

Secretary's statement
 Subscriptions for the month £44.13.6

11 months 663.13.0

Total revenue of the month 124.9.6

11 months 1777.0.9

New members during month 5
 11 months 81

Balance in Bank £536.18.1
 Fixed Deposit 250.0.0

James McL. Abernethy

Thursday 11th January 1900
 The Committee met at 8 p.m.

Rev. J. McL. Abernethy Pres. (Chair)

W. L. Daniel VP

Rennie Treasurer

Davies

Barlow

Wood

Grant

Ridley

Downward

Lealeway

Lush

Apology for absence of Mr. Wickle.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

Letter read from Mr. White, a member, complaining that members sometimes allowed their dogs to follow them into the Library Reading Room. Resolved that Mr. White be informed that the matter will be alluded to.

The Library Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that nine books have been added to the Library at a cost of £3.12.3 accounts amounting to £22.9.5 have been examined & found correct. Resolved, on motion of Mr. Daniel & Mr. Wood that the Report be adopted.

The House Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that accounts amounting to £24.6.0 have been examined & found correct. Resolved, on motion of Mr. Ridley & Mr. Barlow, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—
Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/cs for December and found them correct.

The Subcommittee's draft of the Annual Report of the General Committee has been read to them, and they endorse the concluding paragraph. They suggest that the chairman of the incoming Library Committee and of the House Committee be associated with them for the purpose of considering the question of ways and means, and drawing up a report thereon.

The following A/cs are recommended for payment:—

Salaries & wages	£ 44. 10. 0
Electric Light	11. 10. 0
Gas	2. 10. 6
McNulle Miller & Glade Books	9. 10. 3
Debnold. Binding	8. 15. 6
Leasden. X. Papers	3. 10. 11
Leopold. Clock	2. 5. 0
Chautau & Seymour. Food	1. 12. 0
Dunkie, Repairs	1. 2. 6
Smudge Gas & P. C.	5. 12. 9

£ 96. 5. 1

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

The Annual Report, as drafted by the Subcommittee, was read, and, after a few alterations, was adopted.

Holidays. Resolved that the Holidays be as last year.

Resolved that the next meeting be on 8th inst. at 1st Liby.

Secretary's statement

Subscription for the month £36. 11. 0
12 months 700. 1. 0

Total revenue of the month 114. 19. 6
12 months 1872. 0. 0

New members during month 22
12 months. 77

Balance in Bank £246. 16. 7
Sweat Deficit £250. 0. 0
Gives net therewith

Annual Meeting of Members

Wednesday, January 31st 1900

The Chair was taken by the President, Rev. Mr. L. Abernethy at 8 p.m.
The Secretary read the advertisement of the meeting which was duly considered in accordance with provisions of Rule 20.
Minutes of the last meeting read & confirmed.

The Secretary read the Annual Report, as follows:—

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

The gross receipts of the year amount to £1892 0s. 3d., and the expenditure to £2158 16s. 7d. The details are given in the Balance Sheet appended to this Report.

The number of members on the roll is 688, of whom 88 joined during the year.

The number of volumes added to the library during the year was 280; the total number of works issued to subscribers was 23,086, and 5807 magazines.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

YEAR.	No. of Subscribing Members.	New Members.	Volumes Added.	Works Circulated.	Magazines Circulated.
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	915	123	627	27,880	6,983
1895	859	97	485	26,806	6,127
1896	832	105	477	25,810	5,960
1897	805	125	403	24,844	5,975
1898	747	84	370	24,519	5,916
1899	688	88	280	23,086	5,807

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

CLASSIFICATION.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics	3	1	1	1
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts	3	5	5	3
Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence	1,242	1,234	1,313	1,107
Classics and Philology	23	17	28	18
Fine Arts	6	5	7	4
Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works	1,410	1,268	1,304	1,277
History and Historical Memoirs	1,009	1,008	818	504
Jurisprudence and Legislation	1	1	2	1
Medical Science and Chemistry	1	1	1	1
Miscellaneous and Collected Works	561	702	627	395
Natural History and Botany	13	20	16	8
Works of Fiction	19,073	18,346	17,969	17,358
Music	1	1	1	1
Periodical Literature	2,071	1,846	2,008	1,978
Philosophy and General Science	122	117	101	129
Poetry and the Drama	97	108	118	95
Politics	27	39	48	26
Religious & Ecclesiastical Works	34	48	30	37
Juvenile Works	113	77	122	143
	25,810	24,844	24,519	23,086

The number of visitors introduced by members, under the provision of Rule 19, was 83.

The Government has contributed during the year:—

Victorian Parliamentary Debates.

Votes and Proceedings of the Parliament of Victoria.

Government Gazette.

Acts of Parliament.

Results of Observations, Melbourne Observatory.

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

Personality, Human and Divine, by J. R. Illingworth, presented by G. W. Rusden, Esq.

Transactions and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria, Vol. XXXV, New Series, presented by the Council of the Royal Society.

The Vaccination Inquirer and Health Review, forwarded monthly by Mr. J. Carson.

Volume XXIX, of the Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute, from the Society.

Two Copies of Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria, supplied regularly by Messrs. Stillwell and Co.

The Sydney Trade Review and Prices Current, by the proprietors, Messrs. Mitchell, Chisholm, and Medcalf.

The Melbourne Masonic Journal, presented monthly by the proprietors.

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

The Annual Election of Honorary Office-Bearers resulted in the return of the following gentlemen:—President, Rev. J. McL. Abernethy; Vice-President, Mr. L. S. Daniel; Treasurer, Mr. Charles Rennie; Committee—Messrs. W. A. Callaway, E. Downward, T. Harlin, Dr. Jamieson, G. Lush, J. W. Veal, and R. G. Wilson, and also Mr. Grant for one year.

We regret to report that Mr. D. Sangster, who had been a member of the Committee for several years, died during the year.

Mr. Veal resigned his place on the Committee, through inability to attend the meetings.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Wilson, who is on a visit to Europe.

There have been 11 meetings of the General Committee during the year:—

The President, Rev. Mr. ABERNETHY attended 10
The Vice-President, Mr. L. S. DANIEL " 6
The Treasurer, Mr. CHARLES RENNIE " 7

COMMITTEE:

Mr. Callaway attended 8	Mr. Barlow attended 10
Mr. Downward " 6	Mr. Davies " 7
Mr. Harlin " 9	Mr. Grant " 8
Dr. Jamieson " 6	Mr. Hood " 10
Mr. Lush " 6	Mr. Hiffe " 4
Mr. Veal " 0	Mr. Mickie " 6
Mr. Wilson " 0	Mr. Ridley " 10

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. Mickie 9	Mr. Ridley 12	Mr. Rennie 8
Rev. Abernethy .. 11	Mr. Barlow 10	Mr. Barlow 8
Mr. Callaway 11	Mr. Davies 8	Mr. Callaway 9
Mr. Daniel 10	Mr. Grant 7	Mr. Downward .. 4
Mr. Grant 5	Mr. Hood 10	Mr. Grant 9
Mr. Harlin 1	Mr. Hiffe 6	Mr. Mickie 4
Mr. Hood 6	Dr. Jamieson .. 3	
Dr. Jamieson 3	Mr. Mickie 6	
Mr. Lush 6	Mr. Downward .. 3	

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following members of Committee retire from office, but are eligible for re-election, viz.:—Messrs. Barlow, Davies, Grant, Hood, Hiffe, Mickie, and Ridley. There are also vacancies for the places of Mr. Veal and Mr. Sangster.

The receipts of the year fall short of those of last year. This state of things cannot continue long without exhausting our funds. It will therefore be necessary to endeavour to retrench the expenditure and increase the receipts.

J. W. L. Abernethy, President
Resolved that the Balance Sheet be taken as read and that it be received

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the Year ending 31st December, 1899.

To Balance in Bank and Fixed Deposit £763 12 11	By Interest on Mortgage £640 0 0
Subscriptions £700 4 0	Salaries and Wages 510 16 0
Rent of Front Shops 538 10 0	Books, Magazines, and Newspapers 395 16 2
Large Hall 378 1 0	Rates 175 2 6
Small Hall 114 16 6	Electric Light 137 14 6
Rooms 129 14 6	Gas 117 17 0
Sales 18 4 3	Repairs, Goods, and Sundries .. 75 10 5
Interest 12 10 0	Insurance 43 10 9
	Binding 31 17 3
	Postage, Stationery and Petty Cash 16 0 6
	Advertising and Printing .. 10 8 0
	Auditors 4 4 0
	2,158 16 7
	Balance in Bank £246 16 7
	Fixed Deposit 250 0 0
	496 16 7
	£2,655 13 2

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Estimated value of the real Property of the Institution £35,000 0 0	Loan under Mortgage £16,000 0 0
Value of Library 1,500 0 0	Balance 21,746 16 7
Furniture 750 0 0	
Balance in Bank and Fixed Deposit .. 496 16 7	
£37,746 16 7	£37,746 16 7

Audited and found correct.

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

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

MELBOURNE, 24th January, 1900.

Resolved, on motion of Rev. J. W. L. Abernethy (President) and Mr. Charles Rennie, that the Report & Balance Sheet be adopted

Mr Andrew Brown and Mr Phineas Rainey were re-elected auditors.

The following gentlemen were appointed scrutineers to conduct the election - if required:
 Messrs Messinger
 Pett
 Mathes
 Jones.

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring officers and members of Committee. It was acknowledged by the President.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman.

The following nominations of officers & members of Committee were made:

President	Mr L. S. Daniel
Vice President	Dr Jamieson
Treasurer	Mr Chas Rennie

Committee

Mr Barlow

Davies

Grant

Sliffe

Nickle

Ridley

These, not being in excess of the number required, are duly elected.

L S Daniel

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Thursday 8th Sept 1900

The Committee met at 8 PM.
 The chair was first of all taken by the retiring President
 Revd J Mc L Channethy

Mr Daniel President

Mr Jamieson V.P.

Mr Nickle

Davies

Barlow

Callaway

Danneman

Good

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read & confirmed.
 The retiring President then requested the President, Mr L. S. Daniel to take the chair. Mr Daniel returned thanks for his election.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.
 Apologies received for absence of Mr Rennie, Mr Sliffe, and Mr Ridley.

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

The Library Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to recommend that this subcommittee shall revise the list of magazines and newspapers to see if any retrenchment can be made therein.

Gravamina have been added to the Library at a cost of £1.4.1. Accounts amounting to £14.18.6 have been examined & found correct.

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

The House Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to recommend that the ceiling & walls of the refreshment room attached to the Large Hall be recoloured, and that new blinds be fixed in the class room. It is recommended that the Librarian should be granted his new

Thursday 1st March 1900

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

Mr. Merritt President. Chair,

Dr. Jamieson Vice Pres^t

Rev. Mr. Wharmby

Mr. Ridley

Barlow

Hallaway

Davis

Hood

Lush

Rennie

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Library Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that they have elected Mr. Hallaway chairman for the year. Several vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £2.5.4

Accounts amounting to £19.9.7 have been examined and found correct.

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

The House Committee reported as follows:

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

The Secretary received a letter from the Manager of the New Australian Electric Cost stating that the charge for the supply of electric energy was on their local scale, and could not be reduced. The Secretary wrote to the Association for the Cost, as directed by the General Committee, and was informed that the Company could supply gas on the same terms. The question of lighting is remaining the attention of your Committee. The red dress at the sitting of the Large Hall appears to be unsuitable, and your Committee have instructed it to be none under the supervision of Mr. Ridley

and Mr. Dyke. It is now moved that the Secretary shall be granted his usual leave of absence for three weeks commencing from 1st March. Accounts amounting to £17.15.6 have been examined and found correct.

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

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—Your Committee beg to report that they have re-elected Mr. Rennie chairman. They have audited the W.P. subscription, and found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following:

Salaries & Wages	£ 41.15.0
Electric Light & Gas	16.19.0
John Armstrong Newspapers	2.0.0
John Schmidt. Binding &c	6.9.3
Leicester Newspaper &c	2.14.6
Indiville Muller & Glade. Books	2.15.10
Sunday	1.1.6
	£ 81.19.1

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

Carry.
Read.
Rennie

The President declared Mr. Leary & Mr. Rennie duly elected as members of the Committee.

The Secretary read the comparative statement of Receipts & Expenditure.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 70.1.6
" 2 months	111.15.6
Total revenue of the month	140.17.6
" 2 months	240.15.6
New members during month 8	
" 2 months 13	
Balance in Bank	£ 311.3.5
Fixed Deposit	250.0.0

L. S. Daniel
Chairman

5.4.900

Thursday 5th April 1900

The Committee met at 8.30.

Mr. Kamil President, chair.

Mr. Partridge Vice Pres

Rev. Mr. Abernethy

Mr. Grant

Mickle

Barlow

Davis

Wood

Callaway

Lush

Rusden

Leary

Apologies for absence of Messrs. Rennie, Ridley, & Bliffe

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

The Chairman introduced the new members, Mr. Rusden and Mr. Leary, who returned thanks for their election.

The Library Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that 115 volumes have been added to the Library at a cost of £3.3.6. The list of all magazines & newspapers has been carefully revised, and a reduction made where practicable. Your Committee offer no objection to the proposal for closing the Library at 7 p.m. They have been examined amounting to £113.13.11, and found correct.

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

The House Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that the damage to the druggists in the Lane Hall has been repaired. The refreshment room has also been repaired & vacated. It is recommended that the windows in the Lane Hall be cleaned & rooled. With reference to the question of the lighting of the Reading room and Library, your Committee are of opinion that it is not advisable at present to make a change in the system. The question of the Sewering of the Building has received attentive consideration. Mr. Ridley and

Sewering

Mr. Wood had in terms with Mr. Spence of the Bulthorne and Metropolitan Board of Works, and that officer attended the last meeting of your Committee, and submitted sketch plans, and gave explanation of the mode of sewerage. It is recommended that the Board be requested to do the work. It is thought the cost will be about £250 exclusive of interest. The payment will be spread over a term of ten years, interest being charged at 4 or 4 1/2% p.a. Your Committee have been advised by competent persons that it is better to ask the Board to do the work and pay than the actual cost than to ask for an estimate which is always fixed at a price advantageous to the Board. Accounts amounting to £14.12 have been examined & found correct.

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

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

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

Salaries & Wages	£44.10.0
Gas & Electric Light	19.9.6
Wholesale & Retail Periodicals	62.9.0
Mr. Dawson & Sons (for Wholesale) & Papers	28.19.5
Gordon & John & Papers	13.0.0
G. Leavelle & Papers	2.17.11
Melville, Muller & Holbe, Books	2.12.1
J. Lynn. Printing & Stationery Ref. room	2.10.0
Incorporation of Bulthorne. & Books	2.5.0
Sundry A/c's	2.3.0
	<hr/> £180.15.11

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

Mr. Rusden was placed on the Library sub-committee and Mr. Leary on the House Committee.

The Special Committee appointed to consider the question of ways & means reported as follows:

The Special Committee appointed to inquire into and report upon the financial position of the Institution have held two meetings - on the 14th and the 28th March 1900 - and after giving the matter full and careful consideration beg to submit the following recommendations for the approval of the General Committee:

1. That the accompanying circular be issued to members with the view of bringing under their notice the critical condition of the Institution and urging upon them the importance of increasing the membership.

2. That the salary of the Secretary be reduced to £100 per annum and his hours of attendance be rearranged, subject to the condition that either the Secretary or the Librarian shall be available throughout the day. to take effect from the 1st July 1900

3. That, subject to the concurrence of the Library Committee, the library be closed at seven o'clock each evening instead of at nine o'clock.

4. That the expenditure on books, magazines and newspapers be reduced by ~~ten per cent~~ ^{on the cost for 1899}.

L. S. Daniel
28/3/1900

The Melbourne Athenaeum
April 27th 1900

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum desire to call the attention of the Members of the Institution to the Annual Report for the year 1899.

It will be seen that a deficit is shown amounting to £266.16.4

For the past five years the receipts and expenditure have been as follows:-

	Receipts	Expenditure	Deficit
1895	2074	2407	333
1896	2117	2280	163
1897	2023	2252	229
1898	2020	2155	135
1899	1892	2158	266

It is evident from the above statement that a continuance of the present state of affairs must soon lead to the closing of the Institution which has done such good work for so many years.

It is needless to point out that the Institution exists for the members, and that it is, therefore, to their direct interest that it should continue to be carried on in a state of efficiency. This can only be done with a sufficient revenue, to obtain which, it is proposed that a vigorous effort be made to increase the number of subscribing members.

Each member on the present roll is, therefore, urged to induce at least one of his friends or acquaintances to join the Institution. The Committee feel assured that, by this method alone, the desired result can be obtained, and the revenue be so increased as to enable the Institution to be administered in a satisfactory manner.

It is hoped, therefore, that each member will take this as a personal appeal to assist, by the above means, in continuing the existence of the Melbourne Athenaeum.

[Signature]
Secretary.

L. S. Daniel President.
[Signature] Treasurer.

Thursday 3rd May 1900

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

Mr Daniel President, Chair

Mr Jamieson Vice Pres

Barrow

Kallaway

Wood

Davies

Ridley

Grant

Makle

Harlie

Such

Rusden

Leare

Rev Mr Wharmethy

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr Maurice Brozky who made some suggestions in connection with the subject of the circular that had been sent to the members of the Institution.

It was resolved that a letter of thanks for his suggestions be sent to Mr Brozky.

The Library Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that 20 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £4.13.6. It is recommended that the Library, in future, shall be opened from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the other five days, and that notice of this alteration shall be previously posted in the Library and Reading Room for one week. Amount amounting to £13.1.3 have been expended & found correct.

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

The House Committee reported as follows.

Your Committee beg to report that they have instructed the Secretary to sign the application to the Malvern & Metropolitan Board of Works to undertake the sewerage of the Rectory. Amounting to

Clause 2 was amended by adding to it "to take effect from 1st of next Jan."

Clause 3 was amended by omitting the words after "be erased" and substituting the word "earlier than 9 o'clock".

Clause 4 was amended by omitting all the words after "be reduced".

The Report as amended was then adopted.

It was resolved, on the motion of Mr Such & Rev Mr Wharmethy that it be suggested to the special Committee of ways & means to consider the possibility of permanently utilizing the Large Hall or other portions of the Building, and that they may take advice on the matter from some estate agent or other qualified person.

The Secretary was instructed to place a notice in the Library and Reading room stating that copies of the last Annual Report may be obtained on application.

The Easter Holidays were fixed as last year.

The Secretary read the comparative statement.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month £60.6.0

3 months 172.6.6

Total revenue of month 165.6.0

3 months 498.14.6

New members during month 6

3 months 19

Balance in Bank £391.12.7

Fixed Deposit £ 250

L J Daniel

3/5/900

Early
Holidays

amounting to £103. 18. 6 have been examined & found correct.

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

The Finance Committee reports as follows;

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

Salaries & Wages	£ 40. 12. 0
Talk & Interest Board of Works	45. 7. 6
Electric Light & Foss	19. 7. 6
McNulle & Muller Books	4. 11. 5
Shillwell Printing	4. 12. 6
Carrollan Newspapers	2. 9. 1
Ford & Flegg Repairs	1. 10. 4
Ed. Bucher. Clocks	1. 5. 6
Chambers & Seymour. Goods	1. 3. 6
Posting Special Circulans	1. 8. 4
Insurance	35. 2. 4
George Robertson Books	15. 3. 6
Sundry Exps	5. 15. 6

£ 164. 0. 1

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

Change of Hours in Library

Change
of
Hours

It was resolved that the alteration of the hours for opening & closing the Library shall commence on 1st June, and that notice thereof be posted at once in the Library & Reading Room.

Mr Stodd, by request of the Melbourne Chess Club, applied for the use of the Small Hall for the inter colonial chess tournament, as last year. His request was granted.

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement of Receipts and Expenditure of the first four months of 1900 & 1899.

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month £49. 15. 6
4 months 222. 0. 0

Total revenue of the month 133. 1. 10
4 months 533. 16. 4

New members during month 10
4 months 29

Balance in Bank £342. 18. 6
Fixed Deposit 250. 0. 0

L. S. Daniel.
Chairman
6/6/900

Thursday 9th June 1900

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

Mr Daniel President, chair
 Mr Jamieson Vice Pres
 Rev Mr Chalmers
 Mr Barlow
 Davies
 Carr
 Hood
 Ridley
 Calaway
 Downward

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.
 A letter was read from Mr Gibbs in reply to the special circular, and making some suggestions with reference to the Reading Room.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Rev Mr Chalmers, that the letter be acknowledged with thanks, and that it be referred to the House Committee for consideration.

The Literary Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that 22 volumes have been added to the Library at a cost of £4.12.8 Accounts amounting to £38.6.4 have been examined & found correct. Resolved, on motion of Mr Calaway & Mr Hood, that the report be adopted.

The House Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that the Lab engaged in the Library is giving satisfaction. They recommend that he shall receive an extra amount of 2/6 per week, making his full wages 7/6 per week, dating from 1st June 1900. It is recommended that blinds be fixed to the windows of the Large Hall for the purpose of obscuring them when necessary during performances in the day time. The estimated cost is £7.8.6 Accounts amounting to £85.10.0 have been examined & found correct.

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

The General Committee reported as follows:
 Your Committee have audited the accounts for May, and found them correct. Payment is now made of the following amounts:

Salaries & wages	£ 40. 12. 0
Rates	50. 12. 6
Mutual Mutual & Slide Book	27. 14. 0
Gas & Electric light	19. 2. 0
Large & Small Repairs	5. 10. 0
Debtors & Renting	3. 3. 2
Excess in newspapers	2. 9. 8
Excess in cloaks	2. 5. 0
Cost of oil & Linen	2. 0. 0
Kimp & Lin Repairs	1. 15. 0
Work. & Sewing machines	1. 7. 6
Excess in Printing	1. 5. 0
Howard Smith & Sons. Coal	1. 5. 6
Sundry Aps	3. 9. 0
Balance	320. 0. 0

£ 482. 5. 4

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

The Secretary reported that he had called on Mr R. J. Wilson who had informed him that he did not wish to remain on the Committee, as he could not conveniently attend at night. It was resolved, on motion of Mr Chalmers & Mr Calaway, that a letter be written to Mr Wilson, asking him if he desired to remain on the Committee.

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 67. 19. 6
5 months	289. 19. 6
Total revenue of the month	217. 11. 6
5 months	757. 7. 10
New members during the month	12
5 months	41
Balance in Bank	£ 396. 4. 11
Fixed Deposit	230. 0. 0

L J Daniel
 5/9/900

Thursday 3rd July 1900

The Committee met at 8 pm
Mr Daniel, chair. Pres^t
Mr Jamaican Vice Pres
Ridley
Kead
Barlow
Grant
Garr
Bliffe
Martin
Callaway
Rd. Mr. Liberman

An apology for the absence of Mr. Meikle

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.
A letter was read from Mr R. M. Luckless, a member of the Executive, enclosing a donation of £1.1.0 in addition to his subscription. It was resolved that a letter of thanks be sent to Mr Luckless, and that he be informed that he may, if he so wishes, nominate a member for the next year.

The Secretary reported that he had written, as instructed, to Mr R. M. Luckless, and Mr Wilson had since verbally informed him that he will continue to act as the Committee.

The Library Committee reported as follows:
Your Committee beg to report that 11 volumes have been added to the Library at a cost of £2.9.7 (two shillings & nine pence) & have been examined & found correct. Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway and Mr Bond, that the report be adopted.

The House Committee reported as follows:
Your Committee beg to report that the names for the election of the officers of the Executive shall be as follows:— Mr. Parker shall attend from 11 am. to 1 pm. and at all other times of

Officers' hours

Committee. Mr Smith shall attend from 4 pm. to 11.30 am, and from 1 pm. to 6 pm. It is recommended to £34.12.0 have been examined & found correct. Resolved, on motion of Mr Bond and Mr Bond, that the report be adopted.
The Finance Committee reported as follows:— Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the expenses for June, and found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following bills

Salaries & wages	44.7.6
Jan. rent	17.12.0
Electric lighting	11.10.0
George & J. Kemp	3.12.0
Chelmsley, Muller & St. John	6.17.2
Gas & Water	2.9.8
John Armstrong & Co	5.10.0
Secretary's guarantee R.P.	1.0.0
Send of bills	2.10.6
	<u>£95.5.10</u>

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

Resolved, on motion of Mr Jamaican & Mr Luckless, that any member shall be allowed to designate any member of his or her family, who shall become a full member of the Executive and payment of half the usual rate of subscription.

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement of Ex.

Secretary's Statement	
Subscriptions for the month	£68.8.6
of months	33.5.0

Total income of the month 169.18.7
to months 91.6.5

New members during month 5
to month 48

Balance in Bank £24.0.2 S.D. £250

S. Daniel
2/8/1900

Thursday 2nd August 1900

The Committee met at 8 P.M.

- Mr Daniel Prickett, chair
- Mr Jamieson Vice Pres
- Mr Rennie Treasurer
- Callaway
- Barlow
- Hoad
- Leary
- Ridley
- Roscoe
- Wick

Apologies for the absence of Mr. Mickle and Mr. Duffie.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

Alteration in
Subscription.
Alteration of rules

Mr Barlow informed the committee that he was of opinion that the resolution carried at the last meeting to admit a member of the family of a person who is already a member of the Association on payment of half the usual rate of subscription was contrary to the Rules. He also thought the committee had not the power to alter the rules of the Society. After some conversation on the matter, it was agreed to leave it to stand, and to bring it up for confirmation at the next general meeting of members.

A letter was read from Mr Robert Miller, a member of the Association, in which he suggested certain alterations in the Reading Room. It was resolved that the letter be acknowledged with thanks, and that it be referred to the Library Committee.

Files of papers

The Library Committee reported as follows:-
Your committee beg to recommend that the Secretary should write to the Secretary of the Public Library enquiring him that we have files of the London Times, the Melbourne Times & Age, and other papers which we can dispose with, and

which may be of great use in the Public Library, and ask if the Trustees will purchase them from us, and what price they will give. It has been decided to add to the Library at a cost of £4.17.11. (Receipts amounting to £20.13.5 have been received and found correct). Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway and Mr Wick, that the Report be adopted.

The Works Committee reported as follows:-

Your committee beg to recommend that a Welsbach burner be placed on each of the gas brackets in the Large Hall in lieu of the present ordinary burners. The cost will be about £15. Receipts amounting to £4.13.9 have been examined and found correct. Resolved, on motion of Mr Barlow & Mr Ridley, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:- Your committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for July, and found them correct. The July deposit for £250 in the Bank of Australasia falls due 10th inst. It is recommended that £150 of it be re-deposited, and that the balance with the interest be placed in the current a/c. The following A/cs are recommended for payment:-

Salaries and wages	£ 32.15.4
Gas & Electric Light	28.9.6
Bedford. Reading Rm	13.15.1
Middle, Muller & Stone. Books	4.12.2
Melbourne Punch	3.6.0
Grassfield Newspapers	2.9.8
Woolie Richards	2.3.1
Chambers & Seymour Judds	1.4.3
Manning Stauders	1.6.1
Geo W. Bellings on loan	1.5.0
Universal Self Co. Cleaning machines	1.7.6
Stellwell & Co. Printing	1.1.0
Finchell. Printing	15.0
Sundry A/cs	2.5.6

£ 97.2.6

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Barlow, that the Report be adopted.
The Secretary with the Comparative Statement of Receipts & Expenditure.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month £67.5.6
7 months 425.13.6

Total revenue of the month £200.12.4
7 months 1122.0.9

New members during month 8
7 months 37

Balance in Bank £189.5.8
£ dep. 250.0.0

James M. Kennedy, Chairman

Thursday 6th September 1900

The Committee met at 8 p.m.
Rev. Mr. Kennedy, Chair

Mr. Carr
Grant
Barlow
Hood
Mickle
Callaway
Dunsmuir

Apologies for absence of Mr. Daniel, Mr. Harlin and Mr. Rennie.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

The Library Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that they have considered the letter of Mr. Robert Miller, and beg to report that some of his suggestions have been already carried out, and that the others are either not required, or else would entail too much expense.

Ten volumes have been added to the Library at a cost of £3.8.4.

Accounts amounting to £106.12.2 have been examined and found correct.

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

The House Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that the New Australasian Electric Co. has refused to make any reduction in its contract price of £11.10.0 per month for the supply of electric energy although no lights are now used in the Library after 6 p.m. The Company has, however, allowed us the alternative of paying by meter. It is recommended by this Committee that we shall do so. Should it be found that the cost exceeds the old contract price, we may then substitute gas with incandescent burners. Accounts amounting to £37.17.6 have been examined & found correct.

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

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—

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

Salaries and wages	32.15.4
Whitehead Serials	64. 2. 10
Wm. Dawson & Sons Papers	24. 2. 7
Gas & Electric Light	24. 19. 0
London & Scotch Newspapers	11. 7. 6
McNill, Maclean & Co. Books	3. 16. 7
S. & S. & Co. Newspapers	2. 9. 8
Wm. Howard Smith & Sons Coal	1. 3. 6
Surplus A/c's	7. 8. 0
	<u>£ 172. 5. 0</u>

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

Mr Grant, on behalf of the members of the Melbourne Chess Club, returned thanks for the use of the Small Hall for the Inter Colonial Chess Tournament on 24th May.

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement of receipts & expenditure.

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£66.11.0
8 months	492.14.6
Total revenue of month	217.11.8
8 months	1339.12.5
New members during ~	10
8 ~	64
Balance in Bank	£409.14.10
Fixed Deposit	150.0.0

L. S. Daniel.

4. 10. 1900.

Thursday 4th October 1900

The Committee met at 8 pm.

Mr Daniel chair

Callaway

Barlow

Ridley

Grant

Carr

Nank

Rusden

Smith

Rev. Mr. Abernethy

Apology for the absence of Mr Rennie

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr H. E. Grant, Hon. Secretary of the Melbourne Chess Club asking permission to use the Small Hall for a chess tournament with West Australia on Monday 12th November. It was resolved to grant permission if the Hall is available.

The Library Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that a letter has been received from the Librarian of the Public Library stating that the Trustees will give one hundred pounds for our files of old newspapers (provided their condition is found satisfactory) and exclusive of the files of the Daily Telegraph, the London Times, Punch, the Illustrated London News, and the Sydney Morning Herald, which are not up to date. Your Committee recommend that the offer be accepted. A suburban bookseller has made an offer of one shilling per volume for the Australian Medical Journal and for the Banting record. It is recommended that the offer be declined. Your Committee have also asked for the opinion of the Finance Committee as to the advisability of disposing of those and other works of which a list has been furnished by the Librarian. 18 vols have been added to the Library at a cost

Notes
of
papers

at a cost of £3.12.7.

It was further, on the motion of Mr Callaway and Mr Such, that the Report be adopted. It was also resolved that the Library Committee be empowered to negotiate for the sale of any books like those mentioned in the Report, or others not required for use, and that the Library Committee shall report on the matter to the General Committee. It was also resolved, on the motion of Mr Such & Mr Hood, that there shall be no further binding of such books without referring to the Committee.

Reading

The House Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that the work of connecting the Sanatorium with the Sewage System has been commenced. The Chairman of the Committee begs that Mr Ridgway has been requested to act with the Secretary if any further instructions to the Board of Works shall be necessary. Accounts amounting to £137.5.8 have been examined & found correct.

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

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

Salaries & Wages	£ 35.10.10
Mell & Melrose & Board of Works	79 2.6
Detmold & Budgey & Co	15.13.5
Launders & Burners (gas)	14.3.0
Gas & Electric Light	30 1.0
Melville Muller & Wade Bank	8.14.8
Covering n' paper	5.7.3
Insurance	8.8.10
Gillet & Lilley	2.10.0
	£ 199.11.6

Brot found	£ 199.11.6
Local den Newspapers	2.9.8
Massica Printing	1.15.0
Stillwell Printing	1.12.6
Howard Smith & Sons Coal	1.4.6
Sundry A/c	3.2.7
	£ 209.15.9

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

Rev Mr Churnethy, gave notice that he would move that copies of the Report be posted to the members seven days before the Annual Meeting.

The Secretary read the comparative statement.

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£ 27.10.6
9 months	579.15.0
Total revenue of the month	165.11.0
9 months	1505.3.5
New members during the month	4
9 months	70
Balance in Bank	£ 403.0.10
Travel Deposit	150.0.0

L. Daniel Chairman
8/11/900.

Thursday 8th Nov 1900

The Committee met at 8^{pm} this evening instead of 9^{pm} hour, by order of the President.

Mr Daniel (Chair)
Read Mr Church's
in front
Raiden
Sumner
Callaway
Road.

Apology for absence of Messrs. Dyke, Ridley, Bartles & Rennie
Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr. Calde Chong, a tenant of one of the front shops, asking for permission to make some alterations to his shop. It was referred to the House Committee, with power to act if necessary.

Public Health
Department

A letter was ^{received} from the Public Health Department stating that alterations would have to be made in the interior to improve the Halls, and more of ventilation would have to be improved. It was referred to the House Committee to report thereon.

The Library Committee reports as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that the Librarian has submitted to them 24 vols of duplicate copies of books which they recommended to be withdrawn from the Library and to be offered for purchase to the members. The President, Vice President & Mr. Hood have been appointed a subcommittee to assist the Librarian in fixing the price to be asked for them, and to decide what other books should be recommended for withdrawal. The Trustees of the Public Library have signified their intention of taking delivery on Thursday 1st Nov of the files of old House Papers purchased by them. It is recommended that one copy of the new Monthly Review be purchased. 22 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £3.18.4. A few amounting to £18.7.4 have been received & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Callaway & Mr. Hood, that the report be adopted. The House Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that the work of the Sewerage & Connections is now nearly completed. The following ^{estimate amounting to £14,100 has been submitted to the Council} Report was offered ^{on motion of Mr. Hood & Mr. Hood} and the Committee reported as follows: Your Committee beg to report that they have noted the plans for water & sewerage. Payment is recommended

on the following basis:-

Salaries & Wages	33.5.14
for as & Church light	27.0.0
Repairs & Repairs	9.11.4
Revised Printing	5.4.9
Minute & Middle Park	3.18.11
Cooperation & Books	2.9.0
Examination New Papers	2.9.8
Duplicate Reports	1.4.0
Library Expenses	9.11.6
Total	£72.17.6

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Callaway & Mr. Hood, that the Report be adopted. Resolved, on motion of Mr. Callaway & Mr. Hood, that a copy of the Annual Report be sent to the members at least four days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Resolved that the Library only shall be closed on the Holiday for the Prince of Wales's Birthday.

The Secretary read the Comparative statement.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month	£76.7.6
10 months	596.2.6
Total revenue of the Branch	244.1.2
10 months	1749.4.7
New members during month	8
10 months	78
Balance in Bank	£431.6.3
Revised Deposit	15.0

L. S. Daniel
6/12/900

Thursday 6th December 1900

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

Mr Daniel chair

Reverie Treasurer

Barlow

Leare

Lealway

Hood

Ridley

Duffe

Ridley

Rev Mr Abernethy

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

The Library Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that 15 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £2.10.0. It is recommended that the sloping desk on the west side of the Reading Room be removed, on which the files of the daily papers are placed, be removed, and a flat table be substituted for it. Accounts amounting to £17.2.9 have been examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Lealway & Rev Mr Abernethy, that the report be adopted.

The House Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the A/c amounting to £34.12.4.

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

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/c:-

Salaries & wages	32. 5. 4
Gas & Electric Light	31. 13. 10
Laundry & Binding	4. 7. 1
Stationery & Printing	6. 5. 0
Carriage & Repairs	2. 9. 8
Eng. & Rep. & Rep.	2. 18. 6
Miscellaneous & Repairs	1. 10. 0
Interest on Mortgage	20. 0. 0
	<u>£ 204. 0. 5</u>

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

The President, Vice President, and Rev Mr Abernethy were appointed as a sub-committee to draft the Annual Report. Resolved that the next meeting shall be held on 18th Dec.

Holidays

Resolved that the Library shall be closed on 24th, 25th & 26th Dec, and on 31st Dec & 1st Jan 4, and that the Reading Room be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day.

The Library and the Comparative Statement.

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month £38. 12. 0
11 months 634. 14. 6

Total revenue of month £112. 3. 0
11 months 1861. 7. 7

New members during month 3
11 months 81
Balance in Bank £464. 11. 9
Fixed Deposit 1. 5. 0

Confirmed

18/12/01

Wm. J. Head

Thos. J. Head

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THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM

Wednesday 31st Jan 1900

ANNUAL MEETING

Business Paper

The chairman will call on the Secretary to read the
announcement of meeting.

Confirmation of minutes of last meeting.

Motion that the Balance Sheet be taken as read, & that it
be received.

Read Annual Report.

The Chairman will move the adoption of the Report,
& Balance sheet.

Election of auditors

Burns &
Raine

Appointment of scrutineers to conduct election —
if necessary. Messengers, Pett, Mather,
Jones

Vote of thanks to retiring officers & members of
Committee.

Vote of thanks to Chairman.

Nominations of Office bearers and Committee for the year 1900

Office	Candidate	Proposer	Seconder	Signature
President	Mr Daniel	E Downward	Thos. Bennett	L. S. Daniel
Vice President	Mr Jamieson	Geo. Hutch	L. S. Daniel	James Jamieson
Treasurer	Mr Rennie	E. Downward	M. A. McCannery	Thos. Bennett
Committee	Mr Barlow	Geo. Hutch	H. Grant	W. H. Barlow
	Mr Davies	Geo. Hutch	W. H. Grant	E. Davies
	Mr Grant	Geo. Hutch	W. H. Grant	H. Grant
	Mr Hood	E. Downward	H. Grant	W. H. Grant
	Mr Cliffe	Geo. Hutch	L. S. Daniel	M. Cliffe
	Mr Mickle	M. A. McCannery	W. H. Grant	J. S. Mickle
	Mr Ridley	Geo. Hutch	H. Grant	J. S. Ridley