

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January 1901

The Committee met at 8 p.m.  
Martin Stodd, chair  
Mr Rennie Treasurer  
Barlow  
Rusden  
Ridley  
Carr  
Callaway  
Downward  
Rev W Abernethy

An apology was made for the absence of the President,  
Mr Daniel.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed

The Library Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that 17 vols  
have been added to the Library at a cost of £3.17.11  
Accounts amounting to £12.5.8 have been examined and  
found correct.

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

The H.C. Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that the City  
Corporation has taken over the business of the New  
Australian Electric Co Ltd, and will supply us with  
electric energy at the rate of 5 1/2 including lamps  
With reference to the application made by Mr Cheong,  
one of our tenants, to have an exit made from  
the rear of his shop, it is recommended that it be  
not allowed, and that he be also informed that  
we cannot promise him that there will be no  
increase in his rent on condition that he makes  
certain alterations to the Shop.  
With reference to the letter from the Board of

electric  
light

Cheong

Health, it is recommended that the following reply be sent:— "I am instructed by the Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum to state, in reply to your letter of 21<sup>st</sup> October 1900, that it came as a great surprise to the Committee because, when the new Building was erected, all the requirements of the Board of Health were carried into effect. Furthermore, it seems to the Committee that many of the alterations proposed in your letter are based on the assumption that 2000 persons are often in the Building at one time, whereas there are never more than 1000, and seldom so many. The Large Hall is seated for 800 persons, and the small Hall for 300. The Committee think it would be desirable to have an interview with some of the officials of the Board, and they request that a time should be arranged for it."

With reference to the files of the daily papers, they can be put on the table where the suburban papers have been hitherto placed, and the latter papers, which are seldom used, can be placed on the table <sup>near</sup> the northern wall by removing the pipe holes from it. Accounts amounting to £23. 6. 1 have been examined & 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 December and found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following A/c's:—

Salaries & wages	£ 35. 10. 10
Gas & Electric Light	15. 18. 5
Printing & papers	5. 7. 3
Mr Kemp's Repairs	4. 8. 6
	<hr/> 61 5. 0

Bro Munn	£61. 5. 0
Melville & Mullen Books	3. 3. 6
Grandden. Newspapers	2. 10. 2
Chambers & Seymour funds	1. 11. 6
Sundry A/c's	7. 12. 5
	<hr/> £ 76. 2. 7

Resolved, on motion of Mr Barlow and Mr Callaway, that the report be adopted. <sup>read and</sup> The Balance Sheet was <sup>read and</sup> laid on the table, and referred to the Auditor. The draft of the Annual Report was read, and, after a few alterations had been made, was adopted. It was resolved that the Library shall be closed on Donation Day, 28<sup>th</sup> Jan'y.

### Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month	£40. 16. 6
12 months	675. 14. 0
Total revenue of the month	£257. 2. 0
12 months	2112. 9. 7

New members during month	7
12 months	88
Balance in Bank	£308. 13. 4
A/D	£ 150

L. S. Daniel Chairman  
7. 2. 01.



# The Annual Meeting of Members

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 1901

The Annual General Meeting of members was held in the Upper Hall of the Institution at 8 p.m.

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

The Chair was taken by the President, Mr L. S. Daniel.

The minutes of the last Annual meeting were read and confirmed.

The Annual Report and the Balance Sheet having been previously circulated among the members, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr H. S. Barlow, that they be taken as read.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

OF THE

## Melbourne Athenæum,

FOR THE YEAR 1900.

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

The gross receipts of the year amount to £2112 9s. 7d., and the expenditure to £2150 12s. 10d. The details are given in the Balance Sheet appended to this Report.

The number of members on the roll is 668, of whom 88 joined during the year.

The number of volumes added to the library during the year was 201; the total number of works issued to subscribers was 20,553, and 5507 magazines.

### STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

YEAR.	No. of Subscribing Members.	New Members.	Volumes Added.	Works Circulated.	Magazines Circulated.
1891	1381	237	640	30,441	7,083
1892	1198	186	652	30,819	7,121
1893	1036	126	639	28,815	7,057
1894	945	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
1900	668	88	201	20,553	5,507

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

CLASSIFICATION.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics	1	1	1	4
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts	5	5	3	1
Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence	1,234	1,313	1,107	944
Classics and Philology	17	28	18	12
Fine Arts	5	7	4	4
Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works	1,268	1,304	1,277	1,157
History and Historical Memoirs	1,008	818	504	370
Jurisprudence and Legislation	1	2	1	1
Medical Science and Chemistry	1	1	1	1
Miscellaneous and Collected Works	702	627	395	354
Natural History and Botany	20	16	8	8
Works of Fiction	18,346	17,969	17,358	15,831
Music	—	1	1	1
Periodical Literature	1,846	2,008	1,978	1,538
Philosophy and General Science	117	101	129	117
Poetry and the Drama	108	118	95	61
Politics	39	48	26	25
Religious & Ecclesiastical Works	48	30	37	31
Juvenile Works	77	122	143	93
	24,844	24,519	23,086	20,553

The number of visitors introduced by members, under the provision of Rule 19, was 86.

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:—

- The New Zealand Official Year Book, by the Government of New Zealand.
- Apostolic Age, by Bishop Moorhouse, presented by G. W. Rusden, Esq.
- Transactions and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria, Vol. XXXVI, New Series, presented by the Council of the Royal Society.
- The Vaccination Inquirer and Health Review, forwarded monthly by Mr. J. Carson.
- Volume XXX, 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, Mr. L. S. Daniel; Vice-President, Dr. Jamieson; Treasurer, Mr. Charles Rennie; Committee—Messrs. H. S. Barlow, E. Davies, H. E. Grant, M. Hood, J. Iliffe, D. Mickle, and J. S. Ridley; Mr. D. Carr and Mr. Rusden were subsequently elected by the Committee.

With a view of endeavouring to increase the number of members, it was resolved that any person who is already a member of the Institution may nominate any of his or her family to become a member with full privileges, on payment of ten shillings and sixpence per year. It was also decided to close the Library at 6 p.m. instead of 9 p.m. You are asked to alter the Rules accordingly, and a Special General Meeting for that purpose will be held at the close of the Annual Meeting.

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

The President, Mr. L. S. DANIEL attended 11  
The Vice-President, Dr. JAMIESON " 8  
The Treasurer, Mr. CHARLES RENNIE " 7

#### COMMITTEE:

Rev. Mr. Abernethy attended 10  
Mr. Barlow " 11  
Mr. Davies " 5  
Mr. Grant " 7  
Mr. Hood " 12  
Mr. Iliffe " 4  
Mr. Mickle " 6  
Mr. Ridley " 9

Mr. Callaway attended 12  
Mr. Carr " 9  
Mr. Downward " 6  
Mr. Harlin " 4  
Mr. Lush " 7  
Mr. Rusden " 8  
Mr. Wilson " 2

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

LIBRARY.	HOUSE.	FINANCE.
No. of Meetings, 12.	No. of Meetings, 12.	No. of Meetings, 12.
Mr. Callaway (Chairman) - 12	Mr. Barlow (Chairman) - 12	Mr. Rennie (Chairman) - 6
Rev. Abernethy - 11	Mr. Carr - 8	Mr. Barlow - 11
Mr. Daniel - 10	Mr. Davies - 5	Mr. Callaway - 10
Mr. Grant - 8	Mr. Harlin - 8	Mr. Downward - 2
Mr. Harlin - 1	Mr. Hood - 9	Mr. Grant - 9
Mr. Hood - 9	Mr. Iliffe - 7	Mr. Mickle - 4
Dr. Jamieson - 6	Dr. Jamieson - 5	
Mr. Lush - 8	Mr. Mickle - 1	
Mr. Mickle - 8	Mr. Ridley - 9	
Mr. Rusden - 8		

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following Members of Committee retire from office, but are eligible for re-election, viz.:—Messrs. Callaway, Carr, Downward, Harlin, Lush, Rusden, and Wilson. Mr. Wilson does not seek re-election.

Members are reminded that they may make nominations to fill the vacancies at the end of the Annual Meeting. The attendance at this meeting has frequently been very meagre. It is hoped there will be an improvement in this respect at the meeting which is to be held on Wednesday, 30th January, 1901. To help to effect this change, the Committee resolved to send in advance a copy of the Annual Report to each of the members.

On 27th April, 1900, the Committee sent a circular to each of the members, in which the financial position of the Institution was shown. It was pointed out that there had been, during the past five years, an average deficit of £200 per annum, and that a continuance of such a state of affairs must soon lead to the closing of the Institution which had done such good work for so many years. There has been a slight improvement during the year just terminated, but much care will still be necessary in order to guard against serious injury to the Institution.

Each member is earnestly invited to be present at the Annual Meeting on 30th January, and to assist the Committee in adopting means that will be efficacious in continuing the existence of the Melbourne Athenæum.

L. S. DANIEL,  
President.



THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the Year ending 31st December, 1900.

To Balance in Bank and Fixed Deposit .. ..	£496 16 7	By Interest on Mortgage .. ..	£640 0 0
Subscriptions .. ..	£675 11 0	Salaries and Wages .. ..	464 7 8
Rent of Front Shops .. ..	558 10 0	Books, Magazines, and Newspapers	364 5 6
Large Hall .. ..	495 7 0	Rates .. ..	175 2 6
Small Hall .. ..	136 7 0	Gas .. ..	144 5 0
Rooms .. ..	123 19 2	Electric Light .. ..	139 2 10
Sale of Files of Old Newspapers	100 0 0	Repairs, Goods, and Sundries ..	86 10 9
Sale of Papers & Waste Paper	16 10 5	Binding .. ..	59 19 3
Interest .. ..	6 5 0	Insurance .. ..	43 10 10
	2,112 9 7	Postage, Stationery and Petty Cash	15 19 6
		Advertising and Printing .. ..	13 5 0
		Auditors .. ..	4 4 0
			£2,150 12 10
		Balance in Bank .. ..	308 13 4
		Fixed Deposit .. ..	150 0 0
			458 13 4
	£2,609 6 2		£2,609 6 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 .. ..	21,708 13 4
Furniture .. ..	750 0 0		
Balance in Bank and Fixed Deposit .. ..	458 13 4		
	£37,708 13 4		£37,708 13 4

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, 17th January, 1901.

Resolved, on the motion of the President, Mr L. S. Daniel, and the Treasurer, Mr Charles Rennie, that the Report be adopted.

The following gentlemen were elected Scrutinisers to conduct the election if required:-

- Mr B. Duffy
- Mr T. M. Buzzard
- Mr T. B. Harley
- Mr W. Mathieson

The following gentlemen were nominated as Auditors: Mr P. Rainey, Mr S. H. Wilson and Mr C. Pitman. A ballot took place with the following result:-

- Mr Rainey 18 votes
- Mr Wilson 12
- Mr Pitman 8

The President declared Mr Rainey & Mr Wilson duly elected!

The President announced that nominations for officers & members of the General Committee would be taken at the close of the meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers & members of Committee. It was acknowledged by the Chairman.

The following NOMINATIONS were duly made

- For President Mr Jamieson
- Vice President Mr Mickle
- Treasurer Mr Charles Rennie

FOR THE COMMITTEE.

- Rev. Mr Abernethy
- Mr Leckway
- Mr Carr
- Mr Downward
- Mr Lush
- Mr Rudden
- Mr & Mrs Hamilton
- and
- Mr Stobback and Mr H. H. Champion

Mr Jamieson declined to accept nomination as President on account of pressure of professional engagements. Mr Stobback and Mr Champion were not qualified for election, as they have not yet been in membership for six months, as required by the rules. The remaining candidates are duly elected.

H. H. Champion  
President  
29.1.02



Special General Meeting  
 of members  
 held in the Upper Hall Wednesday Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 1901  
 duly convened in accordance  
 with Rule 54  
 for the purpose of amending RULE 50 and  
 of adding a new rule to follow rule 17

50. The library of circulation shall be opened daily from 8.30 a.m. to 9 p.m., excepting Saturday, when it shall be closed at 2 p.m., and excepting Sunday, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Queen's Birthday, Prince of Wales' Birthday, and such other day or days as the Committee shall think fit.

17. Any person desirous of becoming a member of the Institution shall pay one of the specified subscriptions to the Secretary; the General Committee shall, however, have the power, within one month from the date of payment of such subscription, to refuse membership to such person; and on such refusal the said subscription shall be refunded.

Resolved unanimously that rule 50 be altered by substituting in the second line thereof the words "9 am. to 6 pm." instead of "8.30 am. to 9 pm."

Resolved unanimously that after rule 17, the following NEW Rule be added:-

17<sup>A</sup> Any member of the Institution may nominate a member of his or her family to become a member of the Institution on payment of ten shillings & sixpence per annum.

N. E. Grant  
 29.1.02 President

- 2. War Memorial Hall and Funds.
- 3. General.

Your attendance is specially requested.

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1901

The Committee met at 8 pm  
 Mr. Daniel (Chair) President  
 Rennie Treasurer  
 Grant  
 Bartolo  
 Rusden  
 Carr  
 Callaway  
 Hood  
 Sliffe  
 Ridley

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed  
 Minutes of Annual meeting and of the Special General meeting (30<sup>th</sup> Jan) read for information.

As there was no President elected at the Annual Meeting, owing to Mr Jamaica having refused to accept nomination through pressure of business, Mr Grant was nominated for the office by Rev. Mr Obermuthy & Mr Hood, in accordance with Rule 37

The Library Committee reported as follows:-  
 Your Committee by Report that Books have been added to the Library at a cost of £2.4.1. The Librarian applied for a fortnight's leave of absence. As he wished it to start from Wednesday, your Committee granted the request, anticipating your consent. Accounts amounting to £21.7.6 have been examined & found correct.  
 Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway & Rev Mr Obermuthy, that the Report be adopted.

The House Committee reported as follows:-  
 Your Committee by Report that they have examined accounts amounting to £25.15.5 which were correct.  
 Resolved, on motion of Mr Ridley and

and to stand, that the Report be adopted

The Finance Committee reports as follows.

Your Committee has to report that they have examined the accounts for January & found them correct. Payment is now made of the following A/c's

Secretaries' & other salaries & wages	£ 32.15.4
Gas & electric light	19.4.9
Bedroom Binding	5.16.1
Mylor & Muller. Books	4.14.5
Geo Robinson. Books	3.19.6
Leicester Newspaper	2.9.8
Auditors	2.4.0
Print of Report	1.8.8
Sand & Mr Dayfull Dues	1.5.0
Mr Sean Carr & Ryff. fees	18.0
Messrs Pinsky	17.6
Cost of A/c's	2.5.4
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	£ 79.18.3

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

Mr Curtis was requested by the Committee to come back in the afternoon during Mr Smith's absence.

The following Sub-committees were appointed

Library	House	Finance	Emergency
Callaway	Barlow		
Abernethy	Carr	Rennie	Sliffe
Gonil	Grant	Barlow	Rennie
Grant	Wood	Callaway	Grant
Wood	Sliffe	Downard	Barlow
Luch	Mickle	Grant	Carr.
Mickle	Ridley	Mickle	
Rudden			

### Secretary's Statement

Expenditure for month £47.12.6

Total Revenue of month 201.5.6

New members during month 8

Balance in Bank £433.16.3  
Fixed Deposit £150

H. Brent  
7.3.01.



Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 1901

The Committee met at 8 P.M.

- Mr Grant, President, Chair
- Mickle Vice President
- Rennie Treasurer
- Daniel
- Leary
- Rusden
- Moore
- Ridley
- Barlow
- Downward
- Hamilton

Rev. Mr Ahern

An apology for the absence of Mr Callaway. The Secretary stated that the requirements of Rule 7 regarding the nomination of Mr Grant as President had been duly carried out. He was declared duly elected, and he returned thanks.

Minutes of the previous meeting read & confirmed. A letter was read from Mr St St Champion stating that he was willing to act as the Committee when qualified.

Hamilton

Mr Hamilton, the new member of Committee, was introduced by the Chairman.

The Library Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that they have elected Mr Mickle Chairman for the Year. 20 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £3.15.2. Accounts amounting to £101.6.9 have been examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Mickle & Rev Mr Ahern that the Report be adopted.

The House Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that they have elected Mr Leary Chairman for the Year

Sewerage Account

The question of renovating the Large Hall has engaged our attention, and when a favorable opportunity occurs for the work, a recommendation on the subject will be made to you. The account for the Sewerage connections by the Melbourne & Metropolitan Board of Works has been received. The entire cost of the work including plan fee is £252.10.4. Your Committee consider the amount is reasonable. It is to be paid in 40 quarterly payments of £6.5.7 each, by instalment with interest at 5% per ann on the remaining principal after each payment. The first payment is £7.12.7 which is made up of the quarterly quota of £6.5.7 with £1.5.0 for plan fee and 2% for the remainder after dividing £257.5.4 by 40.

Accounts amounting to £51.13.1 have been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Leary & Mr Moore, that the Report be adopted.

Report of the Finance Committee:

Your Committee beg to report that they have re-elected Mr Rennie Chairman for the Year. They have audited the accounts for February & found them correct. It is recommended that notice be given to the tenants of the Front Shops of our intention to raise their rent. The following are recommended for payment:

J. Glavin & Hayes	£ 32. 15. 4
Whitehead & Co Periodicals	51. 2. 2
Wm Dawson & Sons (for Whitehead) & papers	28. 1. 11
Melbourne & Metropol Board of works	
Sewerage rate	£33. 15. 0
Water Rate	11. 12. 6
Gas & Electric Light	24. 10. 3
Gordon & Jobst & papers	9. 0. 9
Melbourne & Metropol Board of works	
1 <sup>st</sup> quota Sewerage connection	£6. 5. 7
rem amt	2. 0
Plan fee	1. 5. 0
Armstrongs Agency newspaper	7. 12. 7
	5. 13. 9
	£ 204. 4. 3



Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1901

The Committee met at 8 p.m.  
 Mr Grant, President (Chair)  
 Bliffe  
 W. Woodward  
 Rev<sup>d</sup> W. Abernethy  
 W. Rusden  
 Carr  
 Callaway  
 Daniel  
 Pastow  
 Hood  
 Lushy

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed  
 The Library Committee reported as follows:  
 Your Committee beg to report that the Lad in the Library has asked for an increase of 2/6 per week to his salary, bringing it up to 10/- per week. It is recommended that it be granted. Sixteen vols. have been added to the Library at a cost of £4.15.0 Accounts amounting to £36.3.2 examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway & Mr Daniel, that the Report be adopted. Resolved that the increase of the Lad's salary shall date from 1<sup>st</sup> April.

The House Committee reported as follows:  
 Your Committee beg to report that the Secretary has applied for his usual leave of absence for three weeks commencing next Wednesday. It is recommended that it be granted. It is recommended that the next meeting of the General Committee shall be held 16<sup>th</sup> May. It is recommended that the Jubilee be closed all day on the holidays proclaimed by the Government in connection with the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York.

Bro Woodward	£204.4.3
Leicester Newspaper	2.9.8
Grays & Sons, Moulding Drapery	2.7.6
Wm Schmidt Bindery	1.17.0
Armstrong's agency advertising	1.13.0
Huskie for Reports	1.11.6
Proprietors of Punch	18.0
Levy of 4/6	14.3
	<u>£215.15.2</u>

Resolved, on motion of Mr Barlow & Mr Ridley that the rent of the print shops, after due notice, be raised by 10/- per week.

Resolved that two months notice be given from 1<sup>st</sup> April

Mr Hamilton was placed on the Library Committee and Mr Rusden was added to the Finance Committee

The Secretary, on the motion of Mr Barlow & Mr Rennie, was granted a leave of £10 for attending extra time during the absence of Mr Smith. He returned thanks.

A note of thanks was passed to Mr Daniel the retiring President and acknowledged by him.

The Secretary read the comparative statement.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month	£51.0.6
2 months	98.13.0
Collected revenue of month	253.8.6
2 months	452.14.0
New members during 2	6
14	

Balance in Bank £607.6.6      Fixed deposit £150.0.0

H. Grant chairman  
4.4.01



A scheme for the decoration of the shops and houses in Leblais Street from Swaustou to Russell Street has been prepared by a committee of citizens. The cost of the decorations will be at the rate of 6/6 per foot frontage. Mr Stiffe has attended the meetings of the committee that had charge of the matter. The entire cost of the decoration to the Athenaeum will be £21.9.0. of this, your committee propose that the Institution shall pay £10.3.8, and the tenants of the Street Shops £11.5.4. If the tenants pay their share, it is recommended that they each be allowed the use of the window in the Upper Well above his shop.

It is recommended that our Gas Grates be fixed in front of the Reading, and that the Reading Room & Library be lighted on the nights of the illumination, and have blue & yellow paper on the casements. It is recommended that the windows of the Reading Room & Library be reserved for the use of the committee & officials to view the processions. Accounts amounting to £26.3.9 examined & found correct.

After the Report had been read, Mr Stiffe informed the committee that the intended arrangements in connection with the decorations of the Building in the Athenaeum Block had been abandoned. That portion of the committee's Report was therefore withdrawn from consideration.

The remaining portion of the sub-committee's report was then adopted, and the motion of Mr Carr & Mr Stiffe. The committee thanked Mr Stiffe for the trouble he had taken in connection with the decorations.

It was resolved to have a flag pole placed on the top of the Building, and to purchase a flag for the same. Mr Stiffe consented to look after the matter. The cost would be about £6.0.0

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—  
Your committee beg to report that they have audited the A/cs for March, and found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following accounts:—

Salaries and wages	£ 35.10.10
Mechell & Muller. Books &c	27.3.3
Stephen Jay Esq. Feb 9	15.7.0
Electric Light	7.13.8
Sturmill & Co. Printing	5.16.0
Carroll's. Newspapers	2.10.2
Doctie. Repairs	1.16.4
Trasher. Winding Clock 1/2 of	1.5.0
Detmond. Stationery	£0.13.97
Lehman & Seymour. Fees	1.9.15.6
	£ 97.17.9

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

Reading  
Holidays

It was resolved that the Easter Holidays be as last year.

The Secretary read the comparative statement Mr Riddon gave notice of motion for giving up the use of the electric light

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 72.7.0
3 months	171.0.0
Total revenue of the month	243.7.0
3 months	719.9.5
New members during month	13
3 months	27
Balance in Debt	£ 645.5.9
3 used Report	150.0.0

L. S. David  
Chairman 16/5/01.







Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1901

The Committee met at 8 p.m.  
Mr Daniel (chair)  
Rev Mr Abernethy  
Mr Carr  
Callaway  
Barlow  
Hood

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

Apologies were received for the absence of Mr Rennie  
Mr Gliffe and Mr Ridley.

The House Committee reported as follows:-  
Your committee beg to report that they  
have considered Mr Rusden's motion with reference  
to the discontinuance of the use of the electric light  
which was referred to them by you. They had,  
as you are aware, previously given much attention  
to the subject. On the last occasion that it was  
under their consideration, they postponed it  
on account of a rumour that a new system of  
gas lighting, on what is designated the 'Boule'  
system, which is said to be superior to any now  
in use, would soon be effected. However, your  
committee have decided to recommend that  
incandescent gas be substituted for the  
electric light in the Library, Reading Room,  
corridors & class room. The cost of the new  
burners will be about £14.0.0

in case of  
gas

Accounts amounting to £29. 5. 2 have been  
examined and found correct.

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

The Finance Committee reported as follows:-  
Your committee beg to report that they have  
audited the Aps for May, and found them correct.  
Payment is recommended of the following Aps:-

Salaries and wages	£ 33. 5. 4
Gas for April	16. 18. 0
Corporation, Electric light	10. 9. 2
Term Howard, Smith & Sons Ltd	1. 8. 0
Barley, Sweeping Chimneys	10. 0
G. Cauley, Newspapers	2. 11. 8
Interest on Mortgage	320. 0. 0
	<u>£ 385. 2. 2</u>

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

The Rev Mr Abernethy gave notice that he would  
move that the Hall be not let on Sundays for meetings  
like those now being held there.

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement.

Mr Champion  
J. Stubbuck

The following nominations were made to fill vacancies on the Committee:  
Mr J. Stubbuck, nominated by Mr Barlow & Mr Callaway; and Mr J. Stubbuck  
nominated by Rev Mr Abernethy and Mr Carr

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£49. 14. 0
5 months	262. 13. 6
Total revenue of the month	192. 16. 8
5 months	1105. 11. 11
New members during month	5
5 months	41
Balance in Bank	£789. 1. 10
Fixed Deposit	150

17. 6. 01  
4. 7. 01



Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 1901

The Committee met at 8<sup>1/2</sup> p.m.

- Mr Grant (Chair)
- Rennie Treasurer
- Parlow
- Hood
- Suck
- Rev Mr Abernethy

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Apology for absence of Mr Daniel, Mr Raddeus, and Mr Ridley.

The Library Committee reported as follows:-

Your committee beg to report that 27 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £7.5.0. A/cs amounting £18.2.11 have been examined & found correct.

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

The House Committee reported as follows:-

incandescent Gas

Your committee beg to report in accordance Gas has been substituted in the Reading Room, Library, & corridors for the Electric light, and has proved to be a great success. The gas pipes in some parts of the Building have become choked through long disuse, and will have to be overhauled. Your committee have ordered it to be done. Several of the chairs and seats in the large hall require to be repaired. The Secretary has been instructed to have them done. Accounts amounting to £122.6.4 have been examined & found correct.

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

The Finance Committee reported that a/c for June had been audited & found correct.

Payment was recommended of A/cs amounting to £176.12.7

Salaries & wages	£ 36.3.4
Income & lighting rates	61.17.6
Gas May	19.0.6
Electric light	10.1.10
Milne & Mulvaney Books	10.15.3
Milne & Mulvaney Boards of Works	9.5.11
Woolie Repairs	13.9.7
Alex & Kemp Repairs	5.9.9
Stoddard & Co Printing	3.15.0
Leadman newspapers	2.10.2
Champion's evening plays	1.1.6
Secretary's committee	1.0.0
Library A/cs	1.19.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 176.12.7</b>

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

Champion's Staback

letting hall on Sundays

Mr Champion & Mr Staback were declared duly elected members of the Committee.

Rev Mr Abernethy moved the motion of which he had given notice at the last meeting, that the hall should not be let on Sundays. Mr Suck said he was of opinion that a motion had formerly been carried to that effect. The Secretary said that the former resolution referred only to the Large Hall, other members thought it referred to the whole Building. The Secretary was instructed to look up the minutes of the resolution, and was told not to let the Hall in future.

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£45.16.0	for 6 months	£305.9.6
Total receipts of the month	241.3.10	" "	1346.15.9
New members during month	4	" "	45
Balance in Bank	£105.3.6		
Fixed deposit	150.0.0		

M. Grant  
1.8.01



Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 1901

The Committee met at 8 p.m.  
 Mr Grant President (chair)  
 Rusden  
 Leath  
 W. Crowther  
 Daniel  
 Barlow  
 Stood  
 Shiffe  
 Stabback  
 Revd Ahernthy

Ridley

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.  
A letter was read from Mr J. S. Ridley resigning his place on the Committee on account of his having removed to the country.

Resolved, on the motion of Revd Mr Ahernthy and Mr Daniel, that the resignation be accepted with regret, and that a letter to that effect and with thanks for his very valuable services be sent to him by the Secretary.

The Library Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that 10 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £1. 14. 6. It is recommended that a copy of the newspaper called The Arena be taken. Accounts amounting to £28. 7. 8 have been examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Daniel & Mr Rusden that the report be adopted.

The House Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that the seats in the balcony require to be thoroughly renovated and repaired. It is recommended that they be done. The cost will be about £17. 10. 0. It is also recommended that instead of the two sconce lights in

the Large Hall, three pendants from the ceiling be fixed on each side, carrying three incandescent burners each. This will effect a great improvement in the lighting. The cost will be about £40. Accounts amounting to £20. 7. 1 examined and found correct.

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

The Finance Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the Aps for July and found them correct. The Royal Deposit of £150 in the Bank of Australasia falls due 13<sup>th</sup> August. It is recommended that it be re-deposited. The following Aps are recommended for payment:-

Salaries & Wages	£ 33. 5. 4
Wharf Gas Co June	18. 19. 0
Cooperation of Hall Electric Light	3. 18. 7
Wharf Gas Co by Medway burners	16. 4. 3
Gordon & Gotch newspapers	10. 6. 3
Cometray & Gray newspapers	5. 14. 0
Melville & Muller Books	6. 18. 8
G. Caulden newspapers	2. 10. 3
Printing Standard	1. 6. 0
Sunday Aps	2. 11. 9
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	£ 101 14s 1d

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

Sub Committee

Mr Stabback was placed on the House Committee and Mr Champion on the Library Committee.

In connection with the Revd Mr Ahernthy's motion about the letting of the Hall on Sundays, the Secretary read the minutes of the meeting of 5<sup>th</sup> May 1894, from which it appeared that the motion referred only to lettings of the Large Hall. Mr Ahernthy then gave notice that he would, at the next meeting, move that neither of the Halls nor any of the rooms be let in future, unless with the express sanction of the Committee.

Halls & Rooms

The Secretary read the comparative statement of Receipts & Expenditure



Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month £61.10.6  
7 months 368

Total revenue of the month £178.14.6  
7 months 1525.10.3

New members during month 8  
7 months 53

Balance in Bank £647.5.5  
Fixed deposit 150

H. Grant  
5.9.01

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September 1901

The Committee met at 8 pm.  
Mr Grant, President, Chair  
Mr Mickle Vice President  
Rennie Treasurer  
Barlow  
Leary  
Daniel  
Hood  
Callaway  
Stiff  
Hamilton

Apology for absence of <sup>Rennie</sup> <sup>for absence</sup>  
Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

Christadelphian  
Ecclesia

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Christiana Ephraim  
"Ecclesia" applying for the use of the Small Hall  
on Sundays & Wednesdays. The matter is dealt with  
in the Report of the House Committee

The Library Committee reported as follows:—  
Your Committee beg to report that 19  
vols have been added to the Library costing £4.0.6  
Accounts amounting to £98.14.4 have been examined  
and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Mickle and  
Mr Hood that the Report be adopted.  
Mr Barlow suggested that a little more money might  
be spent in the purchase of popular works for the library.

new Gas  
pendants

The House Committee reported as follows:—  
Your Committee beg to report that  
the new Gas pendants had been fixed in the  
Large Hall with Medway burners fitted to them,  
the light from which is excellent.  
An application has been made



Christadelphian  
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by the Christadelphian Ecclesia to rent the Small Hall on Sundays, and perhaps also on Wednesday evenings. It is recommended that the request be granted. The arrangement for the terms is left to the Secretary - on a basis of about £25 per quarter. Accounts amounting to £73.5.5 have been examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Carr & Mr Cliffe, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/cs for August & found them correct. It is recommended that a fresh fixed deposit be placed in the Bank of Australasia for 12 months, bearing interest at the rate of three % per annum. The following A/cs are recommended for payment:

£150 F.D

Salaries & Wages	£ 3 6.3.4
Whitchard Periodicals	7 7.10.1
Jan Coy	2 1.13.0
Mr Hill Spuria & Co Repairs	17.10.0
Deskie Repairs	17.7.6
Detmold Building	13.6.7
London & Lau Repairs	10.17.0
Jan Coy food	2.6.9
Carrollan News Papers	2.12.0
Alex Kemp & Son Repairs	1.11.3
Stewart Smith & Son Gro	1.8.9
Magazine <del>Books</del> <sup>manually &amp; printed</sup> Books	7.7.4
Punch	18.0
Sundry A/cs	6.11.5
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	£ 213.3.1

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

The Rev Mr Abernethy, being absent through

Sunday  
lettings

illness, the motion of which he had given notice was moved by Mr Rank & seconded by Mr Rennie. "That neither of the Halls nor any of the Rooms be let on Sundays without the express sanction of the Committee."

The motion was carried.

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement.

### Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 57.16.6
8 months	419.16.6
Total revenue of month	147.9.0
8 months	1672.19.3

New members during month 5  
8 months 58

Balance in Bank £692.19.4  
Fixed Deposit 150.0.0

A. Hunt.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 1901



Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1901

The Committee met at 8 pm

- Mr Grant President, Chair
- Rennie Treasurer
- Radden
- Stathart
- Barlow
- Carr
- Hamilton
- Slippe
- Hoar
- Lucas

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

The Library Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that 17 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £3.6.6. Accounts amounting to £10.7.8 examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hoar & Mr Hamilton that the Report be adopted.

The House Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that the Small Hall has been let to the Christadelphian Ecclesia for Sunday & Wednesdays at the rate of £105 per annum, to be paid monthly, a month's notice on either side to terminate the Contract.

Accounts amounting to £155.18.10 examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Carr and Mr Hoar, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:-

Christadelphian Ecclesia

Christadelphian

Insurance Grant

Cup

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the accounts for September and found them correct. As the Small Hall has been let to the Christadelphian Ecclesia for Sundays, it is recommended that the Hallkeeper shall receive 2/6 extra for attendances on that day. It is recommended that the Passages of the Institution be paid through the Agency of Mr Le Ramer without extra cost to the Institution. The following A/cs are recommended for payment:-

Salaries & wages	£33.5.4
Hill & Melrose Board of Works	45.7.6
Corporation of Melbourne Town Rate	45.0.0
Melrose Gas Coy. Payments & Balance	41.5.5
Melrose Gas Coy Gas August	14.8.0
Victoria Insurance Coy	4.11.3
South British & The Sea Coy	3.17.8
Debtors Balance	4.0.5
Melrose & Melrose Books	3.17.7
London Receipts	2.9.8
Rowland South & Son Ltd £1.7.0	} 1.9.0
Electric Light 2.0	
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	1901. 11. 10

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

Secretary read Comparative Statement

It was arranged that the House Committee shall meet here this night Friday on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov instead of Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£27.0.6
9 months	446.17.6
Total revenue of month	112.6.6
9 months	1785.5.9
New members during month	3
9 months	61
Balance in Bank £442.3.9	Surplus Dep £300

M. Grant

7.11.01



Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov 1904

The General Committee met at 8 p.m.  
Mr Grant, President, Chairman  
Barlow  
Downward  
Callaway  
Daniel  
Carr  
Hood  
Rev Mr Abernethy  
Mr Hamilton

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed  
An Apology for the absence of the Treasurer, Mr Reine.

The Library Committee reported as follows:—  
Your Committee beg to report that 30 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £6.2.6. Accounts amounting to £24.11.10 examined & found correct.

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

The House Committee reported as follows:—  
Your Committee beg to report that the Secretary has been instructed to obtain prices for painting and re-decorating the Vestibule, and for new boards for displaying posters on front of Building. Accounts amounting to £24.16.4 have been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Carr & 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 October, and found them correct. The Royal Metropolitan & Coventry

Vestibule

is £68.15.0 in arrears for rent. The Secretary has been instructed to press for the money, and, in future, to endeavour to have it paid quarterly. Payment is recommended of the following A/c's:—

Salary & Wages	£ 31. 5. 4	
Gas for September	14. 0. 0	
Mill & Melish B of Works, sewer con:	9. 4. 4	
Arms & Ammunition, heavy paper	5. 18. 2	Dr
Metallurgical & Chemical Works	5. 17. 2	
Leander. Newspaper	2. 11. 6	
Sullivan & Co Printing	1. 11. 0	
Sundry A/c's	5. 0. 9	
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	£ 82. 13. 6	

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

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement.

Secretary's Statement

Subscription for month	£59. 3. 0
10 months	506. 0. 0
Total revenue of month	£200. 17. 9
10 months	1986. 3. 6
New members during month	8
10 months	66
Balance in Bank	£443. 9. 8

M. E. Grant  
5.12.01



Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 1904

The Committee met at 8 pm  
 Mr H. C. Grant President, chair  
 Barlow  
 Callaway  
 Rusden  
 Downward  
 Hamilton  
 Lush  
 Hood  
 Daniel  
 Carr

Apology for the absence of Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Abernethy  
 and Mr Sliffe.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

The Library Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that 19  
 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of  
 £4.9.10. Accounts amounting to £12.0.0 examined  
 and found correct

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

The House Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that they  
 called for tenders for re-painting the vestibule. As  
 those sent in were not all on the same basis, it was  
 resolved to call for fresh tenders. It is recommended  
 that two new boards for displaying posters in  
 front of the Building be made at a cost of  
 £5.2.6. Accounts amounting to £21.11.3  
 have been examined and found correct.

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

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

Salaries & Wages	£ 36.3.4
Gas	14.19.0
Melville & Mullen Books	8.1.5
Le Stubbs. Repairing furniture	4.15.0
Casselden Newspapers	2.9.8
By Robertson. Books	1.3.5
Sundry A/cs	2.5.9
Suburb on Mortgage	320.0.0
	<u>£ 389.17.7</u>

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

Resolved that the next meeting be on 16<sup>th</sup> January.

Resolved that the Reading room shall be open on 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Jan'y, but the Library closed.

The President & Vice President were appointed as a  
 sub-committee to draft the Annual Report  
 The Secretary read the comparative statement.

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£34.10.6
11 months	340.10.6
Total revenue of month	134.4.6
11 months	2120.8.0
New members during month	2
11 months	68
Balance in Bank	£495.0.8
Risced Deposits	300.0.0

W. E. Hunt  
 16.1.02