

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 1909.

The General Committee met @ 4.45 pm  
 Mr Kent President, Chair  
 Rennie Treasurer  
 Rooke  
 Scallen  
 Apps  
 Downward  
 Looke  
 Hood

Apology for absence of Mr Deely, J. Mr Hamilton

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:  
 Your Comtee beg to report that they have audited the A/c for December, and found them correct. The Balance Sheet has been inspected, and is considered satisfactory. It has been remarked that the year's interest due on Fixed Deposits in the Bank for two years has not been drawn. The Secretary has been instructed to collect, in future, the year's interest due on all deposits for a longer period. The Secretary exhibited the receipt from the Bank of Australia for a Fixed Deposit of £250 for two years at 3½% per annum. Mr Barter has forwarded a letter claiming 25% for damage to his trousers while attending a biograph entertainment in the Lay Hall, your Committee recommended that he be informed that no liability is acknowledged.

The following accounts are recommended for payment:-

Salaries & wages	£41.0.0
Gas	16.4.8
George Robertson Books	8.18.10
Melville & Mullen, Books	6.11.3

Detmold. Bonding	£4. 6. 8
Kemp & Son Repairs	3. 5. 3
Gas. Maintenance	3. 10. 0
Dryer. Repairs	1. 18. 7
Bunney Paper	1. 18. 10
Anders & McDougal Develop	1. 12. 0
Sundry Apr & Petty Cash	8. 15. 3
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Resolved on motion of Mr Rennie & Mr Rooker that the Report be adopted.

The Balance Sheet was then considered and was approved subject to the scrutiny of the Auditors. The Annual Report of the Committee was considered. The suggestions of Mr Hamilton were taken into consideration. It was decided to review the Statistical Statement of transactions for the last ten years. After a few other amendments, it was adopted.

Books for admission to the Library were examined. They were all accepted numbering 20 vols at a cost of £3. 12. 11

At the termination of the business, nominations for Office bearers and members of Committee were made.

*B. Duffy*  
1/2/09

Annual General Meeting  
of members  
held in the Library of the Institution  
Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 1909

The Annual Meeting of the Members convened in accordance with Rule 20. In the absence of the President, Mr R. J. Kent, the chair was taken by Mr W. A. Callaway.

Apologies were made for the absence of the President Vice President and Treasurer. The following members of Committee were present:— Mr Callaway (Chair) Mr Downward, Mr Hood, Mr Rooker, Mr Scanlan, Mr Hamilton, App. Mr Hicks (one of the Justices) and four or five members.

The minutes of the previous Annual meeting were read & confirmed.

Resolved that the Annual Report, the Balance Sheet be taken as read, and be received.

The number of volumes added to the library during the year was 138. The total number of works issued to subscribers was 11,091, and 4201 magazines.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
**Melbourne Athenæum.**  
FOR THE YEAR 1908,

To be submitted to the Members at the General Meeting  
Wednesday, 27th January, at 8 p.m.

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submit their report of the transactions of the year 1908.

The gross receipts of the year amount to £2584 18s. 4d. and the expenditure is £2059 10s. 11d.

The credit balance in the bank is £186 15s., and fixed deposits of £1100 in the bank of New South Wales, and £650 in the Bank of Australasia.

The number of members on the roll is 452, of whom 28 joined during the year.

CLASSIFICATION.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.
Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics .. .. .	1	1	1	1
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts .. .. .	3	3	1	2
Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence .. .. .	608	535	492	472
Classics and Philology .. .. .	20	16	8	10
Fine Arts .. .. .	3	3	2	4
Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works .. .. .	568	507	662	624
History and Historical Memoirs .. .. .	304	269	284	275
Jurisprudence and Legislation .. .. .	1	1	1	2
Medical Science and Chemistry .. .. .	1	1	1	1
Miscellaneous and Collected Works .. .. .	333	375	349	339
Natural History and Botany .. .. .	21	17	16	26
Works of Fiction .. .. .	11,461	10,568	9,820	8,789
Music .. .. .	6	3	3	1
Periodical Literature .. .. .	578	550	403	398
Philosophy and General Science .. .. .	54	36	46	66
Poetry and the Drama .. .. .	73	53	73	46
Politics .. .. .	20	15	16	6
Religious & Ecclesiastical Works .. .. .	22	28	17	14
Juvenile Works .. .. .	45	38	58	20
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	14,097	13,014	12,253	11,091

The number of visitors introduced by members, under the provision of Rule 19, was 52.

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, 1906-7, presented by Mr. E. T. Drake, Government Statist.
- Transactions and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria, Vol. XLIII, New Series, presented by the Council of the Royal Society.
- Volume XXXVII, 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.
- Victorian Post Office Directory by Publishers of Wise's Directories.
- The Sydney Trade Review and Prices Current, by the proprietors, Messrs. Mitchell, Clisholm, 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 Election of Honorary Office-Bearers resulted in the return of the following gentlemen:—President, Mr. R. G. Kent; Vice-President, Mr. B. Dufty; Treasurer, Mr. C. Rennie; Committee, Messrs. Daniel, Hamilton, Hood, Scanlen and Cooke.

There have been 12 meetings of the General Committee.

The President, Mr. R. G. KENT .. .. .	attended	5
The Vice-President, Mr. B. DUFTY .. .. .	"	5
The Treasurer, Mr. C. RENNIE .. .. .	"	6

COMMITTEE:

Mr. Callaway .. .. .	attended	12	Mr. Scanlen .. .. .	attended	8
Mr. Downward .. .. .	"	8	Mr. Hamilton .. .. .	"	5
Mr. Rooke .. .. .	"	10	Mr. Cooke .. .. .	"	9
Mr. Daniel .. .. .	"	9	Mr. Apps .. .. .	"	7
Mr. Hood .. .. .	"	11			

The Library Committee and the House Committee were abandoned, as being no longer necessary.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (12 Meetings).

Mr. Rennie (Chairman) attended	10	Mr. Dufty .. .. .	attended	3
Mr. Callaway .. .. .	12	Mr. Rooke .. .. .	"	12
Mr. Cooke .. .. .	7			

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

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, 27th January, 1909.

R. G. KENT,  
President.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.  
For the Year ending 31st December, 1908.

To Balance in Bank and Fixed Deposit .. .. .	£1,411 7 7	By Interest on Mortgage .. .. .	£640 0 0
Subscriptions .. .. .	2,423 9 6	Salaries and Wages .. .. .	495 1 0
Rent of Large Hall .. .. .	993 1 8	Books, Magazines, and Newspapers	307 14 4
Front Shops .. .. .	689 0 0	Gas .. .. .	223 2 0
Small Hall .. .. .	315 11 10	Rates .. .. .	218 0 0
Rooms .. .. .	114 19 8	Repairs, Goods, and Sundries ..	73 17 5
Sales .. .. .	42 15 8	Insurance .. .. .	43 10 11
Interest .. .. .	6 0 0	Binding .. .. .	28 14 9
	2,584 18 4	Postage, Stationery and Petty Cash	15 8 0
		Printing and Advertising .. .. .	9 18 6
		Auditors .. .. .	4 4 0
			£2,059 10 11
		Balance in Bank .. .. .	186 15 0
		Fixed Deposits .. .. .	1,750 0 0
			1,936 15 0
	£3,996 5 11		£3,996 5 11

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Estimated value of the real Property of the Institution .. .. .	£35,000 0 0	Loan under Mortgage .. .. .	£16,000 0 0
Value of Library .. .. .	1,500 0 0	Balance .. .. .	23,186 15 0
Furniture .. .. .	750 0 0		
Balance in Bank and Fixed Deposit .. .. .	1,936 15 0		
	£39,186 15 0		£39,186 15 0

Audited and found correct.

CHAS. RENNIE, HONORARY TREASURER.      F. H. WILSON, F.I.A.V., } AUDITORS.  
J. H. B. CURTIS, SECRETARY.      L. N. RAINEY, F.I.A.V., }

MELBOURNE, 18th January, 1909.

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

The following members were appointed Secretaries to conduct the election of required Messrs Lee, Grant, Meeuwa & Joseph.

The Auditors: Mr Bishop & Mr L W Roney were re-elected

A vote of thanks was given to the retiring officers and members of Committee.

The following were nominated as Officers and members of Committee

President Mr B. Dufty  
Vice President Mr H Scanlen  
Treasurer Mr C Rennie.

Committee

Mr D. Martin  
Hamilton  
Hood  
Callaway  
Downward  
Rooke  
Apps  
Boote.

The members not being in excess of that required, they were elected.

R. Dufty



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 1909

The General Committee met at 4.45 pm

Mr Duffy Pres Chair  
Rennie  
Callaway  
Wood  
Martin

Apology for Mr Kent  
Minutes of previous meeting read & approved

Minutes of Annual meeting read for information,  
and considered correct

Finance Committee's report

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

Salaries & Wages	£44. 10. 0
Fas	12. 11. 2
George Roberts & Co	3. 12. 11
Gordon & Satch 'pape	8. 9. 0
Armstrong's agency	1. 4. 0
Sundry A/c's	5. 19. 0
Andelors	4. 4. 0

£ 80. 10. 1

Moved by Mr Callaway seconded by Mr Wood  
that the Report be adopted.

Moved by Mr Callaway seconded by Mr Rennie  
that the Lib shall receive a gratuity of £1 for  
his great attention to the library during the absence  
of Mr Smith

18 vols were added to the Library at a cost  
of £3. 9. 4.

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement

Secretary's Statement

Subscriptions for the year £27. 12. 6

Total revenue of year 170. 4. 2

New members during year 8

Balance in Bank £258. 17. 10

Fixed Deposits 170. 0. 0

B. Duffy  
5/3/09.

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 1909

The Committee met at 4.15 pm

- Mr Duffy, chair
- Scandin V. P
- Lo allaway
- Koad
- Apps
- Rooke.

Minutes of previous meeting read & confirmed

The Secretary reported the death of Mr L. S. Daniel  
 Resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to his widow

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—  
 Your Committee beg to report that they have re-elected Mr Rennie chairman for the year. The Aps for Feb have been audited and found correct. It is recommended that the Lib shall receive 2/6 per week extra from 1<sup>st</sup> March. A fixed deposit of £200 in the bank of St. S. W falls due 7<sup>th</sup> inst. It is recommended that it be re-deposited with an addition of £100, and that the term be for 3 years, at four per cent per ann; keep the rate obtainable. Accounts amounting to £211. 7. 0 are recommended for payment.

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

25 vols were added to the Library at a cost of £

The Secretary applied for his usual annual holidays of three weeks, and that the next meeting of the Committee be held 16<sup>th</sup> of April. Granted.

The Secretary read the Comparative statement

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for the month £47. 13. 6  
 two months 75. 8 0

Total revenue of 2<sup>nd</sup> 217. 5. 6  
 357. 9. 8

New members for month 5  
 2 months 13

Balance in Bank £393. 11. 7  
 Fixed deposits 1750.

Francis Scudder



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 1909

The Committee met at 4.45 pm  
Mr Scanden V.P. chair  
Rennie Treasur  
Kent  
Callaway  
Hood  
Martin  
Rooke  
Cooke

Apology for absence of President Mr Duffy

Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed

Letter read from Mrs Daniel, thanking the Committee for letter of Condolence for the death of her husband

The Finance Committee reported as follows -  
Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the A/c's for March, and found them correct. It was recommended that £300 be placed as a deposit in the Bank N.S.W for three years @ 4% if same be thereby obtained. The Bank, however, would not accept a deposit for more than 2 years. We therefore deposited it for that term, at 3 1/2%. The Secretary exhibited the two deposit receipts - one for £200 re-deposited, and a new one for £100.

The following A/c's are recommended for payment

Salaries & wages	£ 42.00
Rates	60.8.4
Gas	15.18.2
Gas mantelpiece	2.18.6
Milville & Muller Books	2.18.5
Geo Robertson Books	2.17.11
Running paper	2.0.3
Deceased funds	1.3.2
Exchange & telegram Pk	1.0.3
Send 3 A/c	18.9
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	£ 132.3.9

Wanted

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

To fill vacancy in Librarian, proposed by Mr Hamilton & seconded by Mr Rooke that it be filled by appointment of Mr J. N. Kelly

27 vols of books, costing £6.14.10 were added to the library.

Resolved that the resolution of 1<sup>st</sup> October 1903, fixing the average amount of books per month, be rescinded, and that the average amount be £10.

The Secretary read the Comparative Statement.

Secretary's statement

Subscriptions for 2 £47.80  
3 " 122.16.0  
Total revenue of 2 294.13.0  
3 months 625.7.10

New members during month  
3 months 20

Balance in Bank £315.4.3

Drawn Deposits £1850

M. Duff  
7/5/09





Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 1909.

The General Committee met at 4.45 pm  
Mr. Drifty President in the Chair

Callaway

Rooke

Martin Hood

Kelly

Apps

D. Martin

Kent

Downard

Stanley

Cook

Apology for absence of Mr. Reumi Treasurer

Minutes of preceding meeting read  
and confirmed.

The Finance Committee reported as follows.

Your Committee beg to report that they  
audited the accounts for June and found them correct.  
Payment is recommended of the following accounts:

Salaries and Wages. £ 45 2 6.

Melvin and Mullins (Shopkeeping) 23 18 0

Metropolitan Gas Co. Office 17 14 2

Millean & Donald 7 11 7

Melvin & Mellor Books 6 9 7

Gas Company maintenance lamps 3 10 0

Keuff & Sons Repair 2 7 0

FW Downey Papers 1 14 4

Millean Bros & Co. Goods } 1 5 6

Paul & Co. Cleaning } 1 5 6

Trustees Sumner Estate 320 0 0

Interest of Mortgage 1/2 year

£ 430 2 8

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

43 Vols of books were added to the Library  
at the cost of £9 5 8.

Moved by Mr. Callaway. Seconded by Mr. Kent.  
That the Times History be added to the  
Reference Library.

Mr. Stanley moved and Mr. D. Martin second  
an Amendment that it not be purchased  
The Amendment was carried

Subscriptions June £ 29 3 0

" 5 Months 141 5 6

New members during the month 8  
for 5 months 33.

Total Revenue for month £ 190 4 10

5 " £ 1006 1 8

Balance in Bank £ 240 3 8

Fixed deposit 1850 0 0

M. Drifty  
2/7/09



Friday July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1909

The General Committee met at 4.45 pm.  
 W. Duffy, President in the Chair  
 Callaway  
 Rookle  
 D. Martin  
 D. Doward  
 Kent  
 Hamilton  
 Kelley  
 Cooke  
 Rennie

Apology for absence of Mr. Martin Hood.

Minutes of preceding meeting read  
 and confirmed.

The finance committee reported as follows.  
 Your Committee beg to report that they have  
 audited the accounts for June and found them correct.  
 Payment is recommended of the following accounts.

Salaries Secretary	£ 11		
Librarian	16		
Hall Renter	7		
Steep	5		
Lad.	2	10	
Melville & Muirhead	5	14	
George Robertson & Co	9	9	2
Robert Inglis	2	7	1
F. W. Bunnay	1	18	10
Howard Smith & Co	1	5	6
Robert Anderson		10	6
MacKay & Co		13	
Armstrong & Co		6	
Metropolitan Gas Co		38	1 4
		107	9 8

Resolved on motion of Mr. Rennie and Mr. Callaway  
 the report of the Finance Committee be adopted

26 Vols were added to the Library  
 at the cost of £ 4. 15 6

Mr. Rennie reported that he and Mr. Duffy, President  
 had made arrangements with the Bank that  
 Mr. Smith Librarian sign cheques with the Treasurer Mr. Rennie  
 till countermanded.

Resolved on motion of Mr. Doward and Mr. Callaway  
 that the action of the President and Treasurer be  
 approved of.

Resolved on motion Mr. Rennie and Mr. Hamilton  
 that a letter be sent to Mr. Curtis Secretary conveying  
 the sympathy of the Committee in his illness and  
 granting him a months leave of absence

Resolved on motion of Mr. Rennie and  
 Mr. Doward that Mr. Smith Librarian  
 be appointed acting Secretary.

Subscriptions for June £ 21. 6 6  
 " " " " 6 months £ 192. 12.

Total Revenue for Month. £ 205. 19. 10.  
 " " " " 6 months £ 1772. 1. 6  
 Balance in Bank. £ 240 3 8

Fixed Deposit £ 1850

New members during the month 6.  
 6 months 39.

*W. Duffy*

Friday August 6<sup>th</sup> 1909.

The General Committee met at 4.45 pm

Mr. Duffy President in the Chair

Crooke

Kelly

Kent

Hammett

Rooke

Callaway

Apps

Rennie

Downard

Stander

Minton

Minutes of preceding meeting read and confirmed.

The Finance Committee reported as follows.

Your committee beg to report that they have audited the accounts for July and found them correct. Payment is recommended of the following accounts

Librarian	£ 16 0 0.
Hall paper to July 5	8 15 0
Help and had	9 7 6
West Australian newspaper	6 6
W F Forster. No album	8 8
Mr Warren Beachwith.	6 6
Melbourn Punch.	18 0.
E Whitehead No	3 0
R Anderson 2 years.	6 6
The Examiner newspaper	7 6
Miss Nichols wreath	1 1 0
Howard Smith No	2 11 0

In Bunnys newspaper	£ 2 0 9.
Armstrong Advertising.	1 6 0 0.
Armstrong newspaper	4 11 9.
City of Melbourne Rates to 31/8/09	3 6 5 0
Chamber Seymour	1 3 0
George Robertson	2 7.
Melville Mullen	3 13 0
Gordon & Sotch	1 1. 3 0.
W & Donald	2 16 5
E Whitehead Periodicals	4 6. 19. 11.
H Dawson No newspaper	2 3. 2 11.
Metropolitan Gas Corp. {	4 11. 2.
Maintenance life }	
Metropolitan Gas Co lighting	1 9. 12. 8.
Gratuity to Mrs. Curtis	52. 10 0
	<u>£ 267. 7. 4.</u>

Resolved on motion of Mr Rennie seconded by Mr Apps. The Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

A fixed deposit of £150 in the Bank of New South Wales falls due on the 20th of August. Resolved to recommend that it be re-deposited in The Bank of Australia at the same rate of interest for 2 years.

Accounts amounting to £ 267. 7. 4 recommended for payment.

Resolved on motion of Mr Rennie seconded by Mr Apps. The Report of the Finance Committee be adopted.



The following letters were read by  
 the acting Secretary  
 from Mr. Curtis thanking the Committee  
 for their letter of condolence in his bereavement  
 and from Mr. H. H. Fisher for use of a room  
 for an office  
 Resolved on motion of Mr. Martin and Mr. Callaway  
 that Mr. Curtis be granted the use of rooms used  
 by Mr. T. and N. Tait. While Messrs Tait's are being the same  
 30 Vols were added to the  
 Library at the cost of  
 £4. 0. 7.

A letter from Messrs T. and N. Tait informing  
 the Committee that they have installed a series  
 of arc lamps in front of the building at the  
 cost of £5. 7. 6. and the current for each will be  
 about 18/- for three hours nightly and they propose to  
 let the same to other tenants when they are not using  
 the stall so that there will be no extra expense  
 to the Institution.

Resolved on motion of Mr. Rooke and  
 Mr. Downard that Mr. Callaway and Co. be  
 be deputed to see Messrs Tait re installation  
 of Electric Lamps in front of the building and  
 report to the General Committee at their next  
 meeting.

Resolved on motion of Mr. Callaway seconded by  
 Mr. Reunie that the advertising in the  
 Argus Age and Herald be discontinued

Resolved on motion of ~~Mr. Martin~~ seconded by  
 Mr. Downard that the Committee place on record the long  
 and faithful services rendered to the Institution by the  
 late Secretary Mr. Curtis.

Resolved on motion of Mr. Reunie seconded  
 by Mr. Martin that the President Mr. Dufty  
 Mr. Reunie Mr. Martin and Mr. Kent be appointed to  
 interview Candidates for the office of Secretary and report to  
 a special meeting of the General Committee to be  
 held on August 18<sup>th</sup>.

The resignation of Mr. Martin on the finance  
 Committee was accepted.

Resolved on motion of Mr. Callaway seconded by  
 Mr. Hamilton that a gratuity of fifty guineas  
 be voted to Mr. Curtis

Acting Secretary Statement

Subscription for the month	£ 61. 14. 0
7 months	257 6. 0
Total Revenue for the month	£ 191. 7. 0
7 months	1413. 8. 6
New Members for month	5.
7 months	44
Balance in Bank	£ 324. 1. 0.
Fixed Deposit	£ 1850

M. Dufty  
 2/9/09

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August 1909

Special Meeting of  
General Committee

- Mr. Duffy President in the Chair
- Scoble
- Rennie
- Martin
- Apps.
- Wiley
- Proble
- Hamilton
- W. Ward
- Callaway
- Kent

The President explained to the Committee that the Sub Committee held a meeting and several applications were considered. The Sub Committee thought that as the Institution is of a semi public character the position of Secretary ought to be advertised and therefore referred the matter to a special meeting of the General Committee to be held August 18<sup>th</sup> and recommended that the position be advertised.

Resolved on motion of Mr. Rennie seconded by Mr. Scoble that the position of Secretary be advertised in the Atlas and Age newspapers on Monday August 18<sup>th</sup> and August 20<sup>th</sup>

Resolved on motion of Mr. Proble seconded by Mr. Hamilton that Mr. Duffy President Mr. Kent Mr. Rennie Mr. Martin and Mr. Callaway be appointed a sub-committee to open the applications and report to the general committee.

R. Duffy  
2/9/09



Alex Kempson	£	2.	7.	9
Bureauy transport		1	18.	10
Armstrong abstracting		4	14	0
Melvin and Muller books,		5	18	9
E. Robinson's books		4	2	6
W. DeTonnall (binding)		2	13.	5
Stewart's printing		1	1	0
Metropolitan Gas Co's by balance		1.	18.	9
" " Gas.		18.	13.	2.
Metrop. Board of Works rates		61	2	4
	£	135	0	0

Resolved on motion of Mr. Meunier seconded by Mr. Callaway that the report be adopted

Mr. Callaway and Cooke reported  
 Having discussed the proposal of Messrs J and N Fair to the their representative Mr. Calvert the recommendation that half the cost of installation of the Electric light in front of the building be repaid by the Institution  
 We do not consider there is any justification for incurring the greatly increased cost of light requested by Messrs J and N Fair but would suggest that the Gas Lamp be discontinued and the amount of £10. a year be granted towards the cost of Electric light  
 Resolved on motion of Mr. Callaway and seconded by Mr. Cooke the report be adopted

36 Vols of books costing £5. 12. 9. were added to the Library

After a long and illucent ballot. The President declared Mr. W. E. Wilmore elected Secretary

Friday Sep. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1904

The General Committee met at 4.45 pm

- Mr. Duffy President in the Chair
- Kelly ✓
  - Callaway ✓
  - Martin ✓
  - Downard ✓
  - Seaulle ✓
  - Hamilton ✓
  - Rennie ✓
  - Lusk ✓
  - Procke ✓
  - Cooke ✓
  - Hunt ✓

Minutes of General Committee  
 August 6<sup>th</sup> read and confirmed

Also  
 Minutes of Special General Meeting  
 of the General Committee held  
 August 19<sup>th</sup> were read  
 and confirmed

The Finance Committee reported as follows.  
 Your Committee beg to report that they have audited the accounts for August and found them correct.

Payment is recommended of the following accounts

Librarian	£	16	0	0
Hallkeeper		7	0	0
Stelp and C. Ltd. S.		7	10	0

Resolved on Motion of Mr Lusk seconded  
 by Mr. Downward That Mr. Duffy President  
 Mr. Kent Mr. Rennie Mr. Martin and Mr.  
 Callaway be appointed a sub-committee to  
 meet Mr. Wilnot and arrange as to duties  
 from &c

The President reported the death of  
 Mr. Martin Hood.

Mr. A J Masters was proposed by  
 Mr. Rennie seconded by Mr. Kent in place  
 of the late Mr. Hood.

Acting Secretary's Statement.

Subscriptions for Month. £ 60 0 6  
 " 8 Months 314 6 6

Total Revenue for the Month. 254 14 6.

New Members for Month 5  
 " 8 Months 149.

Balance in Bank £321. 18. 2.

Fixed Deposit. £ 1850

P. Duffy  
 1/10/09

Minutes of Meeting of the Committee of The  
 Melbourne Athenaeum held on Friday  
 Oct 1. 1909. at 4.45 p.m.

Present  
  
Minutes  
  
apologies  
  
Secretary

The President (in the Chair) Miss<sup>m</sup> Seawell  
 Rennie, Callaway, Downward, Kelly, Rooke  
 Cooke & Martin.

The minutes of the meeting of Sept 3 were  
 read and confirmed.

apologies were received from Mr<sup>m</sup> Kent &  
 Hamilton for non attendance.

The secretary read the notes of the meeting  
 between a sub-committee & the Secretary, as  
 follow.

"Sub Committee meeting 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 1909.  
 Mr Duffy in the Chair Mr Martin, Mr Rennie Mr Kent  
 Interview with Mr Wilnot.

agreed that Royal Humane Society, could have occupation  
 of Room adjoining Upper Hall at Rental of £52 per annum  
 subject to the Christian Science ass<sup>ns</sup> having use of it for one  
 evening per week.

- Duties
1. Engagement to be made terminable by three months  
 notice in writing on either side
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 Institution."

The report having been read.

I accept the conditions referred to in  
 the report of the sub-committee  
 J. W. S. Wilnot



Mr Rennie moved

Mr Callaway seconded

"That the report of the sub-committee as read be adopted" Carried

Mr Downward moved

Mr Callaway seconded

"That the report be incorporated in the minutes and Mr Wilmut's acceptance in writing be appended thereto" Carried

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reported that they had audited the accounts for September and found them correct. Payment is recommended for the following accounts.

Librarian's Salary for Sept.	16
Secretary's " 14 Sept to 30 Sept	6 5
Head Keeper " 1 to 25 Sept	7
Keeper 4 weeks to 25 Sept	5 00
Keeper 2 ad "	2 100
Melville & Mullen Books	2 3 1
Howard Smith & Co Coal	1 5 6
Mutual Store Ltd (oil Mattings)	3 4 3
William Detmold Binding	1 4 8
Robert S. Inglis Repairs etc	1 10 3
Richardson Kerr & Co Insurance	8 8 11
F. W. Binney Newspapers	1 18 10
Metropolitan Gas Co. Maintenance	1 15
Petty Cash	5
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	£ 63 5 6

The payment of an account Brown repairs to seats & chairs £ 9 : 2 : : was also passed to be included in next month's accounts.

Royal Humane Society

The Secretary reported that the Royal Humane Society had taken the room adjoining the Upper Hall. The President had authorized the room being renovated & H. J. Cordes of Perth had been accepted. Moved by Mr Rennie } "That the President's action seconded by Mr (Roke) } be approved" Carried.

re J. N. Tait

The secretary reported that Messrs J. N. Tait who had been renting the Large Hall for 20 per week had cancelled the holiday dates to 1912. There was no contract with them & he thought there should be a definite arrangement after some discussion.

Mr Rennie moved

Mr Kelly seconded

"That Messrs Cooke Callaway & Martin be a sub-committee to go into the whole question & discuss the matter with Messrs Tait" Carried

Johnstone

The secretary reported that Mr Johnstone had offered £40 a year for the room at the foot of the stairs provided it was renovated & ventilated.

It was decided that the above sub-committee should enquire into the matter.

The Building

The Secretary reported that he had found the building in a very dirty state & had had a lot of cleaning done. The underground offices & approaches were in very bad order. He had also obtained from H. J. Cordes an estimate for painting the front of the building.

It was after some discussion decided to defer consideration of doing anything to the outside of the building at present but Messrs Cooke & Scanlan were appointed a sub-committee to inspect the underground portions & if necessary to call in the architect.

New member

of committee

Hon Treasurer's

absence

Mr A. J. Masters was declared elected by the Chairman as a new member of committee.

The Honorary Treasurer stated that he would be leaving in a few days for New Zealand & would be away more than a month.

Mr Downward moved

Mr Martin seconded

"That during the absence of Mr Charles Rennie Mr W. A. Callaway be authorized to sign cheques" Carried

Librarian's Salary

The Hon Treas stated that the Librarian (Mr Smith) had had a great deal of extra work cast on him owing to the death of Mr Curtis. He thought the best way to recognise Mr Smith's services was by a permanent increase in salary.

Mr Rennie moved

Mr Callaway seconded

That the Librarian's salary be increased by £2 per month bringing it up to £18 per month such increase to date from July 1. Carried

The Secretary's statement for the month was received as follows.

	1909	1908
Subscriptions for month	34. 3. 0	18. 12. 6
" " " 9 months	348. 9. 6	316. 17. 6
Total Revenue for month	290. 18. 6	218. 18. 6
" " " 9 months	1969. 11. 6	2000. 15. 9
New members for month	6	1
" " " 9 months	55	22
Balance in Bank	£477. 16. 2	£426. 9. 11
Fixed Deposits	£1850	£1500

39 volumes at a cost of £7. 12. 6 were added to the library.

B. Duffy.  
5/11/09.

Minutes of Meeting of the Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum held on Friday November 5. 1909 at 4.45 p.m.

**Present** The President (in the chair) Messrs Saulen Martin, Apps, Kelly, Cooke, Rooke Downward Callaway Kent & Masters.

**Minutes** The minutes of the meeting of October 1 were read & confirmed.

**Finance** The Finance committee reported that they had audited the accounts for October & had found them correct. Payment was recommended of the following accounts:-

Secretary salary for October		12	10	.
Librarian " " "		18	.	.
Hall Keeper wages to Oct 30		8	15	.
Helpers	6.50			
Rads	3.2.6	9	7	6
Melville & Muller Books		3	9	3
George Robertson & Co		4	3	3
W. Detmold & Co Binding		4	7	6
Metropolitan Gas Co Sept-Oct 3 qrs		36	9	4
Howard Smith & Co Gas coal		1	5	6
H. J. Corder Repairs		7	7	.
F. W. Bunney Newspapers		1	19	4
Bendigo Independent	10.0			
Gellong Advertiser	13.0			
Melbourne Punch	18.0			
Kammerlun & Kammerlun	7.6	2	8	6
Christy's agency		4	11	9
A. Kempson Repairs		1	13	3
W. Detmold & Co Sundries	2.9			
Mr Lean Bro & Riggs	15			
Chambers & Seymour	9.9	1	7	6
Petty Cash		5	.	.
		<u>£122. 14. 8</u>		



The report was adopted on the motion of Messrs Callaway & Rooke.

Repairs

The Secretary read a report from the architect Messrs Sydney Smith & Co regarding alterations & repairs to the premises downstairs.

Mr Downward moved

Mr Callaway seconded

"That the matter be left to the sub-committee to deal with, with power to act" carried

Large Hall.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr C. Spencer Sydney regarding a lease for the Large Hall.

He also explained that Mr Spencer's representative had waited on him & discussed the matter Mr Spencer would suggest to take a lease for from 20 to 25 years to reduce the Hall to the level of Collins Street, put in a Dress Circle & Gallery. The alterations would not affect the library & reading room & probably not the shops.

Mr Callaway moved

Mr Downward seconded

That Mr Spencer be informed that the Committee would be prepared to consider any proposal but it must secure the income of the institution. Carried

The Secretary read a letter from Messrs J & T V Pait offering £500 per annum for a lease of the Hall.

Mr Callaway moved

Mr Martin seconded

That the Committee cannot entertain an offer of £500 per annum carried.

re Johnstone

The proposal of Mr Johnstone to rent the room at the right hand side of the entrance was left to the sub-committee to deal with with power to act.

Christian Science Book

The offer of a book on Mr Waddy's work from the First Church of Christ Scientist was

accepted with thanks  
The Secretary's statement for the month was received as follows

	1909	1908
Subscriptions for month	409.11.6	14.19.0 <del>58.3.6</del>
" " 10 months	41.19.6	331.16.6 <del>390.0.0</del>
Total Revenue for month	224.4.10	231.14.0 <del>175.11.3</del>
Total Revenue for 10 months		2232.9.9 <del>2408.1.0</del>
New members for month	5	0.2
" " 10 months	60	23. <del>575.0.0</del>
Balance in Bank		667.4.1
Fixed deposits	1850.00	1500.0.0

37 Volumes at a cost of £ 8.11.11 were added to the Library.

B. Duffin  
3/12/09.

Secretary Sub. Committee Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> 1904

Resolved on Motion of Mr. Lusk seconded  
by Mr. Downard. That Mr. W. H. H. President.  
Mr. Kent. Mr. Rennie Mr. ~~Master~~ Martin  
and Mr. Callaway be appointed a Sub. <sup>arrange</sup>  
Committee to meet Mr. Wilson, and as  
to duties nominees &c.



Sub Committee Meeting - 10<sup>th</sup> Sept 1909

Mr. Duffy in the Chair

Mr. Martin Mr. Resnic Mr. Keut

Interview with Mr. Wilmoth -

Agreed that Royal Humane Socy could have occupation  
of Room adjoining Upper Hall - at Rental of £52  
per annum Subject to the Christian Scientist Socy -  
Having use of it for one evening per week -

~~Subject to Co. Duties -~~

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