

Friday 11th January 1908

The Committee met at 4.45 pm
Mr. Apple, Mr. P. O. Churni
Rennie
Daniel
Scanlan
Kunt
Duffy
Downward
Stood
Rooke.

An apology for the absence of the President, Mr. Warden
through sickness.
The Library Committee reported that 10 vols
had been added to the Library at a cost of £3. 6. 1 and
that the amount of £16. 11. 7 had been examined &
found correct.

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

The House Committee reported as
follows:— Your Committee try to report that a start
will be made with the renovation of the Lamp Hall
on Monday 14th. Mr. Kemp has been delayed in
commencing to fix the wooden cornice owing to the
strike in the Building trade. The amount
of £31. 11. 5 has been examined & found correct.

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

The Finance Committee reported that the
A/c for December had been audited & found
correct. The Secretary read the Balance Sheet
which was considered very satisfactory, & was
recommended for adoption, subject to the approval
of the Directors.

The following a/c were recommended for payment:—

Large
Hall
Renovation

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Salaries & Wages | £ 42. 15. 0 |
| Gas | 19. 19. 6 |
| Melville & Mullen Books | 7. 1. 1 |
| Edmond Rice day | 5. 2. 8 |
| Gas Co Road | 3. 0. 4 |
| Canney, Papers | 1. 17. 11 |
| Judge Robertson. Books | 1. 10. 5 |
| Kemp & Son Repairs | 10. 11. 7 |
| Sundry Exp & Petty Cash | 5. 19. 6 |
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| | 95. 18. 6 |

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

The Secretary read the Committee's Report which
was adopted.

The next meeting was fixed for 8th February.

Compassed S/ups
William George Apps

Annual Meeting

Wednesday 30th January 1907

The Annual General Meeting of members which was convened in accordance with Rule 20, was held in the Library of the Institution.

The chair was taken by the President, Mr. George Walker.

The minutes of the last Annual Meeting were read & confirmed.

Copies of the Committee's report & the Balance Sheet having been circulated, it was resolved that they be taken as read & be received.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

OF THE

Melbourne Athenæum,

FOR THE YEAR 1906.

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submit their report of the transactions of the year 1906.

The gross receipts of the year amount to £2541 6s. 9d., and the expenditure to £2146 4s. 11d. The details are given in the Balance Sheet appended to this Report, a reference to which will show that the cash balance and fixed deposits at the closing of the accounts amounted to £1481 1s. 6d., an increase during the year of £395 1s. 10d.

The Committee have much pleasure in congratulating the members on the marked improvement in the financial condition of the Institution.

The number of members on the roll is 475, of whom 43 joined during the year.

The number of volumes added to the library during the year was 122. The total number of works issued to subscribers was 13,014, and 4539 magazines.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS.

| YEAR. | No. of Subscribing Members. | New Members. | Volumes Added. | Works Circulated. | Magazines Circulated. |
|-------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 |
| 1905 | 505 | 47 | 138 | 14,097 | 5,008 |
| 1906 | 475 | 43 | 120 | 13,014 | 4,539 |

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

| CLASSIFICATION. | 1903. | 1904. | 1905. | 1906. |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts | 5 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence | 588 | 615 | 608 | 535 |
| Classics and Philology | 26 | 34 | 20 | 16 |
| Fine Arts | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works | 710 | 733 | 563 | 507 |
| History and Historical Memoirs | 232 | 279 | 304 | 269 |
| Jurisprudence and Legislation | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Medical Science and Chemistry | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Miscellaneous and Collected Works | 327 | 316 | 333 | 375 |
| Natural History and Botany | 18 | 28 | 21 | 17 |
| Works of Fiction | 14,065 | 12,133 | 11,451 | 10,563 |
| Music | 1 | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| Periodical Literature | 730 | 587 | 573 | 550 |
| Philosophy and General Science | 78 | 87 | 54 | 36 |
| Poetry and the Drama | 50 | 54 | 73 | 53 |
| Politics | 21 | 25 | 20 | 15 |
| Religious & Ecclesiastical Works | 23 | 23 | 22 | 28 |
| Juvenile Works | 55 | 63 | 45 | 38 |
| | 16,937 | 14,988 | 14,097 | 13,014 |

The number of visitors introduced by members, under the provision of Rule 19, was 64.

The Government has contributed during the year:—

Victorian Parliamentary Debates.

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, 1904-5, presented by Mr. W. McLean, Government Statist.

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. XLI, New Series, presented by the Council of the Royal Society.

Volume XXXV, 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.

Year Book for 1902-4, from Malcolm A. C. Fraser, Esq., Government Statistician of Western Australia.

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. G. Walker; Vice-President, Mr. W. G. Apps; Treasurer, Mr. C. Rennie; Committee, Messrs. Carr, Daniel, Hamilton, Hood, Scanlen.

There have been 12 meetings of the General Committee.

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|--|-------------|
| The President, Mr. G. WALKER | attended 11 |
| The Vice-President, Mr. W. G. APPS | " 5 |
| The Treasurer, Mr. C. RENNIE | " 6 |

COMMITTEE:

| | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------|
| Mr. Carr | attended 10 | Mr. Apps | attended 5 |
| Mr. Daniel | " 9 | Mr. Callaway | " 10 |
| Mr. Hood | " 11 | Mr. Downward | " 6 |
| Mr. Scanlen | " 5 | Mr. Duffy | " 3 |
| Mr. Hamilton | " 8 | Mr. Kent | " 3 |
| Mr. Rooke | attended 12 | | |

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

| LIBRARY. No. of Meetings, 12. | HOUSE. No. of Meetings, 12. | FINANCE. No. of Meetings, 12. |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mr. Daniel (Chairman) | Mr. Hamilton .. 7 (Chairman) | Mr. Rennie .. 6 (Chairman) |
| Mr. Callaway .. 11 | Mr. Apps 8 | Mr. Callaway .. 11 |
| Mr. Hamilton .. 8 | Mr. Carr 9 | Mr. Duffy 10 |
| Mr. Daniel 11 | Mr. Hood 11 | Mr. Rooke 11 |
| Mr. Kent 9 | Mr. Rooke 10 | Mr. Walker .. 9 |
| | Mr. Scanlen .. 5 | |
| | Mr. Walker .. 11 | |

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following Members of Committee retire from office, but are eligible for re-election, viz.:—Messrs. Callaway, Downward, Duffy, Kent, Rooke.

Members are reminded that they may make nominations to fill the vacancies at the close of the Annual Meeting (which the members are earnestly requested to attend), to be held on Wednesday, 30th January, 1907.

G. WALKER,
President.

Year ending 31st December, 1906.

| | | | |
|--|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| To Balance in Bank and Fixed Deposit | £1,085 19 8 | By Interest on Mortgage | £640 0 0 |
| Subscriptions | £446 10 0 | Salaries and Wages | 481 16 10 |
| Rent of Large Hall | 834 19 0 | Books, Magazines, and Newspapers | 312 5 6 |
| Front Shops | 648 0 0 | Gas | 229 6 6 |
| Small Hall | 333 19 0 | Rates | 191 12 6 |
| Rooms | 184 13 0 | Repairs, Goods, and Sundries .. | 149 19 6 |
| Sales | 27 10 9 | Insurance | 43 10 11 |
| Interest | 15 15 0 | Renovating Upper Hall and Library | 40 9 0 |
| | 2,541 6 9 | Binding | 23 16 2 |
| | | Postage, Stationery and Petty Cash | 15 6 0 |
| | | Printing and Advertising | 9 18 0 |
| | | Auditors | 4 4 0 |
| | | Gratuity to Hall Keeper and Helper | 4 0 0 |
| | | | £2,146 4 11 |
| | | Balance in Bank | 431 1 6 |
| | | Fixed Deposits | 1,050 0 0 |
| | | | 1,481 1 6 |
| | | | £3,627 6 5 |

| ASSETS. | LIABILITIES. |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Estimated value of the real Property of the Institution | Loan under Mortgage |
| Value of Library | Balance |
| Value of Furniture | |
| Balance in Bank and Fixed Deposit | |
| | |
| £35,000 0 0 | £16,000 0 0 |
| 1,500 0 0 | 22,731 1 6 |
| 750 0 0 | |
| 1,481 1 6 | |
| £38,731 1 6 | £38,731 1 6 |

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, 14th January, 1907.

The President said that he considered the Balance Sheet was highly satisfactory. He had much pleasure in moving the adoption of the Report and also the Balance Sheet.

Mr Rennie, the Treasurer, presented the motion which was carried.

The following were elected as scrutineers: Messrs Pett, Lee, Grant and Remington.

Mr Rennie & Mr Wilson were re-elected Auditors.

A vote of thanks was granted to the retiring President, Vice President, Treasurer & members of Committee, also to the Secretary & Librarian.

Nominations of Officers for the year 1908

President Mr W F Capps
Vice President Mr Q J Kent
Treasurer Mr Rennie

Committee
Mr W A Callaway
E Downward
B. Duffy
T Rooke

The number of the Candidates not being in excess of that required, they were duly elected.

William George Apps

Friday 8th February 1907

The Committee met at 4.45 pm.
Mr Capps President (Chair)
Mr Kent Vice President
Rennie Treasurer
Callaway
Hood
Rooke
Daniel
Downward

Apology for the absence of Mr Walker

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed
Minutes of Annual meeting read & confirmed for information.

The Library Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that 24 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £42 19s 3d. Accounts amounting to £13 19s 0d have been examined & found correct.

Report adopted on motion of Mr Hood & Mr Callaway
The Finance Committee reported as follows:-

Your Committee beg to report that both the Contractor are making good progress with the renovation of the Hall. The fibrous plaster work by Mr Wasehat will be completed this afternoon.

It is recommended that Mr Ahlstrom & Mr Wasehat shall each receive £50 on the production of the Architects Certificate. Also amounting to £41 15s 9d have been examined & found correct.

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

The Finance Committee reported

as follows: —

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

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Salaries & wages | £39. 12. 0 |
| Gas | 17. 8. 6 |
| Brown, repairing chairs | 6. 0. 0 |
| Helmold, Stitches | 5. 0. 0 |
| Armstrong R' papers | 4. 8. 6 |
| Gas, fuel & maintenance | 4. 8. 4 |
| Melville & Mullen, Books | 3. 7. 4 |
| Auditors | 4. 4. 0 |
| R. S. Duffin, Repairs | 2. 0. 1 |
| Bunny R' papers | 2. 0. 3 |
| Armstrong Advertising | 1. 2. 0 |
| Sundry Aps | 5. 13. 8 |
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| | 95. 5. 6 |

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie and Mr Cooke, that the report be adopted.

William George Apps

Friday 1st March 1907

The Committee met at 8.15 p.m.

- Mr Apps. President
- Kent Vice Pres
- Rennie Treasurer
- Rooke
- Walker
- Duffy
- Hood
- Downward
- Secretary

Apology for absence of Mr Callaway & Mr Hamill.

A letter was read from the Senior Justice Mr S. M. Gibbs thanking the Comtee for invitation to be present to view the Hall after having been redecorated.

A letter was read from the Board of Seattle asking when the Committee intended to make the improvements suggested by the Board. No action taken.

The Library Committee reported that they had re-elected Mr Cook chairman. 20 Bds had been added to the library at a cost of £4. 7. 8. Aps amounting to £11. 6. 3 examined & found correct. Resolved, on motion of Mr Hood & Mr Keel, that the Report be adopted.

Hall

The House Committee reported that they had re-elected Mr Walker chairman. They said that the renovation of the Corp Hall was on the verge of completion, and was considered very satisfactory. The Committee is attending, as requested, to the other matters which the General Committee decided to have done.

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

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—

Your Secy to report that they have re-elected Mr Rennie chairman. A deposit for £200 falls due 6th March. It is recommended that it be deposited for 12 or 24 months as the Secy shall decide. We have requested the Treasurer to be good enough to make preliminary enquiries with reference to a renewal of our mortgage which expires 2nd June next. The following are returned for payment:—

mortgage

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Salaries & Wages | £ 39.12.0 |
| Athleton, Skell on &c | 140 0.0 |
| Wreckage, Librarian's plate | 92. 0.0 |
| Board of Work Water Rates | 56. 5.0 |
| Gas | 13. 17.6 |
| Subselle & Muller. Books | 6. 5.3 |
| Daily report | 3. 5.0 |
| Athleton. Linen washing | 1. 10.0 |
| Surveys papers | 1. 16.0 |
| Funds | 10. 0 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 355. 0.9 |

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

The Secretary applied for leave to take his holidays, and that the next meeting of the Comtee be held 19th April. Proposed.

The Committee viewed the improvements in the Large Hall. They were considered very satisfactory.

Mortgage

Mr Rennie subsequently informed the Committee of the result of his enquiries as to the mortgage. His opinion was that it would most likely be advisable to renew mortgage. If the money now in hands were deposited at 3 1/2, it would make a difference of only 1/2 per cent.

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Subscriptions for month | £ 12. 9. 6 |
| two months | 90. 5. 6 |
| Total revenue of month | 102. 0. 10 |
| 2 Bank | 383. 12. 9 |

new members £ 513. 11. 3 S.D. #1050

William George Affis

Friday 19th April 1907

The Committee met at 4.45 p.m.
Mr Apps President, chair
Kent Vice Pres
Rennie Treasurer
Callaway
O Hamilton
Deniel
Rookle
Dufty
Scanlon
Downward

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

The Secretary reported the death of Mr Walker.

Death of Mr Walker

Resolved that, on the minutes, be recorded the deep regret of the Committee for the death of Mr Walker, and also their recognition of the valuable services he rendered. And that a letter of condolence be sent to his Brother.

The Library Committee reported that 30 vols had been added to the Library at a cost of £4.4.6. Also amounting to £91.9.6 examined & found correct.

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

The House Committee reported as follows:—

Your Secy to report that Mr Hamilton has been elected chairman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr Walker. The Board of Health has written to ask what we intend doing with reference to the alterations suggested in their letter. The decoration of the Large Hall & vestibule

is completed. The entire cost was £546.8.5
After amounting to £287.15.10 have been
examined & found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr. Amis & Mr. Rusk
that the report be adopted.

Mr. Rennie, Mr. Rusk & Mr. Callaway were
appointed a special Committee to make enquiries
about the possibility of obtaining an express on the
Eastern side of the Lake Hill

Copies
from
London side
of shell

The Finance Committee's Report

Your Comtee beg to report that
they have audited the A/c for March and
found them correct.

A fixed deposit for £150 in the Bank
of Australasia falls due 19th inst. It is recommended
that it be withdrawn & placed in the current A/c

The following are recommended for payment

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Salaries & Wages | £ 42.15.0 |
| Mr Ahlston | 105.16.3 |
| Rates | 60.8.4 |
| Kemp | 40.5.0 |
| Ahlston, Extra work | 28.3.2 |
| Englin. Repairs | 24.19.8 |
| Wm Dawson & Sons N ^o papers | 23.7.8 |
| & Whitehead. Periodicals | 46.9.11 |
| George & George Blinds | 11.0.0 |
| Gas | 12.8.0 |
| Fordau & Goble N ^o papers | 7.13.9 |
| Revised Reading | 5.5.7 |
| Millett & Miller S ^o Bank | 4.5.8 |
| Bunny papers | 1.17.11 |
| Quilley | 1.5 |
| Doolmat | 1.15 |
| Land of paper | 2.4.5 |

£ 422.0.4

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

Book

Mr. Leake was nominated by Mr. Rusk and
Mr. Kent, to fill the vacancy on the Comtee
caused by the death of Mr. Walker.

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month £27.6.6
3 months 117.12

Total amount of month 211.9.6
3 months 595.2.1

New members during
3 mo 12

Balance in Bank £150.0.0
Fixed Deposits 1050.0.0

William George Apps

Friday 3rd May 1907

The Committee met at 4.15 p.m.
 Mr Apple chair President
 Kent vice President
 Kenzie Treasurer
 David
 Deputy
 Scoble
 Hood
 Downman
 Cooke

Apology for absence of Mr Samitace

Minutes of previous meeting read & approved.

Library Committee reported:-

Your Committee beg to report that 16 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £3.15.3 Payment is recommended of Aps amounting to £7.1.5.

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

The House Committee reported:-

Your Committee beg to report that the Aps amounting to £53.13.0 have been examined and found correct.

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

The Finance Committee reported as follows:-

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

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Salaries & Wages | £39.12.0 |
| Gas - Jaws | 33.13.0 |
| Gas - March | 20.00 |
| Melville & Mullen Books | 4.1.7 |
| Bunny Papers | 1.18.10 |
| Printing Station | £0.13.0 |
| By day Work | 4.0 |
| Petty Cash | 19.0 |
| Leasur Insurance | 5.0.0 |
| | £35.2.0 |
| | £140.8.5 |

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

Cooke

Mr Cooke was declared elected a member of the Finance Committee, and was placed on the Finance Sub Committee

Secretary read comparative statement.

Secretary's statement

| | |
|-----------------------|----------|
| Subscriptions for ~ | £29.14.6 |
| ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | 147.6.6 |
| Total income of month | 149.17.1 |
| 4 ~ ~ ~ ~ | 744.19.4 |

New members during month 0
4 months 12

Balance in Bank £257.16.9
Fixed Deposits 900

William George Mills

Friday 7th June 1901

The Committee met at 4.45 pm
Mr Gyles Parish Church
Kerr & Co Law
Hood
Callaway
Duffy
Rooke
Scullin
Daniel
Leake

Hooker. The Chairman introduced Mr Leake, the new member of Committee

Apology for absence of Mr Rennie

Minutes read & confirmed

Mortgage Renewal The Secretary informed the Committee that Mr Rennie had completed the arrangements for the renewal of the Mortgage. The conditions would be the same as on the last renewal, viz. - for five years, at $\frac{5}{100}$ per annum

Resolved that the secretary write to Mr Worsfold, our solicitor, instructing him to do what was required for the Renewal of the Mortgage, and also write to the Trustees of the Institution, asking them to sign the Deed.

The Library Committee reported as follows: - Your Comtee beg to report that 17 vols have been added to the Library at a cost of £4.8.2. Accounts amounting to £12.12.5 have been examined and found correct.

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

The House Committee reported that after amounting to £53.3.4 had been exp^d & found correct

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

The House Committee reports that the Exp for May had been audited & found correct. Payment examined of the following a/cs.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Salaries & wages | £39.12.6 |
| Widely & Smith, Architect, Commission | 32.10.6 |
| £433.16.0 - remission - (2) 1/2% | 18.1.6 |
| Gas | 1.13.4 |
| From the funds | 4.8.6 |
| Armstrong's agency & paper | 3.4.5 |
| Melville & Melville Bank | 2.1.3 |
| Geo Robertson, Bank | 2.0.3 |
| J. W. Deane, 2 papers | 3.16.0 |
| Sundry a/cs | |
| Interest on Mortgage | 320.0.0 |

£ 422 2 9

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

The Secretary read the Comparative Statements.

Secretary's Statement

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Subscription for the month | £101.9.0 |
| 5 month | 208.15.6 |
| Total revenue of month | 360.4.4 |
| 5 month | 1105.5.8 |
| New member during month | |
| 5 month | 13 |

Balance in Bank £477.14.8
Fixed Deposit £900

William George Gyles

Friday 5th July 1907

The Committee met at 5 p.m.

- Mr. Apps President chair
- Kent Vice Pres
- Callaway
- Hood
- Duffy
- Wooke
- Rooke
- Scanlon

Apology for absence of Mr. Rennie

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed.

Letter from the Scribe of First Church of Christ Scientist, relative to Sunday letters, and objections on the platform. The Secretary was instructed to reply on in the letter book.

The Library Sub-committee's report

Your Secretary has to report that 18 vols have been added to the Library costing £3.3.4 Apps amounting to £27.11.6 £37.16.11 have been examined & found correct

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

The House Committee reported:-

Your Secretary has to report that Apps amounting to £34.7.8 have been examined and found correct

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

The Finance Committee reported:-

Mortgage

Your Secretary has to report that the deed for the renewal of the mortgage to the Sunmer estate for five years is completed.

The accounts for June have been audited and found correct. Payment is now made of following

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Salaries & Wages | £ 42.15.0 |
| Mutlake & Muller, Purdew | 23.4.6 |
| Gas | 20.11.6 |
| Wheaton & Egleston, Mortgage fee | 8.8.0 |
| Debnold, Purdew | 4.5.3 |
| Mutlake & Muller, Post | 4.11.9 |
| Runny papers | 1.17.11 |
| Gas, Maintenance of Lamp | 1.14.8 |
| Mining Standard | 1.6.0 |
| Secretary's summate R.P. | 1.0.0 |
| Surplus of Apps | 3.5.6 |
| | <u>£ 114.19.7</u> |

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

Resolved to renew Fixed Deposit of £200 falling due 10th July.

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement:-

Secretary's Statement

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Subscriptions for month | £21.10.6 |
| 6 months | 120.16.6 |
| Total revenue of month | 198.16.6 |
| 6 months | 1304.2.2 |
| New members during month | 0 |
| 6 months | 13 |
| Balance in Bank | £248.18.5 |
| Fixed Deposit | 900.0.0 |

William George Apps

Friday 2nd August 1907

The Committee met at 8.15 pm
Mr Apps President; Chaw.
Kent Vice President
Rennie Chairman
Callaway
Dunlop
Scantle
Hoad
Looke
Rooke

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

The Library Committee reported:—

Your committee beg to report that 17 vols have been added to the library at a cost of £4.14.3. It is recommended that when the present stock of labels is exhausted, a fresh supply be obtained having more information on them. Expenses amounting to £10.18.10 have been examined and found correct.

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

The House Committee reported:—

Your committee beg to report that they recommend that a brass plate be placed on each side of the front entrance, the matter thereof to be fixed by the General Committee; also that the name "ATHENAEUM" on the top of the facade of the Building be gilt.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Hoad and Mr Scantle, that the Report be adopted.

It was resolved on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Callaway, that the words to be engraved on each of the brass plates be "Melbourn Athenaeum, Library & Reading Room"

subscription, one guinea per annum. The acceptance of tender was left to the House Committee.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—

Your committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for July & found them correct. A fixed deposit in the Bank of Australasia falls due 20th August. It is recommended that the same be re-deposited in that Bank or that the same be deposited in the Bank of N. S. Wales, according as the better terms can be obtained. The following A/cs are recommended for payment

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Salaries & Wages | £ 39.12.0 |
| Labour Rate, 2 nd month | 36.5.0 |
| Gas | 17.5.0 |
| Munich & Muller, Books | 4.14.7 |
| de Knoll, Bindery | 2.10.0 |
| Kemp & Son, Repairs | 2.8.3 |
| Bunney, Papers | 2.0.3 |
| Gas for funds | 1.14.8 |
| Thomas Smith & Co Cash | 1.4.6 |
| Sundry A/cs | 2.13.6 |
| | <hr/> |
| | £ 110.9.9 |

Resolved on motion of Mr Rooke & Mr Callaway that the Report be adopted. Comparative statement read.

Secretary's statement

| | |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Subscriptions for 7 | £ 34.13.0 |
| 7 th | 264.19.6 |
| Total Revenue of month | £ 218.10.0 |
| 7 months | 1522.12.0 |
| New member duty month | 6 |
| 7 month | 19 |
| Balance in Bank | £ 351.19.10 |
| Fixed Deposits | 900. |

Thomas Rooke
Acting Chairman

Friday 6th Sept 1907

The Committee met at 4.45 p.m.

- Mr Rooks, Chair.
- Rennie
- Downward
- Callaway
- Daniel
- Scouler
- Wood

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

The Librarian to report: -

Your letter to report that 26 vols have been added to the library, costing £17.4.6
 plus amounting to £89.0.1 in d. of correct.
 Resolved, on motion of Mr Wood & Mr Callaway,
 that the report be adopted.

The Steward to report: -

Your letter to report that the amount to £101.5.6 have been in a fund correct.
 Resolved, on motion of Mr Wood & Mr Scouler that the report be adopted.

The Finance to report: -

Your letter to report that they have an added £50 for Aug, found them correct.
 A Fixed Deposit in Bank of Australasia for £150 falls due 9th Sept, and another for £200 on 10th Sept. It is recommended that they be either re-deposited or else be deposited in the Bank of N.S.W. according as the better interest can be obtained. Also that an additional sum of £150 be deposited at the same time,

thus bringing the total deposit to £500, the following amounts are recommended for payment: -

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Salaries & wages | £42.15.0 |
| Books & Stationery of War | 60.18.4 |
| Whitehead. Periodicals | 29.6.0 |
| Wm Dawson & Sons N papers | 27.12.8 |
| Metrop for 60 | 19.3.0 |
| Warriman Duncan & Warriman | 9.8.6 |
| J Ward. Brass Plates | 9.17.6 |
| Armstrong N papers | 4.8.6 |
| Melville & Muller Books | 4.5.8 |
| Samuel Smith & Co Level | 2.9.0 |
| Bunney N papers | 2.0.9 |
| Charles Smith, Jldy "Wharfedale" | 2.0.0 |
| for 60. Manuscript | 1.19.8 |
| Geo Robertson. Books | 1.0.0 |
| London Press & Co. | 2.10.0 |
| <hr/> | |
| | £243.0.7 |

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

The Chairman of the Society to report that the sum of £150 had been deposited with Messrs Bank of Australasia & deposited in the A/c of N.S.W for 2 1/2 months @ 3 1/2 % p.a.

Mr Callaway informed the Society had been asking for a smoking room.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Callaway & Mr Rennie that the matter be referred to the Steward to report.

Complementary Statement read.

Secretary's statement

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Subscription for 8 months | £49.13.6 |
| Total amount of " | 312.12.6 |
| of " | 318.8.6 |
| of " | 1840.11.8 |
| new member dues " | 3 |
| of " | 22 |
| Balanced in Bank | £559.18.7 |
| and dep | 900 |

Robert Rennie
Vice President
6 Sept 1907

Friday 4th October 1907

The Committee met at 4.45 pm.

- Mr R. J. Kent Vice Pres (chair)
- Rennie Treasurer
- Callaway
- Hamilton
- Downward
- Daniel
- Scadden
- Rooke
- W Cooke
- Duffy

An apology for absence, through sickness of the President, Mr Apps. A letter was also read from Mr Cooke explaining cause of his absence from the meeting of the Finance Committee.

A letter was also read from the Secretary of the Public Health Dept, later see.

The Library letter reported: - Your letter beg to report that 21 vols have been added to the Library, costing £4.9.9. Apps amounting to £27.6.2 have been examined & found correct.

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

The House Committee reported: Your Committee beg to report that the consideration of the question of a smoking-room is postponed, owing to the small number present at the meeting. The linen blinds in the large hall have been found insufficient to exclude the light during matinees. Mr Jait made a request for the addition of curtains. They have been placed over the linen blinds, and are a great success. The cost is £12. Apps amounting to £31. 0/0 found correct.

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

The Finance letter reported: - Your letter beg to report that they have audited the Apps for September

Leoline Health Dept

and found them correct. A fixed deposit of £500 has been placed in the bank of NSW for 24 months at 3 1/2 % per annum. The following are recommended for payment: -

| | |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| Salaries & wages | £ 39. 12. 0 |
| Gas for August | 19. 14. 0 |
| Stationery & Mullen, Books | 17. 3. 0 |
| R. & Dyer's, Repairs | 7. 14. 1 |
| Gordon & Koch & papers | 7. 13. 9 |
| Gas Co. Maintenance | 2. 11. 11 |
| J. W. Bunney & papers | 1. 17. 5 |
| Sundry Apps | 1. 12. 0 |
| Leamer, Insurance | 8. 8. 11 |

£ 106 2 7

Resolved, on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Callaway, that the report be adopted. Letter from Public Health Dept read. The Special Ctee on the subject reported: -

MELBOURNE, 2nd October 1907.

To The Committee of The Melbourne Athenaeum.

Gentlemen,

We beg to report that, as requested, we have made enquiries as to the possibility of obtaining additional means of egress from the North side of the large Hall. We have ascertained that the cottage property in Sleights Lane running back to and abutting on our property on the North side, cannot be dealt with for many years, it being entailed. The Victoria Coffee Palace, however, have an allotment about 20 ft. frontage adjoining these cottages, which is now used as a storeyard by Mr. Inglis, plumber. This backs into our building in a convenient position, almost in line with the platform of the large Hall. Two of the Committee interviewed one of the Directors of the Coffee Palace in regard to this. They are not prepared to sell the land, but would be willing to lease it to the Athenaeum for a term, concurrent in the first instance with the lease the Coffee Palace hold from the City Council for their Collins Street property. The lease to us, the Director

Dear Sir,

re Melbourne Athenaeum.

With reference to the conversation you and Mr Kent had with our Mr. Smith on Friday last, we are decidedly of opinion that, apart altogether from the questions raised by the Board of Public Health a vast improvement would be effected in the provision for egress from the large Hall by forming a doorway at the N.E. corner leading across a vacant allotment to Right of way off Little Collins St.

We estimate the cost of this doorway and pitching the way will cost not more than Fifty Pounds.

Yours truly,
 Sydney Smith Esq.

Mr Rennie gave a full account of all that had been done in the matter.

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

It was resolved that further negotiations in connection with the lease from the Coffee Palace be left in the hands of the Special Committee.

The Secy read the Comparative Statement Secretary's Statement.

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Subscriptions for 1907 | £20.4.0 |
| 9 " | 334.16.6 |
| Total amount of " | 167.13. |
| 9 " | 2008.4.10 |
| New members duty " | 3 |
| 9 " | 25 |

Balance in Bank £334.11.2
 Drawn Expd £125.0

W. Mearns George Esq

stated, could no doubt be extended for a further period afterwards, but the Coffee Palace did not wish to bind themselves absolutely until their own position in regard to renewal or otherwise of their City Council lease was ascertained. The rental mentioned by the Coffee Palace was £21 p.a., the same as at present paid by them to us for the subway lease.

Mr. Smith, our architect, examined the piece of land referred to and stated that there would be no difficulty in making an exit door to it without disfiguring or in any way interfering with the utility of the Hall. In a subsequent interview with the architect, he advocated the making of this exit, and approximated the cost in connection with it at £50. Letter from Messrs Smith & Ogg attached hereto, which speaks for itself.

We endorse the views expressed in that letter, and recommend that negotiations be continued with the Coffee Palace for the lease of the land referred to, and that on such lease being satisfactorily arranged, our architect be instructed to construct the egress door, with incidental work such as paving, gates, &c. The letter of 6th ulto from the Public Health Department has been put before us and we suggest that a reply be sent to the effect that the Committee, while not admitting the right of that body to now interfere with the arrangements of the Institution, have under consideration the construction of an additional exit from the large Hall on the North-east side through Sleights Lane, and that also, of their own free will, they have given directions that the Upper Hall is not to be let for public functions or amusements whenever the large (lower) Hall is occupied for similar purposes.

Yours truly, W.A. CALLAWAY CHAS. RENNIE
 R.G. KENT THOS. ROOKE
 Sub-Committee

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 TELEPHONE NO 999.

101, Queen Street,
 Melbourne Oct. 1st 1907

Chas Rennie Esq^{re}
 57 A. Queen St. Melbourne.

Friday 1st November 1907

The Committee met at 4.45 pm.

Mr Apps President Chair
 Callaway
 Daniels
 Defty
 Scanlon
 Wood
 Cooke
 Rooke

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed
 apology for absence of Mr Kent (V.P.) and
 Mr Ronnie, Treasurer

The Library Committee reported:—

Your committee beg to report that 13
 vols have been added to the Library, at a cost
 of £1.18.2. Also amounting to £11.5.0 have
 been examined and found correct.

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

The House Committee reported:—

Your committee beg to report that
 the stairs leading to the basement from the
 back gate require repairing. It is also recom-
 mended that a "ramp" be formed from
 the door of the apartment room to the back
 gate. The cost of the two will be £5.15.0.
 Also amounting to £38.18.3 have been
 examined and found correct.

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

The General Committee's report:—

Mr Le^{ter} beg to report that they have audited the A/c
 for October, and found them correct, Payment is recommended
 of the following A/c:—

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Salaries and wages | £39.12.0 |
| Members for Dec | 17.1.6 |
| Repairing & carrying chairs | 5.11.3 |
| Cosmopolitan's opening n' papers | 4.14.0 |
| Mistake & Miller Books | 4.12.6 |
| Gas for maintenance of lamps | 3.0.0 |
| Land of A/c | 5.4.0 |
| | <u>79.15.3</u> |

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

The Secretary read the comparative statement

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month £22.12.6
 10^{rs} 357.9.0

Total revenue of month £219.7.16
 10^{rs} 2227.12.8

New members during^r 3
 10^{rs} 28

Balance in Bank £447.11.11
 Sundry Deposits £1050

William George Apps

Friday 6th Dec 1907

The Committee met at 4.45 p.m.

W. Capps President, Chair
W. R. J. Kent V.P.

Downward

Daniels

Skoad

Dupky

Booker

Leallaway

Apology for absence of Mr Perrin (Chairman)

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

The Library Committee's Report:

Your letter beg to report that they have 38 vols
have been added to the Library at a cost of £4.12.1

The Librarian has received an offer from C. Smart
and Co of £22 for our bound copies of the Builder,
the Athlete, the Daily Telegraph, & Notes and Queries.
It is recommended that it be accepted.

Accounts have been examined amounting to £19.14.9,
and found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Skoad and Mr
Leallaway, that the Report be adopted.

The House Committee's Report:

Your letter recommend that the Hallkeeper's
Kitchen be repaired & painted at a cost not
exceeding £2. Accounts amounting to £31.16.0 examined
& found correct.

Resolved, on motion of Mr Leallaway and
Mr Downward, that the Report be adopted.

The Finance Committee reported as follows: -

Your letter beg to report that they have
audited the A/c for November, and found them
correct. Payment is recommended of the following A/c:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Salaries & wages | £ 42.15.0 |
| George & George, Librarian | 12.0.0 |
| Gas & water | 15.8.6 |
| William Detmold, Printer | 4.11.6 |
| J. W. Bunney & Partners (2) | 3.19.7 |
| Wm. H. Whitten, Books | 2.3.8 |
| Car Co. Maintenance | 1.15.0 |
| Sundry A/c | 2.12.6 |
| Interest on Mortgage 1/2 year | 320.0.0 |

£ 407.5.9

Resolved, on motion of Mr Leallaway and
Mr Dupky, that the report be adopted.

The Librarian applied for leave to take his holidays
in January. Granted.

Resolved that next meeting take place 14th Jan 1908

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement.

Secretary's Statement

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|----------------------|-----------|
| Subscriptions for ~ | £ 19.7.0 |
| " " " " " " | 370.16.0 |
| Total income of ~ | 204.13.2 |
| " " " " " " | 2432.5.10 |
| new members during ~ | 3 |
| " " " " " " | 31 |

Balance in Bank £ 572.9.10

Fixed Deposits £ 1050

and

Robert J. ...