

Thursday 16th Jan 1902

The Committee met (agreeably with resolution at last meeting) at 8^{pm}

- Mr Grant, President, Chair
- Rennie, Treasurer
- Rudew
- Carr
- Daniel
- Burke
- Hood
- Downward

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Library Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that eight vols. have been added to the Library, at a cost of £1.12.1. Copies amounting to £42.0.3 have been examined and found correct.

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

The House Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that three tenders have been received for painting the (Dutch) Hall & Corridor.

- Alex Kemp & Son £48.10.0
- A. G. Meade 59.0.0
- Brown & McCarthy 31.0.0

It is recommended that the tender of Messrs Brown & McCarthy be accepted. Mr Smith, the Librarian, has applied for his holidays, to commence next Monday 20th Jan. It is recommended that leave be granted, and that Mr Curtis be asked to come back in the afternoon to take charge, as last year. Copies amounting to £41.6.9 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 A/c for December, & found them correct. The Royal Melop^m Lie de la Jetee has paid off £30 from its account. The question of granting a gratuity to Mr Curtis and Mr Smith, which was referred to this Committee, has been considered, and it is recommended that Mr Curtis shall receive £15, and Mr Smith £10. The following A/cs are recommended for payment:

Salaries and wages	33.5.4
Melop Gas. Co 4 November	14. 11. 0
Alex Kemp & Son. Repairs	15. 17. 0
Dickens Building	10. 3. 5
Gordon & Poter, Newspapers	9. 15. 9
Hell & Millip Board of Works, Sewer	9. 3. 3
Armstrong's Newspapers	5. 17. 3
Inchellie & Mullin Books	5. 11. 6
Geo Robinson & Co Books	3. 5. 3
Caxelton Newspaper	2. 9. 8
Amprilors	4. 4. 0
Deakin Repairs	2. 2. 9
Lehmann & Co. m. J. J. J.	1. 12. 9
Angus & Robertson. Books	1. 2. 2
London A/cs	9. 5. 3
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Resolved, on motion of Mr Burke & Mr Downward, that report be adopted. The Secretary read the Balance Sheet & Statement of Assets & Liabilities. Resolved on motion of Mr Bailor & Mr Rennie that the balance due to the Board of Works for sewer connection be included, and that before the issue of the next Balance Sheet the statement of Assets and Liabilities be revised.

The Secretary read the Draft of the Committee's Annual Report. After a few amendments had been made, it was adopted, together with the Balance Sheet.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for month £48.8.0 for 12 months £588.16.6
 Total revenue of month £227.13.8 ————— 2348.1.8
 New members during month 1 ————— 69
 Balance in Bank £352.11.0 Good Deposits £300
 Daniel C. Carr
 6 Feb 1902

The Annual General Meeting

held in the Large Hall

Wednesday 29th January
1902

The Chair was taken at 8 p.m. by the President
W. D. Grant.

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

The Secretary read the advertisement summoning
the meeting.

The Minutes of the last Annual meeting and
also of the special General meeting, held on the
same evening, 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. Charles Rennie,
that they be taken as read.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE Melbourne Athenæum FOR THE YEAR 1901.

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

The gross receipts of the year amount to £2348 1s. 8d.
and the expenditure to £2174 3s. 3d., the net profit being
£173 18s. 5d. The details are given in the Balance Sheet
appended to this Report.

The number of members on the roll is 655, of whom
69 joined during the year.

The number of volumes added to the library during
the year was 180; the total number of works issued to
subscribers was 19,649, and 5235 magazines.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

YEAR.	No. of Sponsoring Members.	New Members.	Volumes Added.	Works Circulated.	Magazines Circulated.
1892	1198	186	652	30,319	7,121
1893	1086	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	5,900
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
1901	665	69	180	19,649	5,235

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

CLASSIFICATION.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.
Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics	1	1	4	3
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts	5	3	1	8
Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence	1,313	1,107	944	680
Classics and Philology	28	18	12	8
Fine Arts	7	4	4	5
Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works	1,304	1,277	1,187	782
History and Historical Memoirs	818	504	370	352
Jurisprudence and Legislation	2	1	1	1
Medical Science and Chemistry	1	1	1	1
Miscellaneous and Collected Works	627	395	354	293
Natural History and Botany	16	8	8	11
Works of Fiction	17,969	17,358	15,881	16,175
Music	1	1	1	1
Periodical Literature	2,008	1,978	1,538	1,025
Philosophy and General Science	101	129	117	105
Poetry and the Drama	118	95	61	68
Politics	48	26	25	24
Religious & Ecclesiastical Works	30	37	31	14
Juvenile Works	122	143	93	98
	24,519	23,086	20,553	19,649

The number of visitors introduced by members, under
the provision of Rule 19, was 82.

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. XXXVII, New Series, presented by the Council of the Royal Society.
- The Vaccination Inquirer and Health Review, forwarded monthly by Mr. J. Carson.
- Volume XXXI, of the Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute, from the Society.
- The Commonwealth Gazette, by the Commonwealth Government.
- 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 Australian Keystone, presented monthly by the proprietors.

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

The Annual Election of Honorary Office-Bearers resulted
in the return of the following gentlemen:—President, Mr.
H. E. Grant; Vice-President, Mr. Mickle; Treasurer, Mr.
Charles Rennie; Committee—Rev. Mr. Abernethy, Messrs.
Callaway, Carr, Downward, Lush, Rusden, and Hamilton.
Mr. Champion and Mr. Stabback were subsequently elected
by the Committee.

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

The President, MR. H. E. GRANT	attended	10
The Vice-President, MR. MICKLE	5
The Treasurer, MR. CHARLES RENNIE	8

COMMITTEES:					
Rev. Mr. Abernethy	attended	9	Mr. Barlow	12
Mr. Callaway	9	Mr. Champion	0
Mr. Carr	11	Mr. Daniel	11
Mr. Downward	6	Mr. Hood	12
Mr. Hamilton	8	Mr. Iliffe	6
Mr. Lush	6	Mr. Ridley	4
Mr. Rusden	9	Mr. Stabback	3

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the Year ending 31st December, 1901.

To Balance in Bank and Fixed Deposit	£458 13 4	By Interest on Mortgage	£640 0 0
Subscriptions	2588 16 6	Salaries and Wages	411 19 0
Rent of Front Shops	610 0 0	Books, Magazines, and Newspapers	331 19 10
.. Large Hall	813 18 0	Rates	197 12 6
.. Small Hall	220 5 2	Gas	190 17 8
.. Rooms	97 12 6	Electric Light	61 18 2
Sales	13 14 6	Repairs, Goods, and Sundries	173 0 5
Interest	3 15 0	Binding	34 3 9
		2,348 1 8	Insurance	43 10 11
			Postage, Stationery and Petty Cash	16 14 3
			Advertising and Printing	14 17 6
			Auditors	4 4 0
			Gratuity to Secretary & Librarian	20 0 0
			Sewer Connection	33 5 3
					£2,174 3 3
			Balance in Bank	332 11 9
			Fixed Deposits	800 0 0
					632 11 9
					£2,806 15 0

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	Amount due for Sewer Connections	225 1 0
.. Furniture	750 0 0	Balance	21,657 10 9
Balance in Bank and Fixed Deposit	632 11 9			
		£37,882 11 9			£37,882 11 9

Audited and found correct.

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

F. RAINEY, F.I.A.V.,
F. H. WILSON, F.I.A.V. } AUDITORS.

MELBOURNE, 14th January, 1902.

Resolved, on the motion of the President,
Mr. D. E. Grant, and the Secretary, Mr. C. Rennie,
that the Report and Balance Sheet be adopted

The following gentlemen were elected scrutineers to conduct the election, if one should take place: Mr Duffy, Mr Schreiber, Mr Lee & Mr Louthell.

Mr Rainey and Mr Wilson were re-elected Auditors.

The President announced that nominations for office bearers and members of the General Committee would be taken at the close of the meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring office-bearers and members of the Committee. It was acknowledged by the President.

Mr Martin Hood moved a vote of thanks to the Secretary and Librarian for the efficient manner in which they had performed their duties. It was seconded & carried. Mr Curtis returned thanks.

The meeting then closed.

The following Nominations were subsequently made:

President W. C. Carr
 Vice President H. K. Rusden
 Treasurer C. Rennie.

Committee
 Mr Barlow, Mr Hood, Mr Shiffe
 Mr Daniel, Mr Rooke & Mr Apps.

They were duly elected.

Daniel C. Carr

Thursday 6th February 1902

The Committee met at 8 pm

Mr Carr President, chair
 Mr Rusden Vice President
 Rennie Treasurer
 Hood
 Barlow
 Grant
 Shiffe
 Rooke
 Apps.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting read for information. They were considered correct.

The newly elected President, Mr D. C. Carr returned thanks for his election. He introduced the two new members, Mr Rooke and Mr Apps.

A letter of apology was read from Mr Daniel. He also stated in it that he considered some of the painting in the corridor was "trampery", and he hoped some one would propose that it be repainted. No action was taken on the letter. The Committee thought the painting was well done, and was very good.

The Library Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that 10 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £2.18.6 Apps amounting to £4. 1. 10 have been examined & found correct.

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

The House Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that they have ordered the following extras to the painting work now being done. The passage leading to the Reading Room together with the doors to be painted, and an ornamental scroll to be painted on the Stage in the Vestibule.

consider. The price is £ 5.0, making the entire cost £ 35.5.0.

A/cs amounting to £ 14.7.0 examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Low & Mr ^{Sliffe} ~~Low~~, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:— Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/cs for January and found them correct. The Treasurer of the Royal Philatelic Society has paid the balance of their A/c. Mr Cheong, a tenant of one of the Great Shops, is two weeks in arrear with his rent. He has asked to be permitted to have two weeks further credit. He is endeavouring to find a purchaser for his business. If unsuccessful, he will sell his stock by auction. It is recommended that his request be granted.

Cheong

The delivious body known by the name of "The Brethren" have been asking about the terms on which the Hall would be let to them. The following terms are suggested by the Secretary, and recommended by your Committee:—

Brethren

- Large Hall for Sundays £150 per annum
- Small Hall 2 nights per week £100 -
- Large Hall on Sundays with small hall twice a week £225
- Small Hall on Sundays & 2 week nights £150

The following A/cs are recommended for payment:—

Salaries & Wages	£ 33.5.4
Gas	13.4.6
Leased Newpapers	2.11.6
Sundry A/cs	1.11.10
Armstrong. R. ^{admission} Professors	1.0.0
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	£ 51.13.2

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

Resolved, on motion of Mr Barlow & Mr Preece, that the Secretary be empowered to make the best terms he can with the "Brethren" on the basis agreed to.

The following Sub Committees were appointed.

Library	House	Finance	Comptroller
Rev Mr Abernethy	Mr Barlow	Mr Preece	Sliffe
Mr Callaway	Grant	Barlow	Rennie
Daniel	Stood	Callaway	Grant
Grant	Sliffe	Downward	Barlow
Hamilton	Apps	Grant	
Stood		Roth	
Lush			

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for month	£ 54.13.6
Total Revenue	111.9.6
New Members	?
Balance in Bank	£ 293.4.11
Fixed Deposits	£ 300.0.0

Daniel C. Carr
President
6 March 1902

Thursday 6th March 1902

The General Committee met at 8 pm
 W Carr President (Chair)
 Rusden Vice President
 Rennie Treasurer
 Revd W Abernethy
 W Barlow
 Roke
 Apps
 Downward
 Hamilton
 Callaway
 Daniel
 Grant.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

The Library Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that they have elected W Hamilton Chairman for the year. 17 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £2. 11. 3. The Librarian has reported, through the Chairman, that he requires additional shelving for the books. It is recommended that the matter be referred for consideration to a sub-committee. W H K Rusden has presented the Library with a copy of an historical sketch of Saen dotat celihang. It is recommended that a letter of thanks be sent to him. The Librarian wishes to have a copy of the New South Wales and the Victorian Post Office Directories. The former costs 30/- and the latter 25/-. It is recommended that they be taken. Accounts amounting to £92. 3. 6 examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of W Hamilton and W Callaway, that the report be adopted. The ~~the~~ Question of providing book space

in the Library was referred to the Library Committee.

The House Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that they have elected W Barlow Chairman for the year. W Cheong paid up all his rent before leaving the shop. It has been taken by Mr Moffitt, a milliner & mantle maker, at the same rent. The Christadelphians have terminated their tenancy of the Small Hall. The Plymouth Brethren, who had been making enquiries as to the rent, were not able to pay anything like the amount we asked. The Secretary has applied for permission to take his usual yearly holiday to commence from Saturday next. It is recommended that leave be granted. Accounts amounting to £62. 5. 6 have been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of W Barlow and W Apps, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that they have re-elected W Rennie Chairman for the year. The accounts for February have been audited and found correct. Payment is recommended of the following A/c's:

Salaries and wages	£ 33. 5. 4
Whitehead & Co. Printers	30. 14. 0
Brown & The Carthy Printing Co	35. 5. 0
Wm Dawson & Sons 71 papers	26. 12. 1
For Exp	9. 9. 6
Mr Curtis extra attendance	10. 0. 0
Shillwell & Co. Printing	6. 11. 0
Gillies Printing on Boards	5. 10. 0
Mulville & Muller Books	4. 16. 7
G. G. Anderson Newspapers	2. 9. 8
Frederick Winding Clocks	1. 5. 0
Sundry A/c's	2. 6. 0
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Cheong
Moffitt

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

Easter
Holidays

Resolved that the Easter Holidays be observed as last year, viz: - the Library to be closed on Good Friday, Saturday, Easter Monday & Tuesday. The Reading Room to be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Resolved that the next meeting be held 10th April.
The Secretary read the comparative statement.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month £40.16.6
2 months 95.10.0

Total revenue of month 151.18.1
2 months 263.7.7

New members during month 5
2 months 12

Balance in Bank £393.9.10
Fixed Deposits £300.

Daniel C. Carr
10 April /02

Thursday 10th April 1902

The General Committee met at 8 p.m. in conformity with resolution passed at the last meeting.

Mr Carr, President (Chair)

Rusden Vice President

Barlow

Daniel

Opps

Hamilton

Rooke

Grant

Hood

Callaway

Rev Mr Abernethy

Apology for absence of Mr Rennie and Mr Duffie.

Minutes of the previous meeting read & confirmed.

The Library Committee reported as follows: -

Your Committee beg to report that 14 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £4.15.6. It is recommended that the "Lancet" be discontinued at the end of the current term, and that the old editions of the Encyclopaedia Britannica Chambers Cyclop & the Penny Cyclop be sold for whatever they will bring. The question of providing additional shelving accommodation in the Library, referred to this Com^{tee} by you, has received careful consideration.

It is recommended that the additional shelving be provided on a plan submitted herewith, at a cost not exceeding £35. Accounts amounting to £41.8.5 have been examined and found correct.

Moved by Mr Hamilton, seconded by Mr Daniel that the Report be adopted.

Mr Callaway stated that although he had voted for the additional shelving when the matter was considered

by the Library Comtee of which he is a member, he had since ascertained, in his capacity of member of the Finance Committee, that the present state of our finances would not permit any but really necessary expenditure. He would therefore move, as an amendment, that the question of providing additional shelving be postponed for the present, and that the Library Comtee be requested to see whether many old works could not be removed from the shelves, and thus give space for newer works. The amendment was seconded by Mr Apps and carried.

The Report, thus amended, was adopted

The House Comtee reported as follows:—
Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the Qrs amounting to £ 125.4.1 & found them correct.

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

The Finance Comtee reported as follows:—
Your Comtee beg to report that they have audited the Qrs for March and found them correct.

Payment is recommended of the following Qrs—

Salaries and Wages	£ 34.15.4
Mult & Miscop 1/2 of month	45.7.6
Contribution of Milkhouse Rates	56.5.0
Milville & Milken Books &c	27.18.2
Gas Coy	12.0.0
Mult & Miscop 1/2 of Works	9.0.2
Detmold Reading	90.9.4
Leardden Newspaper	2.8.4
P.O. Directory	1.10.0
Mrs Dean Buns & Riff Goods	18.0
Gas Coy Goods	17.11
Sundry Qrs	2.13.10
Sandp & Mr Danjale Barclay	1.5.0
Total	£ 201.7.10

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

Resolved that the next meeting be held 8th May.
The Secretary read the Comparative statement.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 65.9.0
3 months	160.19.0
Total Revenue of month	157.6.6
3 months	414.14.1

New numbers during month	7
3 months	19

Balance in Bank	£ 356.12.2
Fixed Deposits	300.0.0

Daniel C. Carr
8/5/02

Thursday 8th May 1902

The Committee met at 8^{pm}

- Mr Carr President, Chair
- Rennie Treasurer
- Barlow
- Grant
- Apps
- Downward
- Roscoe
- Daniel

Apology for absence of Mr Hood, Mr Deffe, & Mr Callaway
Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

Mills & O'Connell
Letter of Hall
Shankill

The Secretary read a letter from Messrs Mills and O'Connell, Solicitors, on behalf of Mr Shankill and another claiming £15 for damages for refusing to let the large hall on Friday 2nd May 1901. The Secretary read a statement explaining the matter. A copy of it is in the letter book.

Resolved that Messrs Mills & O'Connell be referred to our Solicitors, Messrs Widdowson Gibbs & Widdowson.

The Library Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that 24 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £5.3.7. The matter of providing room for new books by with drawing books no longer required is receiving the attention of the Committee. Accounts amounting to £13.12.11 examined & found correct.

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

The House Sub Committee reported that the lad Claude Warnecke had left the Library and that a new one, named Frederick Alexander Brown, has been engaged on probation for 3 months at 2/6 per week, to be increased to 10/6 if he be found suitable. Accounts amounting to £15.11.6 examined & found correct.

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

The Finance Committee reported as

Mortgage

follows:- Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for April & found them correct. Notice has been received from Messrs Price Summers & Co that the management of the Estate of the late J. J. Sumner has been handed over to the Trustee, Executors and Agency Co^{ys} Ltd and that, in future the interest on our Mortgage is to be paid direct to the Company. As the term of the Mortgage will expire 30th June next, it is recommended that the Treasurer, Mr Rennie, be empowered to interview the Trustees of the Sumner Estate, and to apply for a renewal of the Mortgage for five years, on the usual terms, unless a more favourable arrangement can be effected. The Trustees also wish that the Insurance Policies shall be in the name of the Trustees of the Sumner Estate. The following A/c are recommended for payment:-

Salaries & Wages	£ 94.13.4
Gas March	12.5.0
Mechelle & Muller, Books	4.4.9
William Detmold, Stationery	3.0.0
St H Bunney (late Brandon) & papers	2.11.10
Proprietors of Punch	1.16.0
Gas Est ^s , Goods	1.3.6
Esop Robertson, Books	1.2.6
Wm Swan Barr & Riff, Goods	18.0
Insurance Companies	35.2.0
Sundry A/c & Petty Cash	7.2.10
Total	£ 103.19.9

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

The Secretary read the comparative statement.

Secretary's statement	
Subscription for the month	£50.4.6
4 months	211.8.6
Total revenue of month	150.0.6
4 months	564.11.7
New members during month	
4 months	25
Balance in Bank	£305.4.10. Fixed Deposits £300.0.0

Daniel G. Carr
5/June/02

Thursday 6th June 1902

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

Mr Carr President. Chair

- Daniel
- Hood
- Barlow
- Hamilton
- Grant
- Slippe
- Ruddle

Read Mr Abernethy.

Apologies for absence received from Mr Rennie & Mr Callaway.

The minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

A letter was read from Mr J W Colville, Secretary of the Public Health Department, dated 2nd June 1902, stating that as our committee desire to interview some of the Board's Officers on the subject, they may do so by giving a few hours' notice of the committee's intended visit.

The letter was referred to the House Committee to report on it.

A letter was read from Mr Chas Sierwright, Leader of the Millbourne Centre of the Students of Luttre, asking that the Hall might be let to him on Sunday 29th June for the purpose of holding a religious service to be given by Mr Worthington.

The Secretary was instructed to reply that no portion of the Institution is to be let on Sundays except for a term, and then only to the ordinarily recognized Religious Bodies.

The Library Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that 12 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £2.8.1. With reference to the matter of the stitching cutting and stamping of the Magazines and Newspapers, your Committee find that it would be inconvenient to have the work done on the premises. It is recommended that Mr Debnold

Board of Health

Worthington Sierwright

Stitching Magazines

be asked for a reduction in his charge for the work, and that other bookbinders be asked for a price. The Librarian has submitted to us several copies of works of which he has duplicates, and which may, therefore, be withdrawn from the Library. It is recommended that they be offered to second hand Bookellers for sale. The books classified under Agriculture, Commerce and Statistics, Mechanics and Useful Arts, and Medicine are scarcely ever asked for. With the exception of one or two, to be selected by the Chairman of the Library Committee for retention in the Library, they may be sold for what they will fetch. Accounts amounting to £14.3.1 examined and found correct.

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

The House Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report, with reference to the disputed letting of the Hall to Mr Shackell, that his Solicitors wrote to Mr Wilmour who then communicated with the Secretary. After he had heard the particulars, Mr Wilmour said there was certainly no letting. He did not think it likely they would get on with it. Nothing further has been heard of the matter.

Mr Curtis has reported that he was waited on by an officer of the Public Health Department who wanted to know why the requirements set out in the Board's letter of 26th October 1900 had not been carried into effect. Mr Curtis informed him that his Committee was still waiting for a reply to his letter of 19th January 1901. It is recommended that no action be taken by us till it has been received.

Accounts amounting to £13.13.6 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

Mortgage

have audited the A/c for May, and found them correct. The Treasurer, Mr Rennie, has interviewed Mr Egghaton, one of the Trustees of the Summer Estate, with reference to the terms on which a renewal of our Mortgage can be obtained. He has ascertained that it will be necessary to have a fresh valuation made, and also a new Mortgage—owing to a change that has made in the Trusteeship of the Estate. The cost of the Mortgage will be £10,10,0, and the price valuation £5,5,0. The mortgage will be for five years, and the interest four per cent per annum. It is recommended that the terms be accepted.

The following A/c are circumvented for payment:—

Salaries & Wages	£ 35.10.10
For April	13. 3. 6
Armsbury Newspapers	5. 17. 3
Milville & Mullin Posters	5. 13. 10
& W Renny papers	2. 12. 0
Boily, disinfecting Chimneys	10. 0
Contract on Mortgage	320. 0. 0
	£ 383. 2. 5

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

Resolved, on motion of Mr Barlow & Mr Abernethy, that a vote of thanks be given to Mr Rennie, the Treasurer, for the trouble he had taken in the matter of the Mortgage

Resolved that on the holidays on the 9th & 2nd of the Library & Reading Room shall remain open.

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement.

Secretary's Statement.

Subscription for the month	£70.19.6
5 months	282. 8. 0
Total revenue of month	209. 17. 10
5 months	774. 12. 5
New members during month	5
5 months	30

Balance in Bank £411. 12. 11. Fixed deposits £300.00

Daniel C. Carr

3/7/02

Thursday 3rd July 1902

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

- Mr Carr President chair.
- Rudden Vice President
- Daniel
- Barlow
- Grant
- Reed Abernethy
- Wood
- Sliffe
- Opps
- Lusk
- Rooke
- Hamilton.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

The Library Committee reported as follows:—

Your committee beg to report that Mr Detmold has consented to reduce the charge for stitching, cutting and stamping newspapers & magazines from £12 per annum to £10. It is recommended that this offer be accepted. Twenty vols have been added to the library at a cost of £3. 5. 2. Accounts amounting to £13. 1. 8 have been examined & found correct.

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

The House Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that the matter of the requirements of the Public Health Department with reference to our Building is receiving attention. A/c amounting to £33. 6. 5 have been examined and found correct.

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

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that the Building has been inspected by Mr Crouch,

Valuation

Mortgage

Surveyor and survey valuator, on behalf of the Trustees of the Summer Estate. He has reported that his valuation is £31,500. The previous valuation was £30,000. Our Treasurer has seen Mr Egglestone, one of the Trustees, who informed him that the valuation was quite satisfactory, and that the mortgage will be proceeded with. Instructions have been given to our solicitors to pursue the mortgage on behalf of our Trustees. The Aps for June have been audited & found correct. Payment is recommended of the following Aps

Interest Aps	£ 32.15.4
Gas	12. 7. 0
Board of Works	8. 19. 1
Edward Rindley	5. 17. 9
Cornish Valuation fee	3. 17. 6
Durkin's Repairs	3. 12. 3
Melville & Muller Aps	2. 7. 10
Remmy's Aps	1. 6. 0
Jan A funds	1. 0. 10
Smith's Aps	1. 0. 0
Sundry Aps	2. 14. 10
	£ 81. 3. 5

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

Secretary read Comparative Statement.

Secretary's statement.

Subscription for month	£ 34.6.4
Six months	316.14.4
Total revenue of month	£ 120.9.1
6 months	895. 1. 6
New members during month	8
6 months	38
Balance in Bank	£ 148. 4. 7
Fixed Deposits	300. 0. 0
Daniel & Co	
Chairman	

8/8/02

Thursday 7th August 1902

The Committee met at 8 p.m.
 Mr Carr President chair
 Mr Ruckin Vice Pres
 Mr Lusk
 Hand
 Barlow
 Calloway
 Daniel
 Downman
 Grant
 Duffe

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.
 Apology for absence of Mr Rennie.

The Library Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that 21 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £4.9.3. The matter of withdrawing books from the Library is still requiring attention. Accounts examined & found correct amounting to £33.0.3. Resolved, on motion of Mr Calloway and Mr Ruckin that the Report be adopted.

The House Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to recommend that the ceiling of the Room under the steps of the Layell Hall and by the artists be covered with glass. The Public Health Dept requires from us a statement of the number of persons that can be in the various parts of the Building at any one time. It is recommended that the following list be sent:-

Layell Hall, Body	770	Balcony	50	Plaffers	50	=	900
Upper Hall	350	Reading Room	25	Library	10	=	385
Class Room	22	Liveridge Room	6	Chess Room	30		48
							1233

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Duffe & Mr Frost

And the Report be adopted.
 The Finance Committee reported as follows:
 Your Committee beg to report that they have audited
 the A/c's for July and found them correct. The New
 Mortgage is now completed. A Fixed Deposit
 in the Bank of Australasia for £150 falls
 due 20th Aug. It is recommended that the respective
 payment is recommended of the following A/c's

Salaries & Wages	£ 32.15.4
Loan Rate of City of Hull	33.15.0
Gas	14.10.6
Essex Lane Mortgage	10.10.0
Jordan & Fitch A/c's	10. 6.3
Richardson & Rindley Books	6.17.7
Mitchell & Mullin Books	2.15.2
Armstrong Newspapers	5.17.3
Burney Newspapers	2.11.6
Stannard Smith Coal	1. 7.6
A Kemp Receipts	1. 0.0
Winnard & Free Shookell	1. 1.0
Death	15
Sullivan Printing	13.9
George Robinson & Co Books	3.4.9
Sundry A/c's	
Total	£ 129.14.7

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

The Comparative Statement was read.
 Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for months	£ 21.8.6
7 months	358.3.0
Total Revenue of months	157.7.10
7 months	1046.9.4
New members during month	
7 months	44
Balance in Bank	£ 218.4.0
S. D	300.0.0

Daniel C. Carr chairman
 4/9/02

Thursday 4th September 1902

The Committee met at 8 pm.
 Mr Carr President Chair
 Rudder Vice Pres
 Rusk
 Rowland
 Apps
 Duff
 Hood
 Luch

Resolved on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Callaway
 Apology for absence of Mr Rennie & Mr Callaway

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

The Library Committee reported as follows:
 Your Committee beg to report that 14 vols have been
 added to the library at a cost of £5.11.10. It is recommended
 that a reading desk be placed near the Encyclopaedia in the
 Reading Room. One amounting to £9.11.3 have been
 examined and found correct.

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

The House Committee reported as follows:
 Your Committee beg to report that the Rod
 which had been awaiting in the library has left to go to a trade.
 One that has been engaged on the same terms. A/c's
 amounting to £19.10.8 have been examined & found
 correct.

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

The Finance Committee reported as follows:
 Your Committee beg to report that they have audited
 the A/c's for August & found them correct. A Fixed

Report for £150 falls due ^{4th Sept} it is recommended that it be deposited. The following a/cs are recommended for payment:-

Salaries & wages	£ 35. 10. 10
£ m	16. 15. 6
Duty	5. 7. 5
Sullivan Adams	2. 10. 2
Running Exp	1. 8. 2
Exp. on Exp. funds	1. 7. 0
Exp. on Smith. Cont	1. 5. 0
Exp. on W. custom	5. 8. 8
Sunday Exp & Petty Cash	
	<u>£ 69. 12. 9</u>

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

The Secretary read the comparative statements
Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for months	£ 56. 1. 4
8 months	414. 11. 6
Total revenue of month	197. 3. 2
8 months	1243. 12. 4
New members during month	4
8 months	48
Balance in Bank	£ 293. 4. 11
D. P.	300
	Daniel C. Carr
	chairman
	9/Oct/02

Thursday 9th October 1902

The Committee met at 8 pm. on this date, instead of 2nd October, by the authority of the President.

- Mr L. Carr President, Chair
- Rueden Vice Pres
- Rennie Treasurer
- Barlow
- Hamilton
- Capps
- Wood
- Roske
- Daniel
- Rev Mr Abernethy.

Apology for absence of Mr Callaway & Mr Pluffe

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed

The Library Committee reported:- Your Committee beg to report that the Chairman (Mr Hamilton) and the Rev Mr Abernethy have been appointed a sub-committee to approve of the purchase of books in certain cases of emergency. New books have been selected for withdrawal from the library. 22 vols, costing £ 5. 19. 1 have been added to the library. A/cs amounting to £ 82. 11. 7 have been examined & found correct.

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

The House Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that the House Club has given up tenancy of their Club room. The Secretary has been instructed to advertise it for letting. A/cs amounting to £ 86. 11. 6 have been examined, and found correct

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

The Finance Committee reported:- Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the a/c for Sep

and found them correct. Payment is now made of the following YOS:-

Salaries & wages	£ 32.15.4
Insurance	8.8.11
Wohi School books	52.9.2
Dawson & Sons - n' papers	22.18.3
Smith & Shiloh Road of Works	45.7.6
Fans	22.6.6
Smith & Shiloh Road of Works - expenses	8.18.2
J. Moore repairs	3.7.4
Mulle & Muller Book	2.9.8
Nunney n' papers	1.7.0
Legal	2.4.4
Land of Aps	
	£ 210.7.2

Resolved, on motion of Mr Barlow & Mr Rudden, that the Report be adopted.
 Resolved that the Library be closed on "Lump" day, and that the Reading Room be closed from noon till 6 pm, the Secretary read the comparative statement.

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Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 44.17.6
9 months	459.9.0
Total revenue of month	189.9.2
9 months	1433.1.8
New members during month	4
9 th	52
Balance in Bank	£ 405.9.6
Surplus Dep ^t	300.0.0

Done C. Carr,
6 Nov 1902

Thursday 6th November 1902

The General Committee met at 8 pm
 Mr Carr President, chair
 Rudden Vice Pres
 Daniel
 Bliffe
 Capps
 Rook
 Grant ^{Nov}

Apology for absence of Mr Hamilton & Mr Callaway

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

The Secretary reported that about a week after the last meeting Mr H S Barlow, who had gone on to spend a few weeks with a friend at Cobden, died suddenly from an attack of apoplexy.

Death of Mr Barlow

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood and Mr Capps that the expression of the deep regret of the Committee be recorded on the minutes, and that a letter of condolence be sent to his nearest relative.

Mechanics' Institute

The Melbourne Athenaeum

The Secretary read a letter from Messrs Eggleston, Solicitors, stating that in registering the mortgage they were met with an objection by the Examiner of Titles that the property was originally acquired by the Trustees of the Melbourne Mechanics' Institute and that by the Rules of that Institute as lodged in the Titles' Office at the date of the acquisition of the property, there was no power of mortgaging provided. The Solicitors said they had nothing to show that the Athenaeum is the same body as the Mechanics' Institute, and that they would be glad to have full information as to the connection between the two.

The Secretary informed the Committee

that this was the first time the objection had been raised, although motions had been made and renewed six or seven times since the change of the name of the Institution which was made at a special general meeting held 30th October 1872. He had allowed Mr Eggleston Junr to take a copy of the minutes of the meeting.

A letter was read from the Journal Printer stating that the Journal could not be supplied in future unless paid for.

Resolved that a copy be paid for

Government Gazette

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. 8. 4
 Accounts amounting to £ 25. 5. 3 have been examined and found correct. It is recommended that the Librarian's salary be increased to 10/- per week, agreeably with promise. Resolved, on motion of Mr Daniel & Mr Hood that the Report be adopted.

The House Committee reported as follows:—
 Your Committee beg to report that A/cs amounting to £ 24. 17. 0 have been examined and found correct.
 Resolved, on motion of Mr Carr & Mr Apps, that the report be adopted.

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

Salaries & wages	£ 32. 15. 4
Fuel	18. 6. 6
Rent	8. 2. 9
Printing & paper	5. 17. 3
Dr. Office expenses	5. 18. 0
Medical & Matron A/cs	5. 3. 18
Reamers' papers	2. 9. 18
Sundry A/cs	4. 15. 0
	£ 81. 17. 7

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rastle and Mr Apps, that the report be adopted.

The Secretary read the comparative statement.

Secretary's statement

Subscription for the month £ 44. 1. 0
 10 " 503. 10. 0
 Total revenue of month £ 603. 12. 7
 10 months 1596. 14. 3
 New members during month 4
 10 months 52
 Balance in Bank £ 358. 14. 5
 Fixed Deposits £ 300
 Daniel C. Carr
 4/12/02

Thursdayth Dec 1902

The General Committee met at 8 pm
Mr Garry Presided chair
Daniel
Opps
Stood
Downward
Rev Mr Churnet

Apology for absence of Mr Raden, Mr Duff, Mr
Gallamy & Mr Rennie

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

The Library Committee reported as follows:
Your committee beg to report
that the vols have been added to the Library at a
cost of £2.18.6. Also amounting to £6.0.10
have been examined and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Stood and
Mr Daniel that the Report be adopted.

The House Committee reported as follows:

Your committee beg to recommend that the
arrangements for the holidays be as follows: - Library
and Reading-room to be closed Dec 25th & 26th and
Jan 1st. Library to be closed also 27th Dec.
Accounts amounting to £18.17.6 examined
and found correct

Resolved, on motion of Mr Garry and
Mr Stood 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

Holidays

them correct. Payment is accounted of the following A/cs.

Salaries & Wages	36.13.4
For October	14.9.6
Middle & Miller, Books	3.19.6
J W Runny Papers	2.8.4
William Dean Reports	1.14.0
For Oct funds £0.18.0	} 2.17.0
Swing A/c 1.17.0	
Balust an A/c page	320.0.0
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	£ 352.1.8

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

The Secretary read the Comparative statement.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month	£40.5.0
" " " " " "	543.15.0
Total revenue of month	155.8.0
" " " " " "	1752.2.3
New members during month	6
" " " " " "	11 months 58

Dalquin Bank	£49.3.2
Bank Deposits	£300.
Daniel G. Carr	15/1/03