

Thursday 15th January 1903

The General Committee met at 8 pm
Mr Leese President. Chair
Rennie Treasurer
Lush
Capps
Downward
Rooke
Hood

Apology for absence of Revd Mr Oshesby, Messrs
Hamilton, Cliffe, & Alloway & Grant.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Library Committee reported as follows:-
Your Committee beg to report that they have
examined accounts amounting to £20.15.1 and
found them correct.

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

The House Committee reported as follows:-
Your Committee beg to report that they
have examined accounts amounting to £35.1.4
and found them correct.

Mr Smith has gone for his holidays, we
have requested Mr Curtis to attend in his office
from 10 in the morning, and also in the afternoon
during Mr Smith's absence, on the same terms as last
year.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Leese & 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 1902 and found them correct.

Payment is recommended of the following A/c:-

Salaries and wages	£ 33 - 5.4
Gas	11 - 2.0
Print & Post Bd of Works Sewer con.	8 - 10.7
Furniture & Printing Stationery	7 - 13.16
Leasehold Building & Electricity	9 - 7.4
Maintenance & Multiple Repairs	3 - 16.8
George Robertson, Revd	3 - 2.3
Mr W. Rennie, Papers	2 - 8.4
Mr D. Rennie, Repairs	1 - 10.0
Leasehold & Seymour funds	1 - 4.9
Gas Coy funds	1 - 4.6
Sundry A/c's & Petty Cash	8 - 0.6
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	£ 94 - 1 - 9

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

The Secretary and the draft of the Annual Report &
the Balance Sheet. They were adopted, on the motion of
Mr Rennie & Mr Hood. The Balance Sheet was referred to the
Auditors.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 47.12.6
12 months	591.7.6
Total revenue of month	243.9.10
12 months	1995.12.1
New members during month	3
12 months	68
Balance in Bank	£ 289.2.10
Reserve Deposits	£ 300.

Confirmed
5/2/03
Mark Wood
Chairman

Annual General Meeting of Members

Wednesday 28th January 1903

The Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Institution was held in the Upper Hall at 8 p.m. The Chair was taken by Mr D. C. Carr, the President. The Secretary read the advertisement of the meeting, confirmed in accordance with the provisions of Rule 20. Minutes of last Annual meeting read and confirmed.

The Annual Report and the Balance Sheet having been previously circulated among the members, were, on motion, taken as read, and were adopted on the motion of the Chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

OF THE

Melbourne Athenæum,

FOR THE YEAR 1902.

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

The gross receipts of the year amount to £1995 12s. 1d., and the expenditure to £2039 1s. The details are given in the Balance Sheet appended to this Report.

The number of members on the roll is 620, of whom 61 joined during the year.

The number of volumes added to the library during the year was 140; the total number of works issued to subscribers was 18,008, and 5148 magazines.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

YEAR.	No. of Subscribing Members.	New Members.	Volumes Added.	Works Circulated.	Magazines Circulated.
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	5,960
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	20,552	5,507
1901	665	69	180	19,649	5,235
1902	620	61	140	18,008	5,148

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

CLASSIFICATION.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.
Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics	1	4	3	3
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts	3	1	8	2
Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence	1,107	944	680	649
Classics and Philology	18	12	8	8
Fine Arts	4	4	5	1
Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works	1,277	1,157	782	694
History and Historical Memoirs	504	370	352	256
Jurisprudence and Legislation	1	1	1	1
Medical Science and Chemistry	1	1	1	1
Miscellaneous and Collected Works	395	354	293	265
Natural History and Botany	8	8	11	21
Works of Fiction	17,358	15,831	16,175	15,047
Music	1	1	1	1
Periodical Literature	1,978	1,538	1,025	853
Philosophy and General Science	129	117	105	73
Poetry and the Drama	95	61	68	48
Politics	26	25	24	13
Religious & Ecclesiastical Works	37	31	14	18
Juvenile Works	143	93	93	54
Total	23,086	20,553	19,649	18,008

The number of visitors introduced by members, under the provision of Rule 19, was 85.

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.
- An Historical Sketch of Sacerdotal Celibacy in the Christian Church, by H. C. Lea, presented by H. K. Rusden, Esq.
- Victorian Year Book, 1895 to 1898, presented by J. J. Fenton, Esq., Government Statist.
- Transactions and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria, Vol. XXXVIII, New Series, presented by the Council of the Royal Society.
- The Vaccination Inquirer and Health Review, forwarded monthly by Mr. J. Carson.
- Volume XXXII, 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, D. C. Carr; Vice-President, H. K. Rusden; Treasurer, C. Rennie; Committee—Messrs. Barlow, Hood, Iliffe, Daniel, Rooke, and Apps.

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

The President, Mr. D. C. CARR	attended	12
The Vice-President, Mr. H. K. RUSDEN	"	9
The Treasurer, Mr. CHARLES RENNIE	"	6

COMMITTEE:

Mr. Apps	attended	10	Rev. Mr. Abernethy	attended	9
Mr. Barlow	"	9	Mr. Callaway	"	6
Mr. Daniel	"	10	Mr. Downward	"	6
Mr. Hood	"	11	Mr. Grant	"	9
Mr. Iliffe	"	8	Mr. Hamilton	"	7
Mr. Rooke	"	10	Mr. Lush	"	5

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. Hamilton	10	Mr. Barlow	6	Mr. Rennie	7
(Chairman)		(Chairman)		(Chairman)	
Rev. Mr. Abernethy	10	Mr. Apps	-	Mr. Barlow	7
Mr. Callaway	11	Mr. Carr	10	Mr. Callaway	7
Mr. Daniel	10	Mr. Grant	6	Mr. Downward	2
Mr. Grant	10	Mr. Hood	9	Mr. Grant	9
Mr. Hood	7	Mr. Iliffe	9	Mr. Rooke	9
Mr. Lush	4	Mr. Rusden	4	Mr. Rusden	7
Mr. Rusden	7				

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following Members of Committee retire from office, but are eligible for re-election, viz.:—Rev. Mr. Abernethy, Messrs. Callaway, Downward, Grant, Hamilton, and Lush.

During the year, Mr. H. S. Barlow, who for many years had been a valued member of the Committee, expired suddenly while on a holiday trip in the country.

Members are reminded that they may make nominations to fill the vacancies at the end of the Annual Meeting (which the members are earnestly requested to attend), to be held on Wednesday, 28th January, 1903.

D. C. CARR,
President.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the Year ending 31st December, 1902.

To Balance in Bank and Fixed Deposit	£632 11 9	By Interest on Mortgage	£640 0 0
Subscriptions	£591 7 6	Salaries and Wages	408 1 0
Rent of Front Shops	615 0 0	Books, Magazines, and Newspapers	326 17 10
" Large Hall	398 3 2	Rates	180 15 0
" Small Hall	208 11 0	Gas	173 9 0
" Rooms	123 12 8	Repairs, Goods, and Sundries ..	135 10 11
Sales	19 17 9	Binding	40 10 10
Interest	9 0 0	Insurance	43 10 11
	1,995 12 1	Sewer Connections	36 0 8
		Gratuity to Secretary & Librarian	25 0 0
		Postage, Stationery and Petty Cash	15 14 4
		Advertising and Printing	9 6 6
		Auditors	4 4 0
			£2,039 1 0
		Balance in Bank	289 2 10
		Fixed Deposits	300 0 0
			589 2 10
			£2,628 3 10

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 ..	199 2 4
" Furniture	750 0 0	Balance	21,640 0 6
Balance in Bank and Fixed Deposit	589 2 10		
	£37,839 2 10		

Audited and found correct.

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

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

MELBOURNE, 30th January, 1903.

The following gentlemen were appointed ^{to} ~~Auditors~~ ^{Committees} to conduct the election - if required Messrs Defty, Schreiber, Lee, and Cuthill.

Mr Rainey and Mr Wilson were re-elected Auditors.

The President announced that nominations for Office Bearers and members of Committee would be received at the termination of the meeting.

Votes of thanks to the retiring officers & members of Committee were carried, and also to the Secretary and Librarian.

Mr H K Rusden was nominated for President

There were no nominations made for President and Vice President.

Mr Rennie was nominated for re-election as Treasurer

The following gentlemen were duly nominated as members of Committee: -

- Rev W Churnethy
- Mr Callaway
- Downward
- Hamillan
- hugh
- G. Walker.

As there was an opposition they were duly elected, and also Mr Rennie the Treasurer.

Mr Rusden was elected President, & Mr Rennie Treasurer

H. A. Rusden
President
27 Jan 04

Thursday 5th Feb 1903

The Committee met at 8 pm.

Mr Hood, chair

Daniel

Apps

Rooke

Callaway

Walker

Rev W Churnethy

The Chair, in the absence of the President, was taken by Mr Martin Hood, on the motion of Mr Daniel the Chairman introduced the newly elected member, Mr Walker.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting read for information. They were considered correct.

Mr Daniel apologized for his absence from the Annual General Meeting.

The Library Committee reported as follows: -

Your Committee beg to report that nine vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £2.4.3 Accounts amounting to £20.14.3 have been 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 have examined and found correct accounts amounting to £26.2.3.

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

Thursday 5th March 1903

The Committee met at 8 p.m.
 Mr H K Rusden, President. Chair
 Rennie Treasurer
 Revd Mr Abernethy
 Mr Lush
 Nord
 Callaway
 Apps
 Carr
 Walker
 Daniel
 Downward
 Rooke

Mr H K Rusden, the new President, having taken the chair, returned thanks to the Committee, also, through them, to the members for his election.

Minutes of the previous meeting read & confirmed.

Mr Hamilton
Vice President

The President declared Mr Talbot Hamilton duly elected as Vice President.

The Library Committee reported as follows:
 Your Committee beg to report that they have re-elected Mr Hamilton as chairman for the year. 31 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £7. 8. 9. A/c's amounting to £90. 14. 4 have been examined & found correct.

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

The House Committee's Report
 Your Committee beg to report that they have elected Mr Hood chairman for the year. Mr Curtis has applied for his usual

The Finance Com^{tee} reported as follows:
 Your Com^{tee} beg to report that they have audited the A/c's for January, and found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following A/c's:

Salaries & Wages	£ 96.3.4
For Sec	15.11.0
Mr Curtis. Extra attendance	10.0.0
Gordon & Gotech. Newspapers	8.14.9
Andi Cott. Brunner's Paper	4.4.0
Postage of Annual Reports	2.15.0
Sands & McDougall. Dunsby & Co	1.5.0
Dehmet. Building	1.4.0
Sundry A/c's	2.0.9
	<u>£ 82.19.10</u>

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

Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway, & Revd Mr Abernethy that the sub-committees be as last year, except that Mr Walker be added to Finance Committee.

Mr Hamilton was nominated as Vice President on the motion by Mr Callaway and Revd Mr Abernethy, as no one had been nominated at the Annual Meeting.

Secretary's Statement

Subscription for the month	£30.10.6
Total revenue of month	156.0.10
New members during '2	2
Balance in Bank	£351.1.11
Int'd Deposits	£300

H K Rusden
 5.3.03

annual holiday to commence 7th March. It is recommended that the next meeting of the General Committee be held on 9th instead of 2nd April, as Mr Carr would not be back in time to have his work ready for 2nd.
 A/cs amounting to £74.9.0 have been examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood & Mr Carr, 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 the A/cs for February have been audited & found correct. Payment is recommended of the following A/cs.

Salaries & Wages	£ 39.5.4
Wholesale Periodicals	50.5.9
Hull & Mr B's of W's Rates	45.7.6
Wm Dawson Lib. Papers	23.1.0
Gas	20.10.6
Insurance Rates & Uninsured. Costs	6.6.0
Armstrong's hi papers	6.5.5
Stallard & Co Printing	5.2.6
Melville & Muller Books	3.14.11
J W Bunney papers	2.5.0
Armstrong advertising	1.2.0
Sundry A/cs	1.2.9
	£ 198.8.8

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

The Secretary reported the death of Hon Nathan Thornley M.L.C. - one of our Trustees.

Resolved on motion of Mr Hood and Mr Carr that a letter of condolence be sent to Mrs Thornley.

The nomination of a gentleman to fill the vacancy on the Trust was postponed till next night of meeting.

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month	£57.11.6
" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	95.10.0
Total Revenue of month	£160.16.9
" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	316.17.7
New Numbers during month	5
" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	7
Balance in Bank	£425.18.10
Hand Deposit	£300

Confirmed
 A H Parker
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Thursday 9th April 1903

- The Committee met at 8 pm
- Mr Rusden Pres. chair
 - Mr Hamilton Vice Pres
 - Rev Mr Abernethy
 - Mr Rooke
 - Walker
 - Hood
 - Capps
 - Downward
 - Stiffe
 - Daniel

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

A letter was read from Mr Thornley returning thanks for the letter of condolence for the death of his husband.

A letter was read from the Librarian, Mr Smith, asking for a gratuity for work done during the absence of Mr Curtis.

Moved by Rev Mr Abernethy, seconded by Mr Hamilton that a gratuity of ten pounds be given to Mr Smith. Mr Stiffe moved as an amendment that Mr Smith's salary be not increased. It was not seconded, and the motion was carried.

The Library Committee reported as follows:-

Your Comtee beg to report that 27 vols have been added to the library at a cost of £44 18 9. Accounts amounting to £37 9 10 have been 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 Comtee beg to report that they have received a second letter from the Public Health Department, in which suggestions are made with reference to certain alterations which they ask to have made

Public Health Dept

in the Building, especially with regard to increased express space. Your Comtee have well considered the matter, and they recommend that the following reply be sent:-

"I beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of a copy of the plan alluded to in your letter previously received. The matter of the letter has been considered by the Committee, and I have been instructed to reply as follows:-

The Committee thought that the guarantee, which they have given in accordance with your suggestion, to limit the number of admissions to the Building at any one time, would be sufficient to meet the requirements of the case.

The Committee would remind the Department that, when the Large Hall was constructed, the conditions of the Board of Health were all complied with. When the new Small Building was subsequently erected, all the requirements of the Public Health Department were carried into effect - many of them at great expense, and some at the risk of injuring the Hall.

It appears to the Committee more advisable to be now asked to make changes which were not then asked for, and the cost of which would be far greater now than then." J. M. Curtis Secy.

Accounts amounting to £78 10 10 have been examined and found correct.

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

The Finance Committee reported as follows:-

Your Comtee beg to report that they have audited the Aps for March and found them correct - Payment is herein made of the following Aps:-

Salaries & wages	£32. 15. 4
Rates	56. 5. 06
Sewer Rates	28. 13. 11
Gas	10. 3
Building £5.9.2	18. 10
Paper £29.8	3. 16. 5
undry apes	
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	148 16 0

Resolved, on motion of Mr Walker and Mr Rooke, that the Report be adopted.

Trustee

Nomination of Trustee

Proposed by Mr Stand ^{seconded by Rev W Abernethy} that Mr George Lush be ~~electe~~ ^{nominated as} Trustee.

Easton
Thursday

It was resolved, on motion of Mr Hamilton that the Easton Holidays be the same as last year. That is that the Reading Room be open on the Saturday & Sunday, and the Library be closed on the four days.

The Comparative Statement was read.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month	£43.1.6
3 months	131.6.6
Total revenue of month	124.2.6
3 months	441.0.1
New members during month	5
3 months	12
Balance in Bank	£3374.12.8
Traffic Deposits	300

A. H. Reading
7.5.03

Thursday 7th May 1903

The Committee met at 8 pm
Mr Rusden Pres. Chair
Rennie Treasurer
Rooke
Hood
Walker
Larr
Appts
Daniel

Apology for absence of Mr Lush, Mr Callaway and Mr Bliff.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

The Library Committee reported as follows:—

Your Comtee beg to report that 14 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £28.9.9
Appts amounting to £16.9.9 have been exp^d found correct.
Resolved, on motion of Rev W Abernethy & Mr Daniel that the Report be adopted.

The House Committee reported as follows

Your Comtee beg to report that Appts amounting to £48.4.6 have been exp^d & found correct.
Resolved, on motion of Mr Larr & Mr Hood that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—

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

Surveys & other Salaries & wages	£ 32.15.4
Gas March	13.2.0
Insurances	35.1.0
Books	7.6.4
Newspapers	6.0.7
London Sunday Papers	2.9.8
General Admission	18.0
Petty Cash	5.0.0
	£ 102.9.5

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

Mr G. Lush
Trustee
The Chairman declared Mr George Lush to be duly elected a Trustee of the Institution
The Secretary read the comparative statement.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 46.18.0
4 months	178.4.0
Total revenue of month	120.4.7
4 months	561.4.8
New members during month	5
4 months	17
Balance in Bank	£ 316.1.3
Fixed Deposits	300.0.0

A. R. Madden
President
4-6-03

Thursday 4th June 1903

The Committee met at 8¹⁵ P.M.
Mr Rudden President Chair
Rev Mr Aburnethy
Mr Lean
Mr Hook
Mr Callaway
Mr Rooke
Mr Walker
Daniel

Apology for the absence of Mr Rennie & Mr Hamilton

A letter was received from the Secretary of the Public Health Department with reference to their suggested changes in modes of egress from the Building. Resolved that the letter be acknowledged & be referred to the House Committee for Report

The Library Committee reported as follows.

Your Committee beg to report that 14 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £2.0.0

The newspaper list has been considered, and the following reductions are recommended: 2 copies less of Argus, 2 of Age, & 3 of Herald

The Librarian has suggested the advisability of purchasing a copy of the Century Dictionary and the Supplementary vols of the Encyclopaedia Britannica. The matter has been considered by us, and it has been decided to leave it for the consideration of the General Committee.

Also amounting to £9.4s. 5 pence & spent on
Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway & Rev Mr Aburnethy, that the Report be adopted

It was then resolved, on motion of Mr Walker & Rev Mr Aburnethy, that the Librarian's suggestions be not complied with - owing to the state of our finances.

The House Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the accounts for 1892, 1893 & found them correct

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

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—

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

Salaries & wages	36.8.4
Gas	14.13.6
Melville & Mullum	3.2.9
Debit to Bank	2.13.6
Mummy - paper	2.10.2
Debit to cash	1.14.6
Sundry items	1.0.3
Balance on 1st July 1892	320.0.0
<u>Total</u>	<u>382.12.0</u>

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

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for 5 months	£ 69.15.0
Total revenue of 5 months	247.19.6
Less 5 months	194.5.6
New members during month	10
5 months	27

Balance in Bank £ 7407.17.4
 £ deposits 300.0.0
 D. C. Carr
 2 July 1903

Thursday 2nd July 1903

The Committee met at 8 p.m.

Mr Carr chair

Apps

Road

Downward

Lush

Rennie

Rooker

Daniel

Rev W Abernethy

An apology for the absence of the President, Mr Rennie and Mr Callaway.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

The Library Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that 24 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £6.0.7. Apps amounting to £12.14.9 have been examined & found correct.

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

The House Committee's meeting lapse for want of a quorum, Mr Carr being the only member present. He examined the accounts for £17.8.7 & found them correct.

The Finance Committee reported having audited the accounts for June, which were found correct. They recommended payment of the following items:—

Salaries & wages	33.5.4
Gas	14.5.6
Melville & Mullum Books	5.8.9
Printery	5.0.6
Sundry items	4.9.1
<u>Total</u>	<u>62.8.8</u>

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

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month £52.8.6
6 months 300.8.0

Total revenue of month 204.15.9
6 months 960.5.11

New members during month 10
6 months 37

Balance in Bank £229.16.1
Fund Dep 300

A. H. M. M. M.
6.8.03

Thursday 6th August 1903

The Committee met at 8 pm.
Mr Rarden chair

Howd

O'Byrne

Gamil

Kellam

Rooke

Red Mr Abernethy.

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed

The Library Comtee reported as follows.

Your letter reports that 17 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £3.12.1. An amount of £26.19.1 has been expended & found good. Resolved, in motion of Mr Kellam & Red Mr Abernethy, that the Report be adopted.

The Assoc Comtee report.

That they have considered the letter from the Board of Health referred to them by you, and beg to recommend that a deputation from the following members shall wait on the Board, viz: - the three Trustees the Treasurer, the Chairman of the Board Comtee (Mr Howd) Mr Gamil & Mr Walker.

The Chess Club has written to know if we would let the room off the Vestibule, at the foot of the stairs (now used as a cloak room); if so, on what terms. Your Comtee, having thoroughly considered the subject, cannot recommend that it be let.

The Physiological & Health Society have asked on what terms we would let the Upper Hall to them for one night a week throughout the Year. Your Comtee recommends that the rent be £4.0 per annum.

Messrs Smith & Johnson, Architects, have written, offering to sell us the plans of our Building for £15. Your Comtee do not see that the plans would be of much if any use to us,

but think that if the Architects will sell them for £5, we should purchase them.
 Apps amounting to £66.17.1 have been examined and found correct.
 Mr Board moved that Apps recorded the adoption of the Report.

An amendment was moved by Rev Mr Abernethy seconded by Mr Rooke, that the petition referring to the letting to the chess club be referred to the sub-committee recommended. The amendment was carried, and the rest of the Report adopted.

The Finance Ctee reported as follows:-

Your Ctee beg to report that they have audited the Aps for July and found them correct.

A Fixed Deposit for £150 @ 3% in the Bank of Australasia falls due 20th inst. It is recommended that it be redeposited.

Payment is recommended of the following Aps:-

Salaries & Wages	33 . 5 . 4
Loan Rate	33 . 15 . 0
Gas	22 . 3 . 0
Rent	11 . 10 . 2
Milk & Milk 17 Weeks	80 . 12 . 7
Bunney Papers	4 . 9 . 11
for Robertson Books	1 . 15 . 11
Gas for Funds	1 . 10 . 2
Milkhouse Punch	18 . 0
Sundry Aps	2 . 12 . 6

£ 126. 14 . 6

Resolved, on motion of Mr Lally and Mr Rooke, that the Report be adopted

The Secretary read the Comparative statement

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month £36.6.0
 7 months 316.14.0

Total revenue of month 119.2.0
 7 months 1079.7.11

New members during month 3
 7 months 40

Balance in Bank £286.9.5
 Fixed Deposits 300.0.0

A. K. Hudson
 3-9-03

Thursday 3rd September 1903

The Committee met at 8 pm.

Mr Rusden Pres Chair
Hamilton V.P.

Lusk
Downard
Hood
Callaway
Carr
Opps
Walker

An apology for absence of Mr Rennie. Treasurer

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

Report of Library Committee

Your Committee beg to report that 18 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £1.5.0 Accounts amounting to £99.14.4 have been examined and found correct.

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

Resolved, on motion of Mr Lusk and Mr Downard, that "With the view of keeping the Library up to date, the Finance Committee be requested to state what sum per month, on an average, can be spared for the purchase of books."

The House Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that no further communication has been received from the Board of Health. The contemplated letting of the cloak room to the Chess Club has not been completed. An offer has been made from the Phrenological & Health Society to let the small hall once a week and the cloak room for fifty pounds per annum

It is recommended that it be accepted. Messrs Smith & Jordan, Architects, have sold us the plans of our Building for five pounds

It is recommended that the red baize in the Large Hall be removed and that the Hall be remounted Accounts amounting to £26.6.9 have been examined and found correct.

Moved by Mr Hood, seconded by Mr Carr, that the Report be adopted.

An amendment was moved by Mr Lusk, seconded by Mr Callaway, that with reference to the renovation of the Large Hall, the Finance Committee be requested to furnish further information, including the probable cost.

The amendment was carried, and the rest of the Report be adopted.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for August, and found them correct. A fixed deposit of £150 falls due 9th Sept. It is recommended that it be redeposited for 12 months. The following A/cs are recommended for payment

Salaries & Wages	£ 36 . 3 . 4
Magazines & Papers	77 . 16 . 5
Jan. Fuel	16 . 5
Jordan & Smith's papers	9 . 10 . 3
Smith & Jordan. Plans	5
Armstrong's Agency papers	4 . 19 . 4
Melville & Mullen Books	4 . 11 . 8
Bookie Repairs	3 . 13 . 6
Runney Papers	1 . 19 . 4
Rowland Smith Coal	1 . 3 . 6
Deferred Reading	17 . 4
Livery A/cs	5 . 4 . 7
	£ 167 . 4 . 3

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

The Secretary read the comparative statement

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month £55.19.0
8 months 392.13.0

Total Revenue of month £174.16.0
8 months 1254.3.11

New members during month 7
8 months 47

Balance in Bank £334.10.11
S. dep 300.0.0

A. B. B. B.

Thursday 1st October 1903

The Committee met at 8 pm
Mr Barden President Clerk
Mr Hamilton Vice President
Rennie Treasurer
Lush
Micks
Stood
Carr
Walker
Daniel
Apps
Rooke

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

The Library Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that 25 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £4.14.4. Accounts amounting to £7.7.7 have been examined & found correct.

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

The House Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited Apps amounting to £62.19.9 and found them correct.

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

The Finance Committee reported

as follows:—
Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the Apps for September and found them correct. They have considered the matter referred to them by you as to the amount that may be spent on books (exclusive of magazines) and they think an average

amount of five pounds per month can be spared at present. The following A/c have been examined and found correct:

Salaries & Wages	£ 93.5.4
Milk & Butter B ^d of Works	45.7.6
Gas	15.17.0
Expenses	8.8.11
Melville & Muller Books	4.5.1
Coal	1.3.6
Sundry A/c	3.14.3
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	£ 112.1.7

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

Board of Health.

Mr Meeks reported that he & Mr Head and Mr Lane had interviewed the Board of Health and had had a long conversation with them in reference to the changes which the Board are endeavoring to persuade the Co to make in our Building - particularly as regards additional means of egress. The matter was well discussed. Mr Meeks explained our position to the Board. No definite decision was arrived at by the Board, but it was suggested that two or three members of it should meet some members of our Committee, and inspect the Building with them.

The committee had a long conversation about the matter, but the further consideration of it was postponed.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr Meeks for the trouble he had taken in the matter.

The Secretary read the comparative statement of receipts and expenditure for financial months of 1903-2
 J. H. Meeks
 5.11.03

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month £22.12.0
 9 months 417.7.0

Total Revenue of the month £143.1.6
 9 months 1397.5.5

New members during month 2
 9 months 49

Balance in Bank £310.8.2
 Fund Dep 300.0.0

Thursday 5th Nov 1903

The Committee met at 8 p.m.
 Mr Runden Pres Chair
 Reena Treasurer
 Rev W Abernethy
 Mr Walker
 Downward
 Hood
 Carr
 Rostke
 Daniel

Apology for absence of Mr Callaway.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

The Library Comtee reported as follows
 Yours Comtee beg to report that 29 vols have
 been added to the Library at a cost of £6.5.11
 It is recommended that weekly editions of the
 New Zealand papers be taken instead of daily.
 A/cs amounting to £10.16.8 have been examined
 and found correct.
 Resolved, on motion of Rev W Abernethy
 and Mr Hood, that the Report be adopted.

The House Committee reported as follows:-
 Yours Comtee beg to report that they have
 examined A/cs amounting to £24.17.9 and
 found them correct.
 Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood and
 Mr Carr, that the Report be adopted.

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

Salaries and Wages	£36.3.4
Gas	14.13.6
Mills & Millers Bd of Works Sewer	8.12.1
Melville & Mullica, Books	4.16.1
J W Runney Tr papers (2 months)	3.19.7
Messrs Punch	18D
Sundry A/cs	2.15.2
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	£71.7.9

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

The Secretary read the comparative statement.

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£37.11.6
10 months	454.18.6
Total Revenue of month	112.1.7
10 "	1488.1.8
Balance in Bank	
new members during month	5
10 "	54
Balance in Bank	£345.1.7
T. D	300.0.0

W. Runden
 3.12.03

Thursday 3rd Dec 1903

The Committee met at 8 p.m.
Mr Rusden, chair
Rennie
Hamilton
Walker
Leach
Hoad
Ruske
Capps
Dorchester
Daniel
Lusk

Apology for absence of Rev Mr Abbot by and
Mr Callaway.
Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

The Library Committee reported as follows:
Your Comtee beg to report that 29 vols have
been added to the library at a cost of £9.16.5.
Accounts amounting to £25.7.6 have been examined
and found correct.
Resolved, on motion of Mr Hamilton &
Mr Hoad that the Report be adopted.

The House Committee reported that they had
examined Aps amounting to £17.8.3, and found
them correct. The Report was adopted, on the
motion of Mr Hoad & Mr Leach.

The Finance Comtee reported as follows:
Your Comtee beg to report that they have audited
the Aps for Proctor, and found them correct. The
Royal Metropolitan Liedertafel owed a whole year's
rent (£80) and have paid only £15. It is recorded

that a letter be sent to them, drawing their attention to the
matter, and asking for the balance, and also pointing out the
undesirability of getting so far in arrears. Pay roll is recorded
of the following Aps

Salaries & Wages	£ 33 . 5 . 4
Gas	14 . 16 . 6
Printing	12 . 7 . 8
Industrial & Musical Books	6 . 2 . 11
Armstrong's Papers	4 . 19 . 4
Bunny Papers	1 . 17 . 5
Kemp's repairs	1 . 13 . 1
Dupin repairs	18 . 8
Interest on Mortgage	320 . 0 . 0
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	394 . 0 . 11

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hoad & Mr Ruske, that the Report be adopted.

The President & Vice President were appointed a sub comtee to draft
the Annual Report.
Resolved that the next meeting be on Thursday 14th Jan 04.
The Secretary read the Comparative Statement

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for month	£ 26 . 3 . 6
11 months	284 . 2 . 0
Total amount of month	200 . 17 . 0
11 months	1744 . 17 . 0
New members during month 1	
11 months 53	
Balance in Bank	£ 474 . 0 . 10
To D	300 . 0 . 0

A. H. Rusden
14-1-04