

Friday 13th January 1905

The Committee met at 4.45 p.m.

Mr Rooker Vice Pres chair

Rennie Treasurer

Leard

Kent

Downward

Leallaway

Walker

Daniel

Head

Apology for the absence of Mr Defty.
Minutes of previous meetings read and confirmed

Architect's
Report
Board
of Health

The Secretary read a Report from the Architect on the Report of the Board of Health with regard to Improvements and changes in the Building.

On the motion of Mr Rennie, it was resolved that it be referred to the House Committee for report.

The Library Committee reported:-

Your Committee beg to report that 13 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £4.18.6 plus amounting to £17.19.1 have been repaired & found correct.

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

The House Committee reported:-

Your Committee beg to report that the Secy of the Lord Church of Christ, Scientist has written to know how much extra would be charged if the Large Hall be used on Sundays instead of the Small Hall. It is recommended that £1 extra per Sunday be charged.

Lord Church
of Christ,
Scientist

The stairs leading to the basement from the door of the Secretary's office, and also those from the Refreshment Room to the area are badly in want of

repairs. Mr Kemp has submitted a price for putting both of them in thorough order for £12.16.6. It is recommended that he shall do so. Accounts amounting to £71.5.2 have been examined & found correct.

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

Report of Finance Committee:-

Your Committee beg to report that Mr Leallaway asked that the letter from the Lord Church of Christ, Scientist be read. This having been done, he informed the Committee that the Church wished to know if, by guaranteeing to rent the Hall for a period of not less than two years, they could have the Large Hall on Sundays, and at what rent. He said that a suitable place had been offered to them for £150 a year. He moved that the rent for the Large Hall on Sundays, and the Small Hall on Wednesdays be £3 per week. Mr Rennie thought that price rather low, and suggested £4. It was ultimately resolved that the price be £3.10.0 per week.

Report of the Finance Committee:-

Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for December, and found them correct. The Balance Sheet has been inspected by us, and is considered satisfactory.

Bonus

The question of granting a gratuity to the Officers and servants of the Institution was mooted in the House Committee, and was referred by that Committee to the Finance Committee for a recommendation. It is recommended that the following amounts be paid:-

- Secretary £ 15
- Librarian 15
- Hallkeeper 2.10
- Helper 1.10

It is further recommended that, in lieu of a gratuity to the Lad, he be granted an increase of 2/6 a week to his wages, if such increase be not repugnant to the terms of his engagement.

The following A/cs are recommended for payment:

Salaries & Wages	£ 36 3.4
Alex ^r Kemp, Library Shelves & Repair	30.5.11
Melrop for the Gas to 2/12/04	20.10.0
Melb & Melrop Board of Works. Sewer	8.3.9
McNulle & Mullen Books	7.5.7
J. W. Dunney for papers 3 months	5.17.6
Rev'd A. R. Eyles. Refund	5.0.0
J. J. Henderson. Commission	2.10.0
Bendigo Adventure	1.19.0
Robt & Engin. Repairs	1.8.6
Gas Coy. funds	1.5.6
Sands & the Donnell. Director	1.5.0
Sundry A/cs	8.13.6
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Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Callaway that the Report be adopted with the understanding that the matter of the gratuities be taken as a matter of motion for the next meeting.

The Annual Report & Balance Sheet were taken as read, and were adopted, subject to the Balance Sheet being submitted to the Auditors for audit.

Thomas Doole
President

COMMERCIAL BANK CHAMBERS "THE SHALTO"
407 COLLINS STREET.

Melbourne, 23 January 1905

To The Members of The ^{Melbourne} Athenaeum.

Gentlemen,
I much regret that ~~absence~~ absence from town will prevent my being present at the annual meeting on Wednesday inst.
I am glad, at the end of my year of office as President to be able to congratulate the members on the improved receipts from letting the main hall which is our main source of revenue, and I trust that the improvement may be permanent. At the same time I must admit that the general financial outlook of the institution is anything but an inspiring one. During the last 12 years we have lost 50 per cent of our members and the decrease is steadily continuing. There are now only 496 members on the roll and some of these are temporary subscribers only. The total receipts from this source last year was only £483.
As the majority of the present subscribers are men of over middle age, it seems only a matter of a few years for the Athenaeum to cease to exist as a body, unless we can secure an influx of younger members.
I cannot but think that the advantages of this institution are practically unknown to the general public. For one guinea a year, members have access to a library of some 20,000 volumes, which is being added to every month, all the

principal English magazines & periodicals
with some foreign ones, and I think that if
this were more generally understood, we
might fairly hope for an increase of members
next year instead of the usual decrease.
I think most members will agree with me
that the late alterations to the library have
been an improvement and they have been
effected at a very reasonable price & have
given us room for all the new books for some
years to come.

We are however faced with a serious difficulty
by the requirements of the Board of Health.
To comply with these fully, would reduce the
attendance to a state of insolvency with its
present meagre income; something however
must be done in the matter, and we shall
at no distant period have to consider the
~~the~~ question of the renovation of the large
Hall which is at present in anything but
a satisfactory condition.

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Gentlemen

Yrs faithfully

J. Hamilton

President.

Annual Meeting of Members

Wednesday 25th January
1905

The Annual Meeting of Members
was held in the Library of the Institution at 8 p.m.

The chair was taken, in the absence of the
President, by the Vice President, Mr T. Rooke.

The Secretary read the advertisement of the
meeting which was duly convened, in accordance
with Rule 20.

A letter was read from the President,
Mr J. Hamilton, apologising for his absence from
the meeting through being out of town. He also
gave some of his views of the present state and
prospects of the Institution.

The Annual Report and Balance Sheet
having been circulated among the members,
it was resolved that they be taken as read,
and be received.

The ~~was~~ President then, moved that they
be adopted. The motion was seconded
and carried.

It was resolved that the following
members shall be scrutineers to conduct
the election, if required:—

Messrs Grant, Mather, Lee & Pett.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
OF THE
Melbourne Athenæum,
FOR THE YEAR 1904.

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

The gross receipts of the year amount to £2193 3s. 4d., and the expenditure to £1994 8s. 6d. The details are given in the Balance Sheet appended to this Report.

The number of members on the roll is 496, of whom 45 joined during the year.

The number of volumes added to the library, exclusive of replaced works, was 120. The total number of works issued to subscribers was 14,988, and 5016 magazines.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

YEAR.	No. of Subscribing Members.	New Members.	Volumes Added.	Works Circulated.	Magazines Circulated.
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
1901	665	69	180	19,649	5,235
1902	620	61	140	18,008	5,148
1903	547	51	170	16,937	5,097
1904	496	45	120	14,988	5,016

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

CLASSIFICATION.	1901.	1902.	1903.	1904.
Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics	3	3	5	3
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts	8	2	5	2
Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence	680	649	588	615
Classics and Philology	8	8	26	84
Fine Arts	5	1	1	2
Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works	782	694	710	733
History and Historical Memoirs	352	256	232	279
Jurisprudence and Legislation	1	1	1	1
Medical Science and Chemistry	1	1	1	1
Miscellaneous and Collected Works	293	265	327	316
Natural History and Botany	11	21	18	28
Works of Fiction	16,175	15,047	14,065	12,133
Music	1	1	1	2
Periodical Literature	1,025	853	780	587
Philosophy and General Science	105	73	78	87
Poetry and the Drama	68	48	50	54
Politics	24	13	21	25
Religious & Ecclesiastical Works	14	18	23	23
Juvenile Works	93	54	55	63
Total	19,649	18,008	16,937	14,988

The number of visitors introduced by members, under the provision of Rule 19, was 79.

The Government has contributed during the year:—

- Victorian Parliamentary Debates.
- Votes and Proceedings of the Parliament of Victoria.
- 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.
- Victorian Year Book, 1902-3, presented by Mr. W. McLean, Government Statist.
- A Statistical Account of Australia and New Zealand, 1902-3, by Mr. T. A. Coghlan, Government Statist of New South Wales.
- Seven Colonies of Australasia, by Mr. T. A. Coghlan, Government Statist of New South Wales.
- Transactions and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria, Vol. XXXIX, New Series, presented by the Council of the Royal Society.
- Volume XXXIII, of the Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute, from the Society.
- The Commonwealth Gazette, by the Commonwealth Government.
- Scientific Order and Law, by John Coutts, presented by M. L. Hutchinson, Esq.
- 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, T. Hamilton; Vice-President, T. Rooke; Treasurer, C. Rennie; Committee—W. G. Apps, D. C. Carr, L. S. Daniel, M. Hood, F. Scanlen.

There have been 12 meetings of the General Committee.

The President, Mr. T. HAMILTON	attended	8
The Vice-President, Mr. T. ROOKE	"	12
The Treasurer, Mr. C. RENNIE	"	8

COMMITTEE:

Mr. Apps	attended	7	Rev. Mr. Abernethy	attended	2
Mr. Carr	"	7	Mr. Callaway	"	9
Mr. Daniel	"	12	Mr. Downward	"	7
Mr. Hood	"	11	Mr. Rusden	"	9
Mr. Scanlen	"	4	Mr. Walker	"	8

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 - 10 (Chairman)	Mr. Rooke - 6 (Chairman)	Mr. Rennie - 6 (Chairman)
Rev. Mr. Abernethy 3	Mr. Apps - 6	Mr. Callaway - 10
Mr. Daniel - 9	Mr. Carr - 5	Mr. Rooke - 9
Mr. Hamilton - 8	Mr. Downward - 2	Mr. Rusden - 8
Mr. Hood - 8	Mr. Hamilton - 6	Mr. Walker - 8
Mr. Lush - 4	Mr. Hood - 9	
Mr. Rusden - 7	Mr. Scanlen - 2	
	Mr. Walker - 5	

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following Members of Committee retire from office, but are eligible for re-election, viz.—Messrs. Callaway, Downward, Rusden, Walker, and also Messrs. Dufty and Kent, who were elected by the Committee to fill vacancies.

It is with deep regret that the Committee record the death, during the year, of the Rev. J. McL. Abernethy, who was for many years a valuable member of the Committee.

As it was considered desirable to have an Architect for the Institution, your Committee appointed Mr. Sydney Smith to that position.

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, 25th January, 1905.

T. HAMILTON,
President.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.
For the Year ending 31st December, 1904.

To Balance in Bank and Fixed Deposit	£609 14 10	By Interest on Mortgage	£640 0 0
Subscriptions	£483 3 6	Salaries and Wages	410 16 0
Rent of Large Hall	764 15 0	Books, Magazines, and Newspapers	321 17 4
Front Shops	666 0 0	Gas	209 5 6
Small Hall	161 3 6	Rates	180 15 0
Rooms	87 5 0	Repairs, Goods, and Sundries	74 2 3
Sales	21 16 4	Insurance	43 10 11
Interest	9 0 0	Sewer Connections	33 11 9
	2,193 3 4	Binding	26 5 9
		Gratuity to Secretary & Librarian	25 0 0
		Postage, Stationery and Petty Cash	16 0 6
		Advertising and Printing	8 19 6
		Auditors	4 4 0
			£1,994 8 6
		Balance in Bank	508 9 8
		Fixed Deposits	300 0 0
			808 9 8
			£2,802 18 2

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Estimated value of the real Property of the Institution	Loan under Mortgage
Value of Library	Amount due for Sewer Connections
Furniture	Balance
Balance in Bank and Fixed Deposit	
£35,000 0 0	£16,000 0 0
1,500 0 0	150 14 0
750 0 0	21,907 15 8
808 9 8	
£38,058 9 8	£38,058 9 8

Audited and found correct.

CHAS. RENNIE, HONORARY TREASURER.
J. H. B. CURTIS, SECRETARY.
MELBOURNE, 16th January, 1905.

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

The Auditors, Mr P. Rainey F.I.A.V. and Mr F. B. Wilson F.I.A.V. were re-elected.

Resolved that a vote of thanks be accorded to the retiring Officers and Members of Committee.

Moved by Mr L. S. Daniel, and seconded by Mr Martin Hood that a vote of thanks be given to the Secretary (Mr Curtis) the Librarian (Mr Smith) and those under them for the faithful manner in which they have performed their duties, Mr Curtis returned thanks.

Nomination of Officers and Members of Committee

President Mr T. Rooke
 Vice President Mr Geo. Walker
 Treasurer Mr C. Rennie

Committee
 Mr Lallaway
 Downward
 Duffly
 Kent
 Rusden

As the members nominated did not exceed the number required, they are duly elected.

Confirmed
 Thomas Rooke
 31/1/06

Friday 3rd July 1905

the General Committee met at 4.45 pm.

Mr Rooke. President, Chair
 Mr Walker V.P.
 Rennie Treasurer
 Hamilton
 Daniel
 Leary
 Duffly
 Lallaway
 O'Connell
 Downward.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting read for information

A letter was read from Messrs Partridge & Co offering £12.7.6 for the vols of the Law. Com. in the Library.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Lallaway & Mr Hamilton that the offer be accepted.

The Library Comtee reported that 14 vols had been added to the Library at a cost of £1.19.8. Accounts amounting to £13.5.10 examined & found correct

Resolved, on motion of Mr Lallaway and Mr Hamilton, that the report be adopted.

The House Committee reported as follows:—
 Your Comtee beg to report that the matters contained in our Architect's reports on the requirements of the Board of Health are receiving consideration. A/c amounting to £23.7.5

have been examined & found correct. Resolved, on motion of Mr Walker & Mr Apps that the report be adopted.

The Finance Com: reported as follows:

Our Com: beg to report that they have audited the A/cs for Jan'y, & found them correct. It will be necessary to confirm the motion to grant a bonus to the officers which was recommended in our last report. The following A/cs are recommended for payment

Salaries & Wages. Liberty	£8. 4. 8
Librarian	13. 6. 8
Hall Keeper	6. 0. 0
Helper & Lad	6. 2. 0
Gas	21. 6. 6
Travelling & Station Books	6. 5. 7
Defunct, Binding	5. 11. 3
Mr Rainey Audit fee	2. 2. 0
Mr Wilson "	2. 2. 0
Jan. Co. funds	2. 0. 11
Rent of Mr Le water	15. 0. 0
" Mr Smith	15. 0. 0
" Hall Keeper	2. 10. 0
" Helper	1. 10. 0
Mr Curtis for extra attendance	10. 0. 0
Swind of A/cs	1. 9. 0
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	£ 118. 12. 7

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

Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway and Mr Rennie, that the bonus recommended by the Finance Committee be granted to the officers and servants.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway &

Mr Rennie that the sub committees be the same as last year

Library	Stance	President
Mr Callaway	Mr Rooker	
Stance Lib	Stance	Mr Rennie
Daniel	Apps	Callaway
Stance	Curry	Downard
Leach	Samuelson	Ruske
Ruske	Walker	Ruske
Keck	Samuelson	Walker
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The Secretary read the comparative statement

Secretary's statement

Subscription for the month £48. 7. 6

Total revenue of month 243. 15. 9

New members during month 6

Balance in Bank £621. 17. 10
S. D 300

Thomas Rooker
President

The House Comtee reported as follows:— Your Comtee beg to report that they have elected Mr Walker Chairman for the year. Mr Lewis has applied for leave to take his holidays, starting from 10th March. It is recommended that his request be granted, and that the next meeting of the General Comtee be postponed for a week to give him time to prepare for it. It is also recommended that Mr Smith should receive £10 for extra attendance during the absence of Mr Lewis. Aps amounting to £20.7.9 have been examined & found correct.

The Finance Comtee reported as follows:—

Your Comtee have re-elected Mr Rennie Chairman for the year.

They have audited the Aps for February, and found them correct.

It is recommended that the sum of £300 be placed as a Fixed Deposit, at the current rate of interest.

The following Aps are recommended for payment:—

Secretary's Salary	£8. 6. 8
Librarian	13 6 8
Keelkeeper	6. 0. 0
Shelfer & Hod	6. 2. 0
Wholesale Periodicals & Gas	77. 3. 4
Gordon & Potte's paper	7. 11. 9
Armstrong paper	4. 8. 6
Barney paper	3. 14. 10
George Robertson Books	2. 12. 1
English Reviews	2. 0. 3
Melville & Walker Books	1. 14. 10
Woolley. Reviews	1. 2. 6
Keelkeeper Sunday	1. 0. 0
Sunday Aps	2. 12. 0
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	£ 156. 17. 5

Friday 3rd March 1905

The Committee met at 4.45 pm

- Mr Rooke President chair
- Mr Walker Vice Pres
- Daniel
- Wood
- Capps
- Keat
- Daniell

Apology for absence of Mr Rennie & Mr Callaway

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

A letter was read from Mr Arthur Woodhouse and thirty other members asking that a Smoke Room should be established in the South Lecture Room. It was resolved, on the motion of Mr Daniel & Mr Keat that it be referred to the House Comtee for a report.

A letter was read from Mr Keat, who made an offer of £4 for 67 vols of London Law Times. Resolved, on motion of Mr Daniel & Mr Keat, that the offer be accepted.

The Library Committee reported as follows:—

Your Comtee beg to report that they have elected Mr Daniel chairman for the year. 18 vols have been added to the library at a cost of £4.2.4

The Librarian has prepared a list of bound copies of several Magazines which he considers may be offered for Sale. It is recommended that 200 copies of the list be printed and circulated amongst likely purchasers. Accounts amounting to £102. 14. 6 are & found correct.

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

Smoke room

Magazines Bound

Friday 14th April 1905

The Committee met at 5 pm
W Rooke Pres. Chair
Walker V.P.
Rennie Treasurer
Hamilton
Duffy.
Daniel
Downward
Collaoney
Bewsher
Knox

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.
~~Apologies for absence of Mr Cill namey & Mr Duffy.~~
A letter was read from the First Church of Christ Scientist asking if the rent of the smaller hall could be reduced to £9.10.0 per week if they were to continue on for some time longer.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Collaoney & Mr Downward, to agree to the request, provided it be taken for six months.

An application was made to rent the Hall for a wrestling match.
Resolved to let it, provided the Secretary is satisfied that the prospective spectators are likely to be of a respectably character.

The Library Committee reported as follows:
Your Secy beg to report that 37 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £8.5.4. An offer has been made by Mr O'Byrne A.P.M. for some of the bound Magazines & newspapers for the sum of £18.15.0 It is recommended that it be accepted. Accounts amounting to £12.12.1 have been examined and found correct.

The House Comtee reported as follows:
Your Secy beg to report that the petition from

On the motion for the adoption of the report, an amendment was moved by Mr Cill namey & Mr Hamilton that the portion of the report recommending £300 to be placed as a Fixed Deposit, be referred back to the Finance Comtee with a view of considering whether it would not be better to pay, with a portion of it, the balance due to Board of Works for the same connection. The amendment was carried, and the report, so amended, was adopted.

The Secretary read the comparative statement.

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month £64.2.6
2 months 112.13.0

Total revenue of the month 180.15.5
2 months 324.11.2

New members during month 5
2 months 11

Balance in Bank £684.0.8
Fixed Deposits 300.0.0

Thomas Cook.
President
13.4.05

a smoke room referred to us by you is under consideration. Accounts amounting to £156.12.9 have been examined & found correct.

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

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—

Your committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for March & found them correct. The portion of the report for last month which you referred to us for re-consideration has been dealt with, and it is recommended that the Balance due to the Melb & Metropolitan Board of works for sewer connection be paid, and that the sum of £150 be placed as a Sixed Deposit in the Bank of Australasia.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Kenne & Mr Dugby, that the Report be adopted

The following A/cs are recommended for payment

Salaries & Wages	£ 33 . 15 . 4
Melb Corporation Rates	50 . 5 . 0
Melb & Metro Board of Works Rates	45 . 7 . 6
Gas	16 . 11 . 6
Walter Kemp & Sons. Repairs	14 . 5 . 4
Simpson & Sons. Repairs	8 . 15 . 9
Melb & Metro B ^d of Works. Sewer Con.	8 . 1 . 7
Mitchell & Muller. Books	5 . 0 . 5
William Detmold Binding	4 . 9 . 5
Griffith & George. Goods	2 . 14 . 0
Gas Co ^y . Goods	2 . 7 . 1
R. W. Bamney. Papers	2 . 0 . 3
Co. J. Baker. Winding clocks	1 . 5 . 0
Armstrong. Advertising	1 . 2 . 0
Saml. Shergold. Sunday attendance	1 . 0 . 0
W. Smith extra attendance	1 0 0 0
	<u>£ 213 . 0 . 2</u>

Resdner & Co

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£ 31 . 1 . 6
" " 3 months	143 . 16 . 6
Total revenue of the month	157 . 13 . 16
" " 3 months	576 . 5 . 0

New members during month 4
3 months 15

Balance in Bank £ 678 . 17 . 1
S. Deposit 300 . 0 . 0

Thomas & Sons Residents
5-5-05

Committee, that the report be adopted.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—
You are to be reported that they have audited the A/cs for April & found them correct. The following A/cs are recommended for payment:—

Salaries & Wages	£ 36. 15. 10
Fees	10. 8. 0
Mechanic & Muller Books	8. 1. 2
Armstrong, Papers	4. 8. 6
J. W. Barry Papers	1. 16. 6
Sundry A/cs	7. 5. 6
Leather. Passbooks	35. 2. 0
	<hr/> £ 103. 17. 6

Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway and Mr Walker, that the report be adopted.
The Secretary send the comparative statement.

Mr Callaway & Mr Ruske were appointed to confer with Mr Ruske, the Secretary of the Civil Service Cooperative Society, with reference to a proposal for membership with our Institution by some of their members.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 44. 18. 6
4 months	188. 15. 0
Total revenue of month	328. 6. 8
4 "	904. 11. 8
New members during "	2
4 "	17
Balance in Bank	£ 505. 12. 1
J. Sep.	£ 450

J. Walker
2/5/05
Chairman

Friday 5th May 1905

The Committee met at 4.45 pm
Mr Ruske, Chair
Walker V.O
Callaway
Dunsmuir
Carr
Apps
Hamilton
Hunt

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

The Library Committee reported as follows:—
You are to be reported that 24 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £ 5. 3. 4.
A/cs amounting to £ 15. 12. 8 have been examined and found correct.
Resolved, on motion of Mr Hamilton & Mr Callaway that the Report be adopted.

The Science Committee reported as follows:—
You are to be reported that a new system of incandescence for lighting by Lucas's intensified lamps which can be lighted by a pneumatic distance lighter has been evolved. It has been practically tried in the Large Hall, and is considered very efficient. The light is excellent, and the necessity for the long arms to the pendant (which were a great obstruction to the view) is done away with. Your Committee, however, will postpone their recommendation in the matter till next meeting, as they wish to get further information.
A/cs amounting to £ 11. 7. 0 have been examined and found correct.
Resolved, on motion of Mr Walker & Mr

Lucas
lighting

Friday 2nd June 1905

The Committee met at 4.45 pm
Mr Walker V.P. chair

- Barry
- Daniel
- Callaway
- Hamilton
- Scanlon
- Rusden
- Hood
- Apps

Apology for absence of Mr Rooke, President.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

The Library Comtee reported as follows:—

Your Comtee beg to report that 12 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £2.8.1 Aps amounting to £30.9.2 have been examined & found correct.

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

The House Comtee reported as follows:—

Your Comtee beg to recommend that the new system of Gas lighting by Lucas intensified burners be installed in the Large Hall. It is recommended that four lamps be tried in the first place. Should the light from these be insufficient, two more can be added.

Notice has been received from the City Council that the overhead cables for the electric light are to be removed. The Corporation will bring the underground cables to the front entrance free of charge. The cables will then have to be taken from there to the Balcony and the pit adjoin at our expense. It is recommended that the

Lucas light

Electric Cables

work be done, and that specifications be drawn up, and tenders for the work be called for, and that one be accepted by the chairman of the House Comtee. Accounts amounting to £24.4.3 have been examined & found correct.

The Secretary read a letter that he had just received from an officer of the Gas Co. stating that instead of four lamps of 700 c.p. each, it would be advisable to have six 400 c.p. lamps, as the light would thus be better distributed.

The House Comtee agreed to accept the recommendation. The Report, thus amended, was adopted, on the motion of Mr Walker & Mr Apps.

The Finance Comtee reported as follows:—

Your Comtee beg to report that they have audited the Aps for May, and found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following Aps:—

Salaries & Wages	£ 33. 15. 4
Gas	20. 3. 6
Submitt Muller periodical	20. 6. 9
Melville & Mullen books	6. 1. 6
Dermott. Sticking	2. 8. 9
Manning Standard	1. 0. 0
McClellan Post Cards	1. 10. 0
Drayton Repair	1. 1. 9
Secretary Aps	2. 15. 8
Interest on bank paper	320. 0. 6
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	409. 8. 9

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

The Secretary read the comparative statement.
Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for month	£46. 14. 6	per 5 months	£235. 9. 6
Total income of month	195. 18. 4		1100. 10. 0
new members in month	5		22
Balance in Bank	£597. 13. 9	F. D.	450

Thomas Rooke
Chairman 7/7/05

Audited the A/c for June, and found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following A/c's.

Salaries & wages	33. 15. 4
Gas	16. 7. 6
Gordon & Gotsch. N ^o papers	8. 2. 3
Detmold. Binding	5. 0. 7
J W Bunney N ^o papers	3. 19. 1
Melville & Mullen. Books	2. 5. 10
Robt J. English. Repairs	1. 15. 0
Secretary's guarantee R.P.	1. 0. 0
Harward Smith Co Paul	18. 3
Sundry A/c's	2. 13. 0
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	£ 75. 16. 10

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

The Secretary read the comparative statement.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month	£35. 9. 0
6 months	270. 18. 6
Total revenue of month	189. 5. 6
6 months	1289. 15. 6
New members during 5	
6 months	26
Balance in Bank	£377. 5. 6
In. Dep	450. 0. 0

J. Walker
Chairman
4/8/05

Friday 7th July 1905

- The Committee met at 4.45 pm
- Mr Rooke, chair
 - Hood
 - Daniel
 - Dufty
 - Capps
 - Callaway
 - Downward
 - Kent

Apology for absence from Mr Walker & Mr Hamilton

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 £3.13.9. A/c's amounting to £20n 13.3 have been examined and found correct.

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 the six Lucas lamps of 400 c.p. each do not give sufficient light in the Hall. It is recommended that the original recommendation of the Gas Co for 6 lamps of 700 c.p. each be adopted.

Tenders were called for the installation of electric cables to the balcony & staircase of the Large Hall. Five were received. That of Messrs Merrett & Co for £29.15.0 was accepted.

Accounts amounting to £21.8.3 were examined & found correct.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have

Friday 4th August 1905

The Committee met at 4.45 p.m.

- Mr Walker chair
- Leary
- Daniel
- Apps
- Hamilton
- Callaway
- Rusden
- Rooke

Minutes of preceding meeting read and confirmed

The Library Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that 30 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £6.18.6 An offer for the purchase of some bound Periodicals has been made by Mr Parr. It was made in bulk We have asked for details

Accounts amounting to £93.2.9 have been examined & found correct

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

A detailed offer for the Periodicals was received from Mr Parr. It was resolved that it be accepted

The House Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to recommend that the cooking apparatus in the kitchen be sold, and that the tables be stored in the basement of the Large Hall the amount, and that the vacant spaces be let.

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

It was resolved that the carrying out of the matter be left in the hands of the House Committee.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—

Your Committee beg to report that they have examined the A/c for July & found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following A/cs

Salaries & wages	36.15.10
Whitehead & Co Periodicals	50.5.0
Wm Dawson Newspapers	38.10.3
Levy of Melbourne Rates	33.15.0
Gas	15.10.6
Repairs & Sew Repairs	7.12.9
Destined Reading	7.8.10
Melville & Muller Books	3.14.10
J. W. Punning Papers	1.19.4
Punch	18.0
Harwood Smith & Co Coal	18.3
Sundry A/cs	2.9.6
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	£189.18.1

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

The Secretary read the comparative statement

Secretary's statement

Subscription for 2 months	£48.18.0
Total revenue of month	319.14.6
Total revenue of month	180.7.9
new members during 2 months	1470.3.3
new members during 2 months	11
Balance in Bank	£481.16.5
In D.	£450

Thomas Rooke
Chairman.

1/9/05

Friday 1st September 1905

The Comtee met at 4.45 pm
Mr Rooke, chair Pres.
Walker r.P.
Rennie Treasurer
Rusden
Downward
Damil
Callaway.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

The Library Comtee reported as follows:—

Your Comtee beg to report that 14 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £2.15.5. An offer has been made of three pence per copy for the bound numbers of the 'Lancet'. It is recommended that it be accepted. Receipts amounting to £12.17.7 have been received & found correct.

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

The House Comtee reported as follows:—

Your Comtee beg to report that accounts amounting to £46.13.9 have been examined & found correct.

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

The Finance Comtee reported as follows:—

Your Comtee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for Aug & found them correct. A fixed deposit for £150 falls due 7th Sept. It is recommended that it be re-deposited for 12 months, and that an

additional amount of £200 be deposited.

The following A/cs are recommended for payment.

Salaries & wages	£ 34.5.4
J.H. Norton & Co Electric Installations	29.15.0
Mitropas for Co	15.8.0
McNulle & Mullen. Books	5.1.4
Armstrong's Agency Newspapers	4.8.6
F.W. Bunnay. h'papers	2.0.3
Sturwell & Co Printing	1.7.6
Sundry A/cs & petty cash	7.10.9
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	£ 99.16.8

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

The Secretary read the comparative statement.

Secretary's statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£46.7.6
7 months	366.4.0
Total revenue of month	282.7.0
7 months	1752.7.0
New members during month	1
7 months	39
Balance in Bank	£574.5.4
Fixed deposits	450.0.0

Thomas Rook
Chairman
6/10/05

Friday 6th October 1905

The Com mittee met at 4.45 pm
Mr Rooker presided chair
Walker Vice Pres
Callaway
Leary
Wood

Apology for absence of Mr Rennie & Mr Kent

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Library Com mittee reported that 11 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £ 1.15.10. Accounts amounting to £ 11.10.11 have been examined and found correct

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

The House Com mittee reported as follows:-

Your Com mittee beg to report that a letter has been received from the clerk of "the First Church of Christ Scientist" offering to continue their tenancy for twelve months at £ 3.10.0 per week if they be allowed to use the Large Hall on Sundays. It is recommended that the offer be accepted on condition that the Large Hall be used on Sundays, only when available
Accounts amounting to £ 117.4.11 examined & found correct

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

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of Church

The Finance Com mittee reported as follows:-

Your Com mittee beg to report that they have audited the accounts for September and found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following accounts:-

Salaries and wages	£ 36. 15. 10
Web & Melrose Band of W ⁴ Water etc	45. 7. 6
Melrose Gas Co Fines	41. 14. 3
Melrose Gas Co Gas	18. 8. 0
George Robertson Books	2. 19. 7
Melrose & Melrose Books	2. 14. 2
Wm Donald Printing	2. 7. 10
L. W. Bunnery Paper	1. 19. 4
Saml Sherford Sunday alterations	1. 0. 0
Sundry Exp	3. 18. 3
Excess amount	8. 8. 11

£ 165. 13. 8

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

The Secretary read the comparative Statement

Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for the month	£ 44. 3. 0
9 months	410. 7. 0
Total revenue of month	235. 8. 4
9 months	1987. 18. 7
New numbers during month	0
9 months	39
Balance in Bank	£ 509. 17. 0
Fixed Deposits	£ 650

Thomas Rook
Chairman
3/11/05

Friday 3rd November 1905

The Committee met at 4.45 p.m.

Mr Rooker Pres chair

Walker V. Pres

Hamilton

Hoad

Carr

Downman

Opps

Callaway

Apology for absence of the Treasurer & Mr Dufty.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

Library Com reported as follows:—

Your Com beg to report that 15 vols have been added to the library at a cost of £2.7.2 Accounts amounting to £10.15.7 examined & found correct.

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

The Com. reported as follows:—

Your Com beg to report that the Secretary's office be repaired, the floor covered with linoleum, furniture varnished, and new lamp fixed, total cost £9.0.0, and that the Liebig's library room be repaired at a cost of £1.14.6. Accounts amounting to £30.9.11 have been examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Walker & Mr Hoad, that the report be adopted.

The Finance Com reported as follows:—

Your Com beg to report that they have audited the A/c for October & found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following A/cs:—

Lantern Slides	£ 33.5.4
Gas	22.6.0
Printing & paper	4.8.6
Ceylon Reports	3.8.2
Kepp & Joyce funds	5.1.0
Melville & Muller Books	2.8.7
Detmold Book	1.17.6
Study A/c	3.15.9
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	£ 74.10.10

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

Secretary read comparative statement

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for month £19.7.0
10 months 429.14.0

Total revenue of month 178.2.0
10 months 2160.0.7

New members during month 3
10th 42

Balance in Bank £522.5.4
F. def 650.0.0

Confirmed
Thomas Rooker
Chairman

1/12/05

Friday 1st December 1905

The Committee met at 4.45 p.m.

- Mr Rooke chair
- Walker V.P.
- Rennie Treasurer
- Daniel
- Apps
- Downward
- Leave
- Road

Apology for absence of the Treasurer (Mr Rennie)

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

The Library Comtee reported that 24 vols had been added to the Library at a cost of £8.6.8, and that A/c amounting to £16.8.10 had been examined & found correct.

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

The House Comtee reported that A/c amounting to £35.2.1 had been examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Walker & Mr Road 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 and found them correct.

Payment is recommended of the following Accounts:—

Salaries & Wages	£ 33. 15. 4
Jan. October	17. 5. 6
William Detmold. Printing	5. 18. 5
Melville & Muller. Books	5. 16. 3
Ball & Welch. Ind.	5. 2. 6
Order. Printing rooms &c	4. 13. 0
Runny. Paper & ments	3. 17. 8
Jan. 1899 funds	3. 11. 7
Kemp repairs	3. 17. 10
Kindy A/c	1. 9. 0
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	85. 6. 3
Interest on mortgage	320. 0. 0
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	£ 405. 6. 3

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

Resolved that the next meeting be on 2nd Friday of January (12th)

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement.

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the month	£ 39. 6. 6
" " "	463. 0. 6
Total revenue of the month	214. 4. 6
" " "	2380. 5. 6
New members during "	2
" " "	43
Balance in Bank	£ 661. 4. 5
Fixed Deposits	£ 656

Confirmed
Thomas Rook
12/1/06