 9
Ed assel den N'papers	6. 11. 3
Wm Desmond Binding	3. 2. 6
Ed Mearns & Co Printing	1. 5. 0
Ed Mearns & Co Printing	1. 5. 0
John Armstrong Advertising	1. 0. 0
Otago Daily Times	1. 0. 0
Chambers & Seymour Grocers	1. 6. 1
J Jamieson & Co Winding Clocks	1. 1. 0
Sunday A/c Warranahua Standard	£ 0. 9. 9
Mining Standard	7. 6
Port Harry Gazette	4. 4
Jippo & Sons Mercury	5. 0
Andrew Burns, Audit	2. 2. 0
Phineas Ramey Audit	2. 2. 0
	<u>£ 239. 10. 0</u>

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

The Treasurer, Mr Charles Rennie, reported that he had an interview with one of the Trustees of the Sumner estate, with a view of endeavouring to obtain a reduction in the rate of interest on the Mortgage for the remainder of the term. He was not successful in doing so, but he believes there will be no difficulty in obtaining a further loan of £1000 at the same rate of interest for the unexpired term of the present Mortgage

Mortgage

Additional £1000 on Mortgage Resolved on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Hood, that an additional loan of £1000 be obtained at 5% to run out with the present Mortgage, provided it can be effected without a revaluation of the property.

The Secretary applied for leave of absence, and the request was complied with, the leave being for three weeks. The Secretary thanked the Committee.

Secretary read a comparative statement of the receipts and expenditure for the first two months of 1894-95.

Secretary's statement.

January

Subscriptions for the month £75.5.6
 Total Renewal of — 192.1.10
 New members during ?

February.

Subscriptions for the month £79.14.0
 2 months 150. 7. 6
 Total revenue of the month £144. 3. 6
 2 months 336. 5. 4

New members during month 12
 2 months 19

Bank overdraft £522. 19. 6
 Fiscal Deposits £ 300

Joseph Levi
 President

Thursday 11th April 1895

The General Committee met at 8 p.m.
Mr Levi President (chair)
Hood
Downward
Callaway
Launder
Sliffe

Apologies received for the absence of Mr Ridley, Norman,
Barlow & Revd Mr A. Kennedy.

Minutes of the previous meeting read & confirmed.

Death of Mr
Hayter

The Secretary informed the Committee of the death of Mr
A. H. Hayter C.M.G.
Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway and Mr Hood
that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow.

The Library subcommittee reported having examined Aps
amounting to £59.9.5 which were found to be ~~correct~~ correct.
They recommended 13 vols for addition to the Library at a cost
of £3.0.1
Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood & Mr Callaway, that the
report be adopted.

The House subcommittee reported as follows:—
Your committee beg to report that the question of
the lighting of the Institution is still receiving its attention
Accounts amounting to £53.8.2 have been examined & found
correct.
Resolved, on motion of Mr Sliffe & Mr Hood, that the
report be adopted.

The Finance subcommittee reported as follows:—
Your committee beg to report that they have
audited the Aps for March & found them correct. Payment
is recommended of the following Aps:—

Salaries & wages	£66.5.0
Melville Millen & Glade, Books &c	39.15.5
Alex ^r Kemp Sunday Repairs	21.8.0
Wm. Kilmold Binding	14.6.3
Melhop ^r Water Supply	12.15.0
The New Lamb ^r & Electric Co Ltd	12.1.8
Shillwell & Co Printing	6.3.0
Melhop ^r Gas for 604 Feb 64	4.8.0
J. Coxice & Co N ^r papers	3.2.11
Corporation of ^{the} Courts to 29/3/95	2.5.0
Mr Kitchin's Bros Binding	1.15.4
Sunday Gas & Petty Cash	5.17.0
	£184.2.7

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

That Elected Mr Thos Cates was declared duly elected a member of
Committee.

Proposed by Mr Hood seconded by Mr Callaway that
Mr E. B. Loughran be a member of the Committee. The
provisions of rule 37 be carried out prior to election.

Easter
Holidays

Resolved that the Library be closed from Friday, Saturday, Easter
Monday & Tuesday. The Reading Room be closed from Friday, Easter Monday

The Secretary read Comparative financial statements of first 3 months 1894-95

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£74.2.6
3 months	229.2.0
Total revenue of the month	157.14.9
3 months	488.0.1
New members during month	76
3 months	226
Bank overdraft	£610.15.3
Fixed deposits	300.0.0

Joseph Levi
Chairman
15/4/95

Thursday 2nd May 1895

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

Mr Levi. President (Chair)
Barlow Vice President
Rennie Treasurer
Diffe
Norman
Rev Ahernathy
Mr Davies
Hood
Lush
Eales
2nd Jamieson
Mr Ridley

An apology was made for the absence of Mr Callaway and also of Mr Harlin

Minutes of the previous meeting read & confirmed.

C. B. Loughran Mr C. B. Loughran was declared duly elected a member of the Committee

Mr Eales was added to the Finance sub committee.

A letter was read from Messrs Eggleston & Derham (addressed to the Treasurer Mr Rennie) stating that they had consulted the Trustees of the estate of the late J. J. Sumner and that the latter are willing to advance another £1000 on the security of the property of the Institution, to be repaid on 30th June 1897, rate of interest to be five per cent annum payable at same dates as interest on the present mortgage. Being another advance, a fresh mortgage will have to be prepared, and the solicitors wish to know if they shall proceed with the same.

The matter is dealt with in the report of the Finance sub committee.

The Library sub committee reported as follows:—

Your committee has recommended for addition to the Library four volumes from Melville Muller & Glade at a cost of £14.14.2. Accounts amounting to £9.15.5 have been examined and found correct.

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

The House sub committee reported that the question of "lighting" was still receiving attention; also that expenses amounting to £18.15.10 had been examined & found correct. Resolved, on motion of Mr Diffe and Mr Hood that the report be adopted.

The Finance sub committee reported as follows:—

"Your committee has to report that they have audited the A/c for April and found them correct

With reference to the question of borrowing an extra £1000 on Mortgage from the Trustees of the Sumner estate (concerning which a resolution was passed on 7th March) a letter has been received from Messrs Eggleston and Derham, Solicitors to the estate. While considering that letter, our attention was given to Rule 46 which is apparently a bar to any borrowing of money as proposed. It was therefore thought best to apprise you of that fact before proceeding any further in the matter. In connection therewith, and also in view of the fact that the Secretary's comparative statement of the receipts and expenditure for the first four months of the years 1894-95 shows that our financial position is £200 worse than at the commencement of the Year, this Committee suggest to you the desirability of appointing

A special Committee of Ways & Means to consider the financial position of the Institution"

(The Secretary then read the comparative statement referred to)
The following accounts have been examined & found correct:—

Eggleston
&
Derham
re
further advance
of
£1000

Salaries and Wages	£ 62.7.6
The New South Wales Club March	12.11.8
Metrop ⁿ Gas Co	5.18.8
George Robertson Books	5.1.2
Wm Detmold Binding	2.10.9
Melbourne Punch	1.4.0
Royal Insurance Co ^y Ren ^d P ^t P ^{rt} 4514754	10.0.0
Anti ⁿ Alliance Ins Co	62391 7.10.0
National Ins Co of Australasia	50091 7.10.0
Nat ⁿ Ins Co of New Zealand	11103 5.0.0
Sundry Exp. John F Paton Assoc Mail	£0.19.6
Chambers & Seymour. fr ^{ts}	15.6
Mr Smith (Luncheon)	10.9
	25.0
	£ 121.8.9

After mature attention had been given to the Report, it was adopted on the motion of Mr Rennie (Treasurer) & Mr Lush

The following were then appointed as
The special Committee of Ways and Means:—

- Mr Levi (President)
- Barlow (Vice Pres)
- Rennie Treasurer, &c
- Lush
- Ridley
- Sliffe
- Hood

with power to add to their number, and Mr Rennie was authorized to consult our solicitor, if necessary. The special committee arranged to meet on Wednesday 5th.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£70.17.6
Total 4 months	299.19.6
Total revenue of the month	160.16.6
4 months	648.16.7
New members during month 5	
4 - 31	

Bank overdraft £652.1.3
Assets deposits £300.0.0

Joseph Levi
Chairman
1895

Thursday 16th May 1895

Special Meeting

of
The General Meeting Committee

Summoned by the President to receive the Report of the Special Committee on Ways & Means

The Committee met at 8 pm

- Mr Jos Levi, President (Chair)
- Barlow, Vice President
- Rennie, Treasurer
- Ridley
- Sliffe
- Hood
- Downward
- Eales
- Mr Jamieson
- Davies
- Harlie
- Loughran
- Lush.

Loughran

The President introduced the new member of Committee, Mr E. B. Loughran, who returned thanks for his election. Apologies made for absence of Mr Norman, Callaway, Saugster, & Rev. Aherne they. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The President stated that he had summoned the Committee for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Special Committee on Ways & Means.

The Secretary read the first portion of the report, as follows:—
(Report of Special Committee of Ways & Means. All the members of the sub-committee present)
Your Committee beg to report that the Treasurer

and Secretary waited on our Solicitor, Mr Wisemould, for the purpose of obtaining information with reference to the existing mortgage and the proposal to borrow a further sum of £1000.

Mr Wisemould states that the existing mortgage is a deed of extension of the original mortgage of £18,000 in which it is set forth that the sum of £4000 has been paid off, thus reducing the mortgage to £14000; that the rate of interest is reduced from $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 per cent per annum, conditions as in the original mortgage. New mortgage to expire 30th June 1897.

Mr Wisemould is of opinion that, to obtain a further advance, a new mortgage would be required.

To borrow under mortgage for other purposes than those set forth in the rules, it would be necessary to pass a new rule giving power to borrow for said purposes.

With reference to obtaining a Bank overdraft, he does not consider it to be necessary to alter the Rules.

He sees no legal objection to asking the Trustees of the Sumner Estate to allow the interest to stand over until the expiry of the mortgage, paying interest on it as well as on the principal.

(The continuation of the Report was read by the President, as the Secretary was not present at that portion of the meeting of the sub-committee)

It is recommended to the General Committee that the following reductions be made in Salaries and Wages from the 1st July next:—

Mr Curtis (Secretary)	from £315	to £200 per annum
Mr Smith, Librarian,	£247.10	to £160 " "
Sam (Caretaker)	£128	to £78 " "

With these reductions, and allowing £52 for additional help in caretaking and cleaning, and the Lady's salary remaining at £26 as before, the expenses in this direction will be reduced to £516 as against £763.14 as at present; thus effecting a saving of £247 per annum.

Your Committee suggest these reductions with regret, hoping that a more favourable state of our finances may, in a not very distant future, ward off the reconsideration of the Salaries in a more favourable direction.

We recommend that the Treasurer be authorised to

negotiate with a Bank to obtain financial assistance to the extent of £2000 to cover all requirements to the maturity of the existing Mortgage; and should he fail in this that the Subscribers be asked to authorize the borrowing of a further £2000 on a further Mortgage to be co-terminous with the present one.

Finally we recommend that the question of the hours of attendance of the various employees be referred to the House Committee for re-arrangement."

The President moved the adoption of the Report, which was seconded by Mr Diffe.

The Treasurer informed the Committee that he had ascertained that the executors of the Sumner Estate would not consent to an arrangement by which the interest would be allowed to accumulate till the expiry of the Mortgage.

The Report having received very attentive consideration, was adopted.

Joseph Levi

President

16 June 1895

Thursday 6th June 1895

The Committee met at 8 pm.

- Mr Levi President (Chair)
- Barlow Vice President
- Rennie Treasurer
- Downward
- Hood
- Davies
- Loughman
- Pliffe
- Norman
- Harlin
- Ridley
- Saugster
- Lush
- Heccks

Dr Jamieson
Rev Mr Abernethy

Apologies made for the absence of Mr Callaway and Mr Gales.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

The Library sub-committee reported as follows:—

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

From Melville, Miller & Glade 9 vols £2.0.5
Accounts amounting to £33.7.11 have been examined and found correct.

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

The House sub-committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to recommend that, as an experiment in a direction which may subsequently lead to a great saving to the Institution in the cost of gas, the four incandescent burners, which have been on trial in

the Upper Hall, be retained. The cost will be about £6. The question of the hours of attendance of the officers and emblems is under consideration. The ^{work} has been let to the Methuene Chess Club at £30 per annum. Accounts amounting to £19.4. have been examined & found correct.

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

The Finance sub-committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for May and found them correct. The Treasurer Mr Lush has seen the executors of the Sumner Estate and have ascertained that they are prepared to make a further advance of £3000 in instalments of £1000 on 30th June, £500 on 30th Dec, and £500 on 30th June 1896 provided that a New Rule be passed empowering the Committee to borrow for the purpose. Our solicitor has drafted the following new clause for this object, and it has been approved by the solicitor of the Sumner Estate:—

PROPOSED NEW CLAUSE

to be inserted after Clause 2 in Rule 46, and before the words "and the repayment of any such moneys, &c."

3.—Provided that the General Committee may at any time, without such authority, obtain an advance of any sum or sums of money, not exceeding in the whole the sum of £2000, for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Institution, and paying the necessary expenses connected therewith and incidental thereto, and any interest on any advance to the Institution.

Your Committee recommend that the necessary steps be taken to have the clause passed.

The following accounts are recommended for payment:—

Salaries & wages	£ 69.7.10
Gas & Electric Light	22.13.2
Taxes & Lighting Rate	36.5.0
Godan & York Newspapers	10.15.6
Melville, Miller & Glade Books	7.1.0
John Armistead Newspapers	7.4.3
John Cassell Newspapers	3.8.0
John Deane Binding	3.2.6
Sundry A/c's	2.8.0
Interest on Mortgage	350.0.0
	£ 525.3.1

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

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood & Mr Martin that the
thanks of the committee be given to the Treasurer & Mr Lusk
for the labour they had taken in the matter of obtaining a further
advance on the mortgage. Mr Rennie & Mr Lusk returned thanks.

The special general meeting of subscribers was fixed
for Thursday 4th July at 8 p.m. and it was decided
to hold the Committee meeting at 7.30 p.m.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood & Revd Mr Abernethy
that Mr E B Pughman be added to the Library
subcommittee.

In the event of an application being made to rent the Hall
on Sunday, the Emergency Committee were given full power to
act.

The Secretary read comparative financial statement
of first five months of 1894-95.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month £79.8.6
5 months 379.8.0

Total revenue of the month 246.13.0
5 months 895.9.7

New members during month 12
5 months 43

Bank overdraft £526.17.0

Fixed deposits £300

Joseph Levi
Chairman
4/7/95

Thursday 4th July 1895

The General Committee met at 7.30 p.m.

- Mr Jno Levi President
- Barlow Vice President
- Rennie Treasurer
- Hood
- Ridley
- Norman
- Martin
- Callaway
- Kales
- Sliffe
- Mr Jamieson
- Pughman
- Revd Abernethy
- Lampeter
- Lusk
- Murks

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

The Library subcommittee reported as follows:
Your committee beg to recommend for addition
to the Library 5 vols from Melville, Stoddart & Stoddart
@ £12.6. The following 9 vols have been examined &
found correct amounting to £15.7.3.

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

The House subcommittee reported as follows:

Your committee beg to report that they have
made an inspection of the rooms on the basement of the
Building. They recommend that the back portion of
the walls of the area be limewashed. The Secretary
has been instructed to see that the Caretaker keeps the
floors clean. The following arrangements have been
made for the
Hours of the Officers

Hours of officers

Secretary from 9.30 am. to 1.30 p.m.
Two days a week from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm
Three days a week from 10 pm to 9 pm.
and all Committee meetings

The Librarian from 9.30 am. to 11.30 am.
Two days a week from 1 pm. till 5.30 pm.
and from 6.30 pm. till 9 pm.
Three days a week from 1 pm. till 6 pm.

A/cs have been examined & found correct amounting to £ 27. 14. 11.

Proposed by Mr Diffe seconded by Mr Hood that the Report be adopted

Some members of the Committee thought the time allowed Mr Smith to go for his tea on the two evenings that he had to return was too short. Mr Curtis offered to come back at 5 o'clock and thus allow Mr Smith an hour & a half. The House Committee accepted this change & the Report was then adopted.

The Finance Committee reported as follows.

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/cs for June & found them correct. The treasurer informs us that the Executors of the Summer Estate request to have a re-valuation of the property of the Institution & your Committee recommend that it be made

The following A/cs are recommended for payment:

Salaries & Wages	66. 5. 0
Metopa Gas July May	12. 9. 11
The New London Electric Bldg	11. 10. 0
J. Cassell & Co. papers & etc	6. 16. 0
Melville Mullin & Slade Books	5. 8. 3
Lantern Examines	1. 19. 0
Secretary's Guarantee com fr	1. 10. 0
Stationery & printing	1. 4. 0
Constitution Society	2. 5. 0
Sundry A/cs & Dishy cash	2. 14. 6
	£ 112. 17. 2

Bank to be taken by adding the following as to account 2.

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

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement of receipts and expenditure for first six months of 1894 & 1895.

At this stage the meeting was adjourned until after the special general meeting of members to be held at 8 o'clock.

After the termination of the special general meeting of members, the general committee resumed.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Barlow.

That under the conditions of Clause 3 Rule 46 the sum of £2000 be borrowed from the ~~Trustees~~ Executors of the Summer Estate as an addition to the present mortgage of £14,000 and that the Trustees be requested to execute the mortgage.

Additional loan of £2500

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month £ 71. 8. 6
6 months 450. 16. 6

Total revenue of the month 166. 4. 6
6 months 1081. 14. 1

New members during month 11
6 months 57

Bank overdraft £ 535. 16. 1
Fixed deposits £ 300.

Joseph Levi
Chairman
1/8/95

The Melbourne Athenaeum

We, the undersigned, being Members of the above Institution, hereby give notice that it is our intention at a Special General Meeting of Members to be held on the fourth day of July. One thousand eight hundred and ninety five to propose that the Rules of the Institution be altered by adding thereto the following new clause after clause No 2 and before the words "and the repayment of all such moneys" in Rule 46

Clause 3. Provided that the General Committee may at any time, without such authority, obtain an advance of any sum or sums of money not exceeding in the whole the sum of £2000 for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Institution and paying the necessary expenses connected therewith and incidental thereto and any interest on any advances to the Institution

Joseph Lewis
Leobush
H. B. Alder
Chas. Allen
John Sliffe
Thomas Harlin
Edward
Mark Hood
Amy Jamieson
H. Norman
James M. Kerueley
Edwards
James Kirkling
David Langsley
G. S. Dutton

Andrew Burns
W. J. Jamieson
S. L. Dishor
John Bick
E. Eduey
Thomas Rooker
H. W. Lacey
James Sliffe
Joseph White

THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM.
A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the members of the Melbourne Athenaeum will be held in the upper hall of the institution on THURSDAY, 4th JULY, 1895, at 8 p.m., for the purpose of passing a new clause to be inserted after clause 2 in rule 46.
J. H. B. CURTIS, Secretary.

Dated this 10th day of June A.D. 1895

J. H. B. Curtis Secretary

Special General Meeting

of Members
held in the Upper Hall of the Institution
July 4th 1895
at 8 o'clock p.m.

The chair was taken by the President, Mr Joseph Levi, (there being an attendance of about 25 members), at 8 o'clock p.m. The President stated that the meeting was called in compliance with a requisition signed by more than 20 members which has been exhibited, as required by Rule 34, for three weeks, in the Reading Room, prior to the meeting. Notice of the meeting has been advertised in two daily papers published in Melbourne for seven days prior to the day of meeting stating the object of the meeting. The Secretary received the advertisement, as on sheet page 179, signed by him.

The President called on Mr Rennie the Treasurer to move the resolution.

Mr Rennie briefly explained the causes that led to the necessity of obtaining a further loan, and also why the new clause was required. He concluded by moving that Rule 46 be altered by adding the following clause after clause 2 and before the words "and the repayment of any such money"

"Provided that the General Committee may at any time, without such authority, obtain an advance of any sum or sums of money, not exceeding in the whole the sum of £2000, for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the Institution, and paying the necessary expenses connected therewith and incidental thereto, and any interest on any advances to the Institution"

The motion was seconded by Mr George Lash and carried unanimously.

J. H. B. Curtis Secretary

Joseph Levi
Chairman
2/11/96

Thursday 1st August 1895

The General Committee met at 8 p.m.

- Mr Levi President (chair)
- Mr Barlow Vice President
- Mr Rennie Treasurer
- Weeks (a Justice)
- Livch
- Bliffe
- Downward
- Hood
- Davies
- Norman
- Callaway
- Harlie

An apology for absence was received from Rev Mr Abernethy

The Minutes of the last meeting were read & confirmed.

The Minutes of the Special General Meeting of members held 4th July were read, and a resolution was passed that they are correct.

A letter was read from Mr E W Gibbs, one of the Trustees, stating that he was prepared to sign the mortgage so soon as the Committee certify that the minutes of the Special meeting of 4th ~~month~~ ^{July} are correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr ~~Levi~~ Barlow that the resolution passed on 4th July to borrow the sum of £2000 from the Executors of the Sumner estate as an addition to the present mortgage be confirmed, and that the real estate on which the Institution stands be charged with the said sum. The amount is to be paid in instalments of £1000 on the date of the mortgage, £500 on 30th December 1895, and £500 on 30th June 1896. The mortgage is for the two years ending 30th June 1897. The rate of interest is five per centum per annum.

Mortgage
£2000

The Library sub committee reported as follows:-
The following are recommended for addition to the Library:-
from Maitland, Muller & Stode 11 vols at £2.5.1. & 400 sheets amounting to £14.7.3 have been examined & found correct.
Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood & Mr Callaway that the report be adopted

The House sub committee reported having examined accounts amounting to £40.16.7 which were found to be correct.
Resolved, on motion of Mr Bliffe & Mr Hood, that the report be adopted.

The Finance sub committee reported as follows:-
Your committee beg to report that they have audited the accounts for July and found them correct. Mr Saunders, one of the tenants of the Sewal shops has gone further in arrear with his rent, having paid only £8 per month for the last two months. It is recommended that she receive notice that those arrears must be paid & that the full amount for rent must be paid regularly each month, and that failing to do so she shall have to give up her tenancy. The property of the Institution has been valued (for the purposes of the new mortgage) by Sir William Juel, and has been set down at £24,500. It is recommended that when the first instalment of the additional loan on mortgage is received, an account be opened with it either at the Union Bank or the Bank of Australasia. The following expenses are recommended for payment:-

Valuation
of property
£24,500

Salaries & wages	£ 41.12.0
The New Union Electric Co Ltd	11.10.1
Misopu gas co	9.16.3
from Ditmold Binding & Stationery	10.14.3
Three more on, repairing room &c	6.9.6
for Mr Ewan & Co Ltd gas burners &c	5.2.3
Sir W A Juel Valuation of property	5.5.0
John Vermorel Agents of meeting	1.0.0
Also Daily Times Witness	1.0.0
John Dickie & Co Stationery &c	19.7
Mr & Mrs Brothers & Riggs & Co inspectant	18.0
Sundry expenses	3.1.6
	£ 97.5.10

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

Bank of Australasia

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Barlow, that as soon as the first instalment of the new loan shall be received, the Treasurer is empowered to transfer our life to the Bank of Australasia.

The Secretary read the comparative statement of receipts and expenditure for first seven months of 1894 & 95

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month £79.9.0,
7 months 530.5.6

Total revenue of the month 206.2.0
7 months 1267.16.1

New members during month 7
7 months 61

Bank overdraft £445.15.3
Fixed deposits 300.0.0

Joseph Kern
5/9/95 (President)

Thursday 5th Sept 1895

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

- Mr Levi (chair)
- Barlow (Vice Pres.)
- Rennie Treasurer
- Hood
- Stiffe
- Loughran
- Coals
- Luah
- Ridley
- Davis

An apology for absence was received from Rev Mr Abernethy. Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

The Library sub committee reported as follows:—

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

- Brown Melville Mullen & Slade 11 vols £2.0.0
- George Robertson & Co 6 1.3.6
- J H Craig 1 10.0

Accounts amounting to £130.0.11 have been examined & found correct.

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

The House sub committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that the matter of the lighting of the Institution is still receiving their earnest attention. Accounts amounting to £43.16.7 have been examined & found correct.

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

The Finance sub committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for August & found them correct. Since the last meeting of the General Committee,

Bank of Australasia

The City of Melbourne Bank closed and is now in process of liquidation. The amount of our overdraft when the Bank closed was £424.8.6. Against this we, of course, have our fixed deposits amounting to £300. An account has been opened with the Bank of Australasia and we have a credit balance in it of £89.16.7

The new mortgage for £2000 is not yet quite completed, as Mr Gibbs, our Senior Trustee, wishes to have some slight alterations made in it, which cannot be done till the return of Mr Egglestone who is out of town. No doubt the matter will be settled in a few days.

Payment is recommended of the following A/cs: —

Salaris & wages	44.10.0
Whitehead & Co Magazines	75. 0.3
Wm Dawson & Sons & papers	28. 1. 9
Melb Gas Co July	18. 4. 10
North Austral Electric Co Ltd	11. 10. 0
Melb Water Supply	12. 15. 0
John Armstrong & papers	7. 4. 3
Gleason & papers	6. 16. 9
George Robertson Books	6. 5. 0
Melville, Miller & Wade Books	4. 9. 11
Stewart & Co Printing	1. 10. 0
Sundry A/cs	1. 19. 3
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	£ 278.7.0

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

New Mortgage.

A letter was read from Mr L. L. Heales of the Firm of Gibbs & Heales, Solicitors, ^{addressed to Mr Rennie} stating that Mr Gibbs had informed the Secretary of the Athenaeum that he would not enter into any covenant as either principal or interest, and that he declines to sign the mortgage unless certain words be inserted.

A letter was also read from Messrs Wessons Gibbs & Wessons (our Solicitors) enclosing the former letter and stating that the form of mortgage was identical with the one previously signed by Mr Gibbs.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr Barlow & Mr Heales, that the matter be left in the hands of Mr Rennie & Mr Lusk, and that they be empowered to take Council's opinion if necessary.

The Secretary read Comparative statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the first eight months 1894-95.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month £64.15.6
8 months 595.1.0

Total revenue of the month £208.9.2
8 months 1476.5.3

New members during the month 12
8 months 13

Overdraft at the City of Melbourne Bank when it closed £424.8.6
Fixed deposits in City Bank 300.0.0

Cr Balance in Bank of Australasia £89.16.7

Joseph Lewis
Chairman
27 10 95

The second instalment will be received 30th Dec^r 1895 (£500) and the third instalment of £500 on the 30th June 1896. The interest on the £1000 will date from 1st October 1895. For the delayed payment of the £350 for interest due from 30th June 1895, interest was charged at the Bank rate of eight per cent per ann: amounting to £7.

Mortgage
£270

Coffee Palace
Co^y

A letter has been received from the Manager of the Victoria Coffee Palace Co^y asking for a reduction of the rent of the underground passage. The rent is £20 per annum, and the Company owes for eighteen months. The Finance Committee recommends that the terms of the lease be adhered to.

It is recommended that application be made to the City of Melbourne Bank Co^{ts} in liquidation for a statement of assets, & that the same be settled.

The following are recommended for payment:—

Salaries & Wages	41.12.0
Executors of Sumner Estate. Interest	357. 0.0
Town Rate City of Melbourne	37. 10.0
Metro Gas Co ^s August	11. 8.3
New Aust. Elec Co ^{ys} Ltd	11. 10.0
Wm Debnold Binding	5.16.0
Gordon & Gotch N ^o Papers	5. 7.9
Melville Mullen & Glade Books	3. 9. 1
G Cassell N ^o Papers	3. 0.0
Corporation of Melbourne Cloths	2. 5.0
Victoria Insurance Co ^y	2.11.6
South British F & M I Co	1.19.0
Proprietors of Melbourne Punch	1. 4.0
Sundry exps & petty cash	6.19.6
Egyptian & Durham Mortgage	10. 10.0
Wesminster Gibbs & Warranes Mortgage &c	10. 10.0
	<u>£ 513. 0. 1</u>

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

Cup day

Resolved that the arrangements for closing the Library and Reading Room on 'Cup day' be the same as last year

Resolved that the next meeting of the General Committee be held on Thursday 14th Nov.

Mr Hartie drew the attention of the Committee to the fact that some good novels could be obtained at Cole's for half price.

Resolved that the Chairman of the Library Committee be authorised to make a selection with the Librarian up to the value of £5.

The Secretary reads the comparative statement of receipts and expenditure for first nine months of 1894-95.

Secretary's Statement,

Subscriptions for the month	63.17.0
9 months	638.18.0

Total Revenue of month	174.2.5
9 months	1650.7.8

New members during month	7
9 months	80

Overdraft City of Melbourne Bank	£424.8.6
Fixed Deposits	300.0.0

Balance in Bank of Australasia £45.12.0

Joseph Lewis
Chairman
14/11/95

Thursday 14th Nov 1895

The Committee met (agreeably with resolution) at 8 P.M.

Mr Levi (chair)

- Wood
- Callaway
- Barlow
- Bliffie
- Harlin
- Loughran
- Cales
- Lusk
- Rennie

Rev Aburnethy

An apology was received for absence of Mr Norman.
Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr E M Gibbs one of the Trustees in reply to the letter sent to him in accordance with the resolution of last meeting. Mr Gibbs gave reasons for the course he had pursued in reference to the mortgage. The letter was received.

The Library Committee reported as follows:-

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

- From Melville, Mullen & Shade 5 vols £ 0. 16. 8
- " G W Cole 19 " 3. 6. 3

Accounts amounting to £ 19. 13. 2 have been examined & found correct.

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

The House sub-committee reported as follows:-

Your committee beg to report that they have given mature consideration to the question of completing the lighting of the Upper Hall with the Incandescent Burners. The 49 ordinary burners at present in the Hall consume about 6 feet each per hour. Burning for one night per week, they consume about 50,000 feet in the year at a cost of £ 11. 15. 0. With the incandescent burners of

which there would be 14) the amount consumed during the same time would be 9000 feet, costing £ 2. 2. 4. There would thus be a saving of £ 9. 12. 8 in the year with only one night's lighting per week. Your committee therefore recommend that the change be at once made. The cost of fitting & burners is estimated at £ 17. 12. 6.

Accounts amounting to £ 22. 13. 5 have been examined and found correct.

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

The Finance Committee reported as follows:-

Your committee beg to report that our account with the City of Melbourne Bank in liquidation has been settled. When the Bank closed, our overdraft amounted to £ 424. 0. 6 and the interest thereon to 5th October was £ 17. 1. 6, making a total of £ 441. 10. 0. (against which we had deposit receipts for £ 300 and interest thereon amounting to £ 1. 19. 2 leaving a balance due to the Bank of £ 139. 10. 10 which has been paid, but for which a voucher is required.

The A/c for October have been audited & found correct.

The following A/cs are recommended for payment

Salaries & wages	£ 41. 13. 0
Melrose for 24 Sept	9. 16. 5
The new Unit & Lecture to 1 st	11. 10. 0
George Robertson & Co Books	3. 13. 0
from Detroit Reading	3. 9. 3
G Cassin & Co papers	3. 2. 0
G W Cole Books	3. 6. 3
Melville, Mullen & Shade 1 Book	3. 1. 2
Mr Stubbins & Co Reading	1. 16. 2
Chambers & Seymour 1 vol	1. 7. 0
Australasian School matter	12. 11. 0
Printing (Australasian)	6. 6
	£ 131. 11. 7

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

Submitted was the comparative statement of the receipts to

and expenditure for the first ten months
of 1894-95.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month £66.19.6
10 months 725.17.6

Total Revenue of the month £154.3.2
10 months 1804.10.10

New members during the month 8
10 months 88

Balance in Bank of Australasia £545.5.1

Joseph Levi
Chairman
5/12/95

Thursday 5th December 1895

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

Mr Levi President (chair)

Barlow Vice Pres

Rossie Treasurer

Rev Abornethy

Mr Davies

Downward

Mr Jamieson

Hood

Norman

Sliffe

Lucas

Harlin

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed
applies for absence received from Miss Ridley, Gales, Callaway & Langhorne.
A letter was read from the tenants of the Front Shop
asking for a reduction of rent. It was referred to the
Finance Committee.

The Library subcommittee reported, recommending the addition
to the Library of six volumes at a cost of £1.2.1. Accounts
amounting to £13.16.2 had been examined & found correct.
Resolved on motion of Mr Hood & Rev Mr Abornethy that
the report be adopted.

The House sub committee reported as follows:—
The lighting of the small hall with the new
burners is now completed and gives great satisfaction.
Accounts amounting to £21.1.1 have been examined
& found correct.

The Report was adopted, on the motion of Mr Sliffe
& Mr Hood.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—
Your Committee beg to report that they have
audited the A/c for November & found them correct.
Payment is recommended of the following A/cs:—

Salaries & wages	£ 44.10.0
The New Court Clerk Co 1 st October	11.10.0
Michon for Oct	9.5.6
John Armstrong's papers	7.1.0
Gleason's papers	3.0.9
Stellwell & Co Printing	2.1.6
Mitcheil, Mullen & Slade Books	1.4.11
Chambers & Seymour funds	6.0
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	79.7.8
Interest on loan of £14,000 @ 5% for 6 months	350.00
Interest on £1000 for 3 months	12.10.0
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	£ 441.17.8

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

Resolved that the President, Vice President
and Treasurer shall form a sub-committee to
draft the Annual Report

Holidays

It was resolved that the Institution be closed on Christmas
day, Boxing day, & New Year's day, should the Government
proclaim a holiday and 2nd January, the Library only shall be closed
on that day.

Resolved that the next meeting be on 9th January.
The Secretary read the Comparative Statement of R & E for 11 months
of 89 1/2 - 95

Secretary's Statement:

Subscriptions for the month	£68.12.0
" 11 months	794.9.6
Total revenue of the month	143.7.0
" 11 months	1947.17.10
New members during month	6
" - "	94

Balance in Bank £604.13.6

Joseph Levi
President
9/1/96

Thursday 9th Jan 1896

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

- Mr Levi President (chair)
- Barlow Vice President
- Rennie Treasurer
- Ridley
- Callaway
- Norman
- Bliff
- Rev Wharmley
- Hood
- Lush
- Coles
- Mr Jamieson
- Martin

An apology was received for absence of Mr Loughran.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed
A letter was read from the Secretary of the proposed Library
Association of Australia. It was referred to the Library
sub-committee *

The Library sub-committee reported as follows:-

Your committee beg to recommend for a addition to the
Library 12 vols from Mitcheil Mullen & Slade @ £2.17.5
Accounts amounting to £16.7.7 have been examined & found correct
Resolved to ~~recommen~~ on motion of Mr Hood & Mr Lush that
the Report be adopted

A letter was read from a Mr C P Stevens making an offer
to purchase certain old numbers of Magazines & Periodicals. It
was referred to the Library sub-committee.

The House sub-committee reported as follows:-

Your committee beg to report that they are of
opinion that the Large Hall stands in need of renovation.
They would have made a recommendation on the subject
some months ago, but for the state of the finances. They are
of opinion that the matter should be taken up by the next
committee. The Librarian has applied through the Secretary
for leave of absence. It is recommended that he receive a fortnight's
leave during this month. Accounts amounting to £38.11.10 have