

Minutes of the Annual General meeting of Members held in the Library on January 29. 1913.

Present The President (in the Chair) Messrs Meeks & Hallaway (Trustees) Messrs Knight & Downward Rennie Masters (Committee) and fourteen other members.

Apologies Apologies were received from Messrs Cooke, Dillon, Kelly & Thodey.

Notice The notice & advertisement concerning the meeting were read.

Minutes The minutes of the meeting of Jan 31. 1912 were read & confirmed.

Report & Balance Sheet The Report & balance sheet were received & taken as read on the motion of Messrs Meeks & Callaway.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM, FOR THE YEAR 1912.

To be submitted to the Members at the General Meeting, Wednesday, 29th January, 1913, at 8 p.m.

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submit their report of the transactions of the year 1912.

The gross receipts for the year amount to £2366 10s. 7d., and the expenditure to £2410 16s. 10d.

The credit balance in the bank is £459 6s. 4d.

The mortgage for £16,000, secured by the property of the institution, due to the trustees of the estate of the late T. J. Sumner, expired on June 30, 1912. In view of the fact that it would be necessary to obtain the money elsewhere, as it was understood that the trustees would require the repayment of the principal on that date, your Committee had accumulated the sum of £2000 for the purpose of reduction. The stringency in the money market rendered it impossible to obtain a fresh mortgage at the same rate of interest, viz., 4 per cent. After some negotiation, arrangements were made with the trustees of the Sumner Estate for the repayment of £2000, and the extension of the mortgage for £14,000 for a further term of two years at the same rate of interest. This arrangement must be regarded as eminently satisfactory. Your Committee trusts that in June 1914, when fresh arrangements will have to be made, the conditions prevailing in the money market will be easier. Your Committee is indebted to the Honorary Treasurer for the satisfactory arrangements which have been made.

The number of members on the roll is 454, of whom 12 are life members, and 72 joined during the year.

The Committee regret to report that there is a slight falling off in the number of members on the roll, but during the last three months, there has been a slight increase.

which it is hoped will be maintained. The additional magazines which are now supplied, the continual purchase of new books, and the facilities afforded to members should make this the most attractive Library in Melbourne. Members are invited to assist the Committee in making the Library, the Reading Room, and Smokingroom a success, by inducing their friends to join the institution.

The number of volumes added to the library during the year was 266. The total number of works issued to subscribers was 12,271, and 3,918 magazines. An innovation much appreciated by members is the publication quarterly of a Catalogue giving a list of books added to the Library. The first issue was in October, the second is now ready. This improvement has made for the much better working of the Library, and the return of works issued is the largest for many years.

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

Table with 5 columns: CLASSIFICATION, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912. Rows include Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics; Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts; Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence; Classics and Philology; Fine Arts; Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works; History and Historical Memoirs; Jurisprudence and Legislation; Medical Science and Chemistry; Miscellaneous and Collected Works; Natural History and Botany; Works of Fiction; Music; Periodical Literature; Philosophy and General Science; Poetry and the Drama; Politics; Religious & Ecclesiastical Works; Juvenile Works.

The Government has contributed during the year:— Victorian Parliamentary Debates.

The following donations of works have also been kindly made:—

- Victorian Year Book, presented by A. M. Loughton, Esq., Government Statist.
The Christian Science Monitor, from First Church of Christ Scientists, Melbourne.
The New Zealand Official Year Book, by the Government of New Zealand.
Transactions and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria, Vol. XLV, New Series, presented by the Council of the Royal Society.
The United Empire Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute Journal, from the Society.
The Commonwealth Gazette, by the Commonwealth Government.
Two Copies of Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria, supplied regularly by Messrs. Stillwell and Co.
The Sydney Trade Review and Prices Current, by the proprietors, Messrs. Mitchell, Chisholm, and Medcalf.

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

The Committee regretfully report that, in November, the institution lost by death the valuable services of its Librarian, Mr. William Smith, who had been in its employ for forty-seven years. Mr. Smith had been in failing health for some time, and in order to relieve him to some extent of the burden of his duties, the Committee, in August, appointed Mr. W. H. Remfry as assistant Librarian. Mr. Smith, however, died on November 5. In order to mark their appreciation of Mr. Smith's long and faithful service, the Committee decided to pay to his widow his salary for twelve months, and the following minute was recorded in the books of the institution:—

"The General Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum deplores the loss the Institution has sustained in the death of an old and valued officer, in its Librarian, Mr. William Smith, who had been in its service for forty-seven years. It conveys its sympathy to Mrs. Smith and the members of his family."

The Committee have appointed Mr. W. H. Remfry as Acting Librarian for six months.

The appointment of Mr. W. A. Callaway as a Trustee of the Institution made by the Annual Meeting on January 31, 1912, has been completed, and the necessary legal documents have been duly registered at the Office of Titles.

The Election of Honorary Office-Bearers resulted in the return of the following gentlemen:—President, Mr. David Martin; Vice-President, Mr. J. H. Kelly; Treasurer, Mr. Charles Rennie; Committee, Messrs. Masters, Scanlan, Knight, and Baker.

There have been 13 meetings of the General Committee. The President, Mr. D. MARTIN attended 12. The Vice-President, Mr. J. H. KELLY " 10. The Treasurer, Mr. CHARLES RENNIE " 7. Trustee, Mr. W. A. CALLAWAY " 11.

COMMITTEE: Mr. Masters .. attended 9. Mr. Chambers .. attended 2. Mr. Apps 5. Mr. Knight 9. Mr. Downward 10. Mr. Thodey 10. Mr. Kent nil. Mr. Scanlan 8. Mr. Baker 6. Mr. Cooke 7.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (13 Meetings): Mr. Rennie (Chairman) attended 7. Mr. Masters attended 7. Mr. Cooke 4. Mr. Thodey 9. Mr. Callaway 10.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE (13 Meetings): Mr. Callaway (Chairman) attended 11. Mr. Thodey attended 12. Mr. Martin 12. Mr. Baker 4. Mr. Masters 11. Mr. Kent has been absent on sick leave all the year.

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

Your Committee has had under consideration the renovation of the main hall and the main entrance, and the decoration of the front of the building. A comprehensive scheme has been evolved, including an improvement in the ventilation, at an estimated cost of £350, and it is hoped that at the Annual Meeting it will be possible to announce that tenders have been let for the work.

The Art Gallery has again been largely patronised; successful exhibitions of paintings and other works of art having been held by Messrs. W. B. McInnes, C. Crozier, Robert A. Forbes, Laurie Taylor, C. Wheeler, Walter Withers, Ambrose Patterson, A. Esam, Hans Heysen, J. Wolinski, J. Sommers, Fred McCubbin, Louis McCubbin, John Mather, Blamire Young, E. C. Officer, Henri Tebbitt, Miss Vaile, Miss C. L. Jenkins, Miss Asquith Baker, and Mrs. R. Jenkins. The gallery has now established a world-wide reputation, and every available date for the season of 1913 has been booked. In order to bring the gallery right up-to-date, the Committee has let tenders for the extension of the lantern light in order to improve the lighting of the east and west walls, and the removal of the platform, which will make the hanging line uniform all round the gallery, at a total cost of £183 5s. These alterations are in course of completion, and will be ready for the opening of the season in February.

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, 29th January, 1913.

DAVID MARTIN, President. R. W. E. WILMOT, Secretary.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include By Interest on Mortgage, Salaries and Wages, Books, Magazines, and Newspapers, Gas and Electric Light, Repairs, Goods, and Sundries, Rates, Insurance, Binding, Postage, Stationery and Petty Cash, Printing and Advertising, Auditors, Law Costs, Reduction of Mortgage, Cash in Bank and in hand.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include To Balance in Bank and Fixed Deposits, Subscriptions, Rent of Large Hall, Small Hall, Front Shops, Rooms, Sales, Interest.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM. For the Year ended 31st December, 1912.

AUDITORS: JOHN BISHOP, F.C.P.A., L. N. RAINEY, A.I.A.V.

Audited and found correct.

MELBOURNE, 29th January 1913.

The President moved & Mr. Downward seconded the adoption of the report & balance sheet & the motion was carried.

auditors on the motion of Messrs Rennie & Knight
 mem J Bishop & L. N. Rainey were
 reappointed auditors
 vote of Thanks Mr Callaway moved & Mr Meek seconded
 that a vote of thanks be accorded to the
 President & Vice President & Committee
 & in doing so deplored the loss the
 Institution had sustained in the death
 of Mr Smith Librarian. The resolution
 was carried.

Suggestions It was decided that the receipts for
 subscriptions which then bore the
 printed signature of the Secretary should
 be signed or initialed by the person
 receiving the receipt.

Staff a vote of Thanks to the Secretary & acting
 Librarian was adopted on the motion
 of Messrs Downes & Row.

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 h. r. h. p. o. h. m.
 b. h. a. m. m.
 2nd Jan 1914

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee
 held on Friday January 9. 1914
 Present Mr^{SSR} Martin (in the chair) Martin, Thodey,
 Callaway, Downward, Cooke, apper, Knight
 Oulton, Rennie, Shury, Dr Kennaon & Lewis
 Sir Edward Castle

Minutes The minutes of meeting of Dec 5 1913 were
 read & confirmed.

The President Mr Martin formally reported the death
 of the President and moved

1 "The committee of the Melbourne alb sud un
 duply regrets the death of its President
 Mr J. H. Kelly and desires to place on
 record its appreciation of Mr Kelly's
 services to the Institution during the
 four years he had been a member of
 the Committee."

2 "That the Committee desire to convey to Mrs
 Kelly their deep sympathy in her
 bereavement"

3 "That a copy of both resolutions be
 forwarded to Mrs Kelly."

The motion was seconded by Mr Callaway
 & carried unanimously.

Finance The draft balance sheet was presented
 by the Finance Committee who recommended
 that it be passed subject to audit. The
 Treasurer (Mr Rennie) explained the details
 of the balance sheet & the recommendation
 was adopted.

The Finance Committee reported that
 it had considered the question of salaries
 of officer & recommended that the Librarian
 assistants salary should be increased from
 12/6 per week to 15/- a week, the Librarian's
 salary from £152 per annum to £200 per
 annum & the Secretary's salary from

£200 to £225 per annum. The Chairman reported that he had received a letter from the secretary. The letter was read & it was moved by Mr. Reville seconded by Mr. Martin

"That the Finance Committee recommendation be adopted with the secretary's salary increased to £250 per annum on account of the representations in his letter of January 8". Carried

The Finance Committee reported having audited the accounts for December & had found them correct. The following accounts were recommended for payment.

Secretary salary to 31. 12. 13	16. 13. 4
Librarian " " "	15. 3. 4
Hallkeeper wages to 30. 1. 14	10. 0. 0
attendant " " "	8. 15. 0
Library assist " " "	3. 2. 6
Mr Buckley wages	21. 17. 6
Mr. Robinson for books	1. 19. 0
Melville Muller " "	4. 0. 9
Armsstrong Agency Papers	4. 7. 11
F. J. Mitty " "	5. 11. 3
Sunday news papers Portland Guardian & Pudding Olds 9/6	1. 13. 4
Metropolitan Gas	9. 6
Electric light	14. 15. 9
Metropolitan Fire Brigade	1. 12. 5
Goods no. 521 to 1/6 Chambers & 17/6 Evans & 17/6 Evans	4. 11
Jan. Barton & Sons sundries	2. 17. 4
Paton & Sons " "	12. 6
M. Brown repairs	2. 17. 0
R. S. Inglis " "	1. 12. 6
A. Kumpson " "	1. 11. 6
Petty Cash	1. 3. 0
	5. 0. 0
Total	£108. 8. 7

The report was adopted on the motion of

Library

Misses Reville & Callaway
The report of the Library Committee was adopted & the books submitted approved.

Confirmed
both in books
b. h. o. m. a. n.
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Minutes of The annual General meeting of members held in The Library on Wednesday January 28 1914

Present The vice President (Mr. J. Kelly) in the Chair. Mr. Callaway & Messrs (Minutes) Messrs Topp, Downward, Apps, Knight, Shew, Thodey, Martin, Cooke, & Messrs members of committee and fourteen other members

apologies were received from Messrs Rennie, the secretary read the notice & advertisement concerning the meeting

Minutes The minutes of the meeting of Jan 29. 1913 were read & confirmed

Report & balance sheet The annual report & balance sheet of which copies had been circulated amongst members were taken as read on the motion of Messrs Martin & Apps.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM, FOR THE YEAR 1913.

To be submitted to the Members at the General Meeting, Wednesday, 28th January, 1914, at 8 p.m.

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submit their report of the transactions of the year 1913: The Committee regretfully report that your President, Mr. J. H. Kelly, who was unable, through illness, to be present at the Annual Meeting in January, 1913, was prevented from taking up the position owing to his ill health. He was an invalid all the year until he died on December 28, 1913. The late President had been a member of the Institution for thirty-five years, and had been an active member of the Committee since April, 1909.

The following minute has been recorded in the books of the Institution:—

"The Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum deeply regrets the death of its President, Mr. J. H. Kelly, and desires to place on record its appreciation of his services to the Institution during the four years he had been a Member of the Committee."

The gross receipts for the year amount to £3076 8s. 9d., the highest on record. The gross expenditure amounts to £3258 18s. 3d., but of this £648 13s. 11d. was spent in improvements, and £225 was paid to the widow of the late librarian, Mr. William Smith. Thus the ordinary expenditure may be stated as £2383 4s. 4d.

The credit balance in the bank is £276 16s. 10d.

The number of members on the roll is 494, of whom 12 are life members, and 84 joined during the year.

The Committee is glad to be able to report that there is an increase of forty in the number of members on the roll, as well as £29 11s. in subscriptions paid. During the year the Library has been re-arranged, with the result that its working has been simplified, and the increased convenience has been much appreciated by members. The Committee has expended nearly £85 more on the purchase of books and magazines during this year than in 1912, and the increased number of magazines supplied has given great satisfaction to members, the number issued during the year being more than twice as great as in 1912.

The number of volumes added to the library during the year was 450. The total number of works issued to subscribers was 13,066, and 7,876 magazines.

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

CLASSIFICATION.	1910.	1911.	1912.	1913.
Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics	1	2	1	2
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts	3	4	1	4
Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence	580	582	654	744
Classics and Philology	6	4	11	5
Fine Arts	2	2	—	—
Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works	708	710	900	938
History and Historical Memoirs	195	210	209	206
Jurisprudence and Legislation	3	3	1	—
Medical Science and Chemistry	1	1	1	—
Miscellaneous and Collected Works	391	401	401	440
Natural History and Botany	25	26	16	21
Works of Fiction	8,684	8,784	9,554	10,460
Music	1	1	1	43
Periodical Literature	356	366	308	70
Philosophy and General Science	77	79	81	92
Poetry and the Drama	55	57	68	16
Politics	18	20	15	5
Religious & Ecclesiastical Works	11	14	14	20
Juvenile Works	23	26	30	—
	11,140	11,296	12,271	13,066

The Government has contributed during the year:—
Victorian Parliamentary Debates.

The following donations of works have also been kindly made:—

- Victorian Year Book, presented by A. M. Loughton, Esq., Government Statist.
- The Christian Science Monitor, from First Church of Christ Scientists, Melbourne.
- The New Zealand Official Year Book, by the Government of New Zealand.
- The United Empire Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute Journal, 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 proprietors of the principal metropolitan and provincial newspapers have also each contributed one copy of their journals.

The Committee, on May 2, appointed Mr. W. H. Remfry as Librarian, he having been acting in that capacity since the death of the late Mr. Win. Smith.

The Committee during the year issued a booklet, giving a short history of the Institution, with illustrations and particulars as to membership, and it is hoped that by this means a number of new subscribers will be obtained.

The Committee has during the year carried out considerable alterations and improvements. The re-decoration of the Main Hall and the approach thereto, and the extension of the lantern light in the Upper Hall, have both proved most satisfactory. The appearance of the Main Hall and of the Entrance has been much improved by the work done, and the increased revenue obtained (£168 6s. 8d. more than in 1912) has been a source of gratification to the Committee. The extension of the lantern light in the Upper Hall has transformed it into the best Art Gallery in

Australia. Its popularity was unabated, and so much has it become the art centre of Melbourne that all available dates for 1914 have been booked.

The Committee has long felt that the sanitary arrangements in connection with the Institution were very inadequate. Several suggestions were made before a workable scheme was evolved. However, in October last the Committee accepted designs for a complete scheme of sanitary conveniences. This scheme provides for the abolition of the awkward stairs near the entrance to the Main Hall, and this in itself will be a decided improvement, as it will considerably increase the exit from the Main Hall. The new conveniences in the basement will provide accommodation for members as well as for persons attending entertainments in the Hall.

The Committee, in deciding on the alterations mentioned in the previous paragraph, were largely influenced by their desire to remove the lavatory, which has greatly militated against the success of the smoking-room. The erection of the lavatory at the northern end of the smoking-room had caused that room to be almost a passage, and militated greatly against its comfort. Now that this obstacle has been removed it is hoped that the smoking-room will be more largely patronised.

There have been 13 meetings of the General Committee.

- The President, Mr. J. H. KELLY attended 0
- The Vice-President, Mr. A. J. MASTERS " 11
- The Treasurer, Mr. CHARLES RENNIE " 7
- Trustee, Mr. W. A. CALLAWAY " 11

- COMMITTEE:
- Mr. Martin attended 10
 - Mr. Scanlan " 7
 - Mr. Apps " 10
 - Mr. Downward " 5
 - Mr. Thodey " 5
 - Mr. Cooke " 9
 - Mr. Andrews attended 7
 - Dr. Kennison " 7
 - Dr. Lewers " 12
 - Mr. Dillon " 8
 - Mr. Shew " 11
 - Mr. Knight " 11

FINANCE COMMITTEE (12 Meetings):

Mr. Rennie (Chairman) attended 10	Mr. Masters attended 11
Mr. Callaway " 11	Mr. Shew " 8
Mr. Dillon " 8	

LIBRARY COMMITTEE (12 Meetings):

Mr. Martin (Chairman) attended 10	Mr. Thodey attended 6
Mr. Callaway " 11	Dr. Lewers " 7
Mr. Masters " 12	

SUB-COMMITTEES.

A Sub-Committee, consisting of Messrs. Masters and Martin, and Dr. Lewers, appointed to arrange for alterations in connection with sanitary accommodation, held four meetings.

A Sub-Committee, consisting of Messrs. Martin, Masters, Cooke, and Sir Edward Carlike, appointed to draw up a form of conditions and contract for letting the Main Hall, held three meetings.

The Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following Members of Committee retire from office, but are eligible for re-election, viz.—Messrs. Martin, Knight, and Scanlan.

The Art Gallery has again been largely patronised, the improvements effected last year being universally commended. Successful exhibitions of paintings and other works of art were held by Messrs. Howard Ashton, Bernard Hall, E. Phillips Fox, Max Meldrum, Montague Brown, Leslie Wilkie, H. S. Power, Gill and Gilloni, H. Camm, and Capt. Press, Miss C. A. Hawden, Miss Baskerville and Mr. Richardson, Miss Dora Meeson and Mr. George Coates, Miss Cumbræ Stewart, Miss Traill, Miss Merfield, Miss Dora Wilson, Twelve Melbourne Painters, The Wombalano Art Club, and the Australian Artists' Association.

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, 28th January, 1914.

A. J. MASTERS, Vice-President.
R. W. E. WILMOT, Secretary.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the Year ended 31st December, 1913.

To Balance in Bank	£459 6 4	By Interest on Mortgage	£560 2 6
Subscriptions	4,481 9 6	Salaries and Wages	629 12 9
Rent of Large Hall	1,104 1 8	Books, Magazines, and Newspapers	424 12 7
Small Hall	610 9 6	Gas and Electric Light	194 14 6
Front Shops	648 1 0	Repairs, Goods, and Sundries	131 7 0
Rooms	209 5 6	Rates	285 14 0
Sales	23 1 7	Insurance	66 11 6
	3,076 8 9	Binding	11 9 0
		Postage, Stationery and Petty Cash	43 6 0
		Printing and Advertising	33 10 6
		Auditors	4 4 0
		By EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE—	£2,885 4 4
		Allowance to Widow of late Librarian	£225 0 0
		Improvements	648 13 11
			873 13 11
		Cash in Bank and in hand	3,258 18 3
			276 16.10
			£3,535 15 1

Audited and found correct.

JOHN BISHOP, F.C.P.A., ADDRESS.

L. N. RAINEY, A.I.A.V.

MELBOURNE, 19th January 1914.

The chairman moved the adoption of the

Report & balance sheet & in doing so made fulling reference to the illness & death of the President. The chairman also referred to the improvements which had been effected & to the satisfactory condition of the Institution.

Mr Thoddy seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

The chairman answered several questions & explained various matters.

auditors

Mrs L. N. Rainey & John Bishop were elected auditors on the motion of Mrs Knight & seconded.

A vote of thanks moved by Mr Meeks & seconded by Mr Apps was accorded to the retiring office bearers & the staff of the Institution.

The election of Honorary office bearers resulted.

- President Mr A J Meeks
- Vice President Mr W. H. Thoddy
- Hon Treas Mr Chas Rennie
- Committee Messrs Martin, Knight, Topp & auditors.

Confirmed
L. N. Rainey
President
27th Jan 1915

Minutes of meeting of The General Committee held on Friday February 6 1914

Present

Messrs Masters (Chair) Martin, Callaway, Apps, Topp, Rennie, Thoddy, ^{Knight} Bullon, Cooke, Sherrin & Kennison.

The chairman welcomed Mr C. A. Topp as a member.

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of Jan 9. 1914 were read & confirmed.

Finance

The Finance Committee reported having audited the accounts for January & had found them correct. They recommended payment of the following accounts.

Secretary salary to 31-1-14	20-16-8
Librarian "	16-13-4
Hallkeeper wages to 27-2-14.	8-0-0
attendant " "	7-0-0
Library assist. " "	3-0-0
" " Duennan for January	12-6-18-12-6
Sundry wages	1-17-3
Geo Robertson for Books	3-6
McNeill & Mullen "	7-0-8
M. Dawson & Sons magazines	22-17-11
Sundry newspapers	3-18-
Stillwell for printing	12-8
Sands & McDougall Books	2-1-
City of Melbourne Electric Light	1-0-5
Metropolitan Gas Co Gas	6-13-0
M. Brown Goods	2-14-0
G. H. Cassidy Printing	1-3-9
Sundries	19-0
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	£122-1-6

The Finance Committee also recommended that in future cheques for salaries should be drawn in the month in which they are due. The recommendations were adopted on the motion of Mrs Rennie & Thoddy.

Committee The following committees were appointed
Finance The President Treasurer Messrs
 Sheer Callaway Thodey
Library The President Mr Martin, Callaway
 Thodey Topp & Dr Lewis. Sir E. Carlike
House To advise on all matters regarding
 the building
 The President Messrs Martin Cooke
 Downward & Dr Kenison

75th Anniversary The secretary reported that he had
 arranged with The Argus to publish
 a picture of the first building in The
 Argus on Feb 14th the 75th anniversary
 of the initiation of the institution. He suggested
 that The Herald offer of space amounting
 to 30 column inches with blocks for
 £7.10.0. The suggestion was adopted
 on the motion of Messrs Sheer & apps on
 the understanding that it be published
 on Monday Feb 16.

Coffee Palace an application from the Victoria Coffee Palace
 to be allowed to build upon our wall at The
 N.E. W boundary was referred to the House
 Committee with power to set subject to all
 expenses being paid & our architects
 approval being obtained by the Coffee Palace.

Holiday The secretary's application for leave on
 annual holiday for three weeks from March
 7th was granted. The Librarian to set
~~as secretary in his absence.~~

Annual Meeting It was decided that the minutes of the
 annual meeting should be read at the
 next meeting of the committee
 It was decided that as there was no formal
 ann for the opening of the library on Friday that
 the suggestion be not approved.

Library The report of the Library Committee was adopted

and the books selected approved on the
 motion of Messrs Martin Callaway.

6th confirmed 6th week 1914
 h. r. h. f. o. k. u.
 President

Present Minutes of meeting of the General
 Committee held on Friday March 6. 1914
 Mr Martin (in the chair) Messrs Topp, Callaway,
 Martin, Thodey, Downward, Knight, Sheer
 Dillon Dr Kenison & Lewis, & Sir Edward
 Carlike.

apology an apology was received from Mr Reville.
 Minutes The minutes of meeting of February 6 were
 read & confirmed.

Finance The finance committee reported having audited
 the accounts for February & had found them correct
 They recommended payment of the following a/c's

C. F. Pittard	Improvements	315.0.0
Secretary Salary	to 28.2.14	20.16.8
Librarian	" 28.2.14	16.13.4
Hall Keeper	wages to 28.3.14	8.0.0.
assistant		7.0.0
deputy assistant		3.0.0
Mrs Walsh	chairwoman	18.0.0
M. Buckley	wages	4.1.
Mrs Brown		1.11.6
metropolitan Gas Co	Gas	15.0
City of Melb ^{ns}	Electric light	12.15.0
F. J. Mitty	newspapers	1.19.8
Melville & Mullen	Books	3.6.3
H. Wise & Co	advertising	9.18.4
The Herald		1.7.6
Laurina & Hanson	repairs	7.10.0
Food		1.10.
Melb ^{ns} & Metropolitan B ^o	of works Rates	1.13.9
W. Bishop	auditor	29.12.4
L. N. Ranney		2.2.0
Secretary Salary	to 28.3.14	2.2.0
Librarian	" "	20.16.8
		16.13.4
		£ 538. 4. 4

The Committee also recommended a reply
 to The First Church of Christ as detailed in

Finance Committee minute Book pages 100-101.

The recommendation was adopted on the motion of Messrs Callaway & Sir Edward Carlile

The report of the library committee was adopted and the books chosen were approved on the motion of Messrs Martin & Callaway.

6 confirmed
A. R. H. P. O. S. H. M.
B. H. W. M.
3rd Apr 1914

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Friday April 3. 1914

Present Mr Martin (Chair) Callaway, Thodes, Topp, Downward, Kenison, apps Shur & Kenison Mrs Sir Edward Carlile

Apologies were received from Mr King & Mr Andrews & Kenise

Minutes The minutes of meeting of March 6 were read & confirmed.

Correspondence a letter from Mrs McGillan a member was read claiming rebate of subscription paid. She had always paid £1.10 but now found she need only have paid 10/6 per annum as Mr McGillan her husband was a member. It was decided on the motion of Sir Edward Carlile & Mr Topp that the rebate be allowed.

Finance The Finance Committee reported having audited the accounts for March and had found them correct. They recommended payment of the following accounts.

Hall Kuper wages to 24.4.14	8.00	
allendant	7.00	
library agent	3.00	
Mrs Brown wages	15.0	18.15.0
Melville & Muller Books		5
Geo Robinson to		1.10.3
Gordon & Loten newspapers		9.1.6
F J Mitty		1.13.0
Mrs Gaslo Gas		12.6.7
City of York Electric Light		3.12.1
Evans & Wain to Goods		2.10.6
Sundries		17.0
Melhop & The Brigade Fire men		1.19.0
Stillwell to Printing		8.10.0
M Brown repairs		2.12.6
E. Fisher & Son		1.5
Petty cash		5.0
Secretary Salary		20.16.8
Library ..		16.13.4
		Total £112.2.5

The report was adopted on the motion of Messrs Callaway & apps

The Finance Committee also reported that the Hon Treas was enquiring into the mortgage which would expire in June. He was interviewing the trustees & on 6 & would report later.

an application was received for the use of the upper Hall on Sunday afternoon from the Melb^u City Brotherhood. The secretary explained that the library would entail extra work on the staff on the motion of Messrs Callaway & Downward it was agreed to let the Hall for not less than three months at a rate of £1.10.0 per Sunday. The staff was to be reimbursed 10/- per Sunday.

The report of the library Committee was adopted.
6 confirmed
A. R. H. P. O. S. H. M.
1st May 1914

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Friday May 1.

Present

Mr & Mrs Martin (Chair) Martin, Cudaway, Popp Downward, Apps, Shew Rennie & Kinnis on apologies were received from Mr & Mrs Cook & Thodgy & Sir Edward Carlile

Apologies

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of April 3 were read & confirmed.

Finance

The finance committee reported that it had audited the accounts for April & had found them correct. The payment of the following accounts was recommended

Hall Keeper wages to 29.5.14	10.0.0	
attendance "	9.15.0	
Library assist "	3.15.0	
Mr Brown washing	<u>15.</u>	23.5.0
Metropolitan Gas & Gas		13.5.8
City of Melb th Electric light		2.15.5
George Robertson to Books		5.18.3
Stocison Book Society "		3.2
Belville & Muller Magazines		57.12.11
Arushonges Agency Newspapers		5.11.3
F. J. Mitty "		1.13.10
Sunday Newspapers		1.4.6
G. H. Cassidy Binding		1.13.6
Metropolitan Fire Brigade Fireman		3.18.0
City of Melbourne Rates		71.5.0
Goods Roadster on 9/10 Nov 1914 to 7/6		16.6
Mr & Mrs Kinnis rebate of subscriptions		3.3.0
Secretary Salary		20.16.8
Librarian Salary		<u>16.13.4</u>
		Total 232.19.10

The finance committee also reported that it recommended that the Hon Treasurer be authorized to negotiate for a renewal of the mortgage at 4 1/2 % net to the Institution. The report was adopted on the motion of Mrs Downward &

Lockus

Books

Rennie & it was decided on the motion of Mr Martin & Mr Downward to clear the matter of the mortgage in Mr Rennie's hands. It was decided to accept E. F. Pittard's price for Lockus in the day provided a dozen were applied for. a notice to be placed in the Reading room

to be confirmed

with books

to be confirmed

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Minutes of meeting of The General Committee held on June 5 1914.

Present Messrs Harkins (chair) Martin Topp & Callaway apps, Knight, Shew Dillon Sir Edward Carlile Dr Kemison & Lewis apologies were received from Mr Aume & Mr Andrews

Mr Thodley The President reported the death of Mr W. H. Thodley.

The President moved Mr Martin seconded that The Committee of the Melbourne Athlete Union deeply regrets the death of its vice President Mr W. H. Thodley and desires to place on record its appreciation of his services to the Institution of which he had been a member since 1881. as a member of the General, Finance & Library Committees Mr Thodley's advice & knowledge were invaluable & his loss will be sorely felt. Carried.

It was decided to send a copy of this resolution to Mr Allan Thodley.

The vacancy as vice President was filled by the appointment of Mr H. M. Knight Sir Edward Carlile was appointed on the Library Committee & Mr Knight was appointed to the Finance Committee.

Mr Thodley The President reported that Mr Cooke was still ill. a box of flowers had been sent to Mr Cooke & a letter of appreciation was received from him.

Finance The Secretary reported in the absence of the Hon Treas that Mr Reunie had arranged the mortgage with the Perpetual Trustees Co for £14000 for 7 years at 4 1/2 percent. The valuation by Messrs C. J. & T. Ham at £30,100 had been approved. The finance committee recommended that the following resolution

be adopted.

"The general committee having approved of a new mortgage of £14,000 for 7 years at 4 1/2 percent from The Perpetual Trustees & Agents as of Australia in lieu of that for a similar amount held by The Trustees & Agents & requests the Trustees to sign the mortgage deed when prepared. The conditions to be similar to the present mortgage & to contain a clause exempting the Trustees from personal liability. Moved by Mr Callaway seconded by Mr Shew

That the recommendation be adopted. Carried The Finance Committee also reported having audited the books for May & having found them correct. The recommended payment of the following accounts

Perpetual Executors to val ⁿ fee	7.7.0
Hale Kuper wages & sundry work	19.8.10.0
Affendant	7/1. 11.8.00
Librarian attend ^t	3.0.0
Mr Brown washing	15. 20.5.0
Mr Patch charwoman 7/4. Mr Buckley boys	3.0.0
Mr Patch Charwoman	18.
Melbop Gas Co 8/10	12.10
City of Melb skeleton height	5.5.4
Geo Robinson Books	16.5
Mel Knight & Hutter	6.11.3
E. a. Pahr	3.0.3
Melbop Fire Brigade	3.18
Stillwell & Co Printing	2.8
Arbuckle & Co	1.4.6
Howard Smith & Co Goods	1.7.9
Paton & Sons Sundries	1.3.
Chambers & Seymour Goods	1.0.0
Mr Brown repairs	3.7
A Kemp & Sons	16.3
A. S. Zuger	19.9
E. J. Pittard Improvements	56.10.6
Secretary Salary for June	20.16.8
Librarian	16.13.4
Petty Cash	5.
	<u>£191.6.7</u>

library
height area

The report was adopted on the motion of
Miss Callaway & Shew
The report of the library committee was
adopted & the books selected approved
The secretary reported that the owners
of the property on the east side proposed to
build. The secretary was instructed to
make full enquiry as to the provisions to be
made for light &c & to report to the House
Committee.

Confirmed
L. H. P. O. S. H. S.
L. H. P. O. S. H. S.

3rd July 1914

Minutes of the General Committee meeting held on Friday July 3 1914

Present Mr. Tactus (Chair), Martin, Topp, Callaway, Dism
andrews, Downward, Shew D. S. Kenison
& Sir Edward Castile

apologies apologies were received from Mr. Rennie
& D. S. Kenison

Minutes The minutes of meeting of June 5 were read
& confirmed.

Buildings Mr. Sydney Smith architect was in attendance
& explained the position regarding the buildings
on the east of the institution proposed to be erected
by the Victoria Coffee Palace & the estate of Mr.
Coalis. The Chairman also explained the
interviews he had had regarding the Coffee
Palace ground & the proposal to alter the
easement for it through the Coffee Palace
land and the decision of the House Committee
& its meeting with Mr. Smith & Mr. Wisenow

after the matter had been fully discussed
Mr. Callaway moved

Mr. Andrews seconded in regard to Mr. Coalis land
"That the architects to the institution (Mr.
Sydney Smith 1099) be requested to obtain
a light easement of 10ft from the Eastern boundary
of the main Hall and accept the offer of an
easement of 6ft opposite the windows of the
room now used by the Royal Humane Society of
Australia. That these easements be registered
on the title and all costs & expenses to be borne
by Mr. Coalis the owner of the land" Carried

Mr. Topp moved

Mr. Downward seconded in regard to the Coffee Palace

"That the amended proposal made by Mr.
Keup on behalf of the Victoria Coffee Palace
be accepted. That the Committee agree to the
alteration of the easement so as to provide
for it to be as shown on the plan. The easement
to be registered as altered on the title in Coffee
Palace to bear all costs & expenses" Carried

Finance The chairman reported that all arrange-
ments in connection with the transfer of the
mortgage from the Sumner estate to the Perpetual
Trustees association of Australia had been completed

The new mortgage had been prepared by Malleson
Stewart, Haurell & Nankivell & had been revised
& approved by Wisenow & Dismore on
behalf of the Trustees of the Melbourne Athenaeum &
had been approved by them. The transfer of the mortgage
had been duly effected. Mr. Rennie had
arranged with Malleson Stewart Haurell & Nankivell
that their costs should be reduced from £31.10.0 to
£26.5.0 & the Finance Committee had approved.

The report was received & it was decided on
the motion of Mr. Martin seconded by Mr. Topp "that the
best thanks of the institution be accorded to the

Hon Treas Mr Charles Reunie for his efforts in securing the new mortgage on such advantageous terms."

Finance

The Finance Committee reported having audited the accounts for June & had found them correct. They recommended payment of the following accounts

Trustees & Co Agency Co	Costs	3.6.6
Hall Keeper wages to 31.7.14	10.0.0	
Sunday work	1.0.0	
allendant wages to 31.7.14	8.15.0	
Sunday work	10.0	
Library assist wages to 31.7.14	3.15.0	
Mr Brown washing	15.0	24.15.0
Metropolitan Gas Co Gas		19.16.5
City of Melb th electric light		5.1.0
George Robinson books		1.16.5
Melville & Mullen "		1.7.3
E.A. Parr "		5.12.11
Gordon & Co Tea newspapers		7.17.6
F.J. Mitty "		3.6.11
Sunday newspapers Lucas 19 th allendant 4 th 6/6		
Century 4 th Document Book Soc 19 th		2.5.5
Breeding Cassidy 19 th De Munn 19 th		1.2.9
Sundries Whitsons 4 th Inglis 4 th Lucas 6 th		1.9.3
Erans Erans Co Goods		1.6.3
Mallison Stuart Co Law books		26.5.0
Trustees & Co Agency Co Interest		1.10.8
Sydney Smith & Off Improvements		27.17.3
Secular Salary to 31.7.14		20.16.8
Librarian " to 31.7.14		16.13.4
	Total	£ 172. 6.6

The report was adopted on the motion of Messrs Shew & Martin.

The books submitted were approved.

Confirmed
and in witness
whereof

1 Chairman

7th August 1914

Library

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Friday August 7. 1914.

Present

Mr Martin (in the chair) Martin, Topp, Downward, Knight, Dillon, Shew, & D. Allison
Lib Edward Carile, D. Lewis & Mr Reunie wrote apologising

Apologies

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of July 3 were read & confirmed.

Finance

The Finance Committee reported having audited the accounts for July & had found them correct. They recommended payment of the following accounts.

Hall Keeper wages	8.0.0	
allendant "	7.0.0	
Library allendant "	3.0.0	
Mr Brown "	15.0	18.15.0
W. Harrison "	1	1.5.0
G. Robinson Co Books		11.9.2
Melville & Mullen "		4.8.0
H. Dawson Co Periodicals		26.19.7
Melville & Mullen "		59.11.5
F.J. Mitty newspapers		1.15.
Armstrong Agency " & Advt		6.1.3
Sunday newspapers		3.4
City of Melbourne Rates		55.8.4
Metropolitan Gas Co Gas		16.15.6
City of Melb th Elect light		2.17.2
Wrenwood Duncan & Wrenwood Law books		6.6
Metropolitan Fire Brigade Firemen		21.2.6
Howard Smith Co Coal		2.18.
Goods		2.0.0
Net adults debts Advertising		1. . .
Mr Brown repairs		18.6
E. J. Whitsons Goods		3.4.6
Secular salary		20.16.8
Librarian Salary		16.13.4
Net cash		5
	Total	288.8.8

The report was adopted on the motion of Messrs Knight & Downward
The books chosen were approved on the motion of Messrs Martin & Knight.

Conferred
L. H. P. O. S. H. S.
Chairman
4th Sept 1914

Minutes of meeting of The General Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum held on Friday Sept 4 1914.

Present Messrs Martin (Chair), Popp, Andrews, Downward, Knight, Shear, Dr Kennison & Lewis.
apologies were received from Sir Edward Carlisle, Messrs Callaway & Kenzie.

Minutes The minutes of meeting of August 7 were read & confirmed.

Patriotic Fund The Chairman mentioned the subject of a donation to the Patriotic Fund. The matter was discussed & doubts were raised as to the powers of the Committee in the matter. It was decided to refer the matter to the Finance Committee for enquiry & to make it a matter of special business for the next meeting on the motion of Messrs Martin & Downward.

Finance The finance committee reported that they had audited the books & accounts for August and had found them correct. They recommended the payment of accounts amounting to £182. 1. 8 The recommendation was adopted on the motion of Messrs Andrews & Martin. The accounts

Books

Present

apologies

Minutes

Patriotic Fund

Finance

recommended for payment were:

Hall Keeper wages to 25.9.14.	8.0.0
Attendant " "	7.0.0
Library assistant " "	3.0.0
Mrs Brown " "	15
W. Hastings " "	10. 19.5.0
G. Robertson Books	3. 16.6
M. Strick & Mullen " "	3. 4.11
Z. J. Mitty Newspapers	1. 13.7
Stillwell & Co Printing	3. 12.0
Metropolitan Fire Brigade Terminus	7. 9.6
Richardson Kerr & Co Insurance	68. 3.2
Metropolitan Gas Co Gas	23. 12.3
M. Brown repairs	2. 19.9
Sundries Chambers & Seymour 1/6 Lucas Co 4/6	
Falshaw Bros 4/.	1. 2.0
Edgar A Barr books	7. 14.6
Erans Erans & Co Goods	1. 18.6
Secretary salary to 30.9.14	20. 16.8
Librarian " "	16. 13.4
Balance Total	£182. 1. 8

Library

The books selected were approved on the motion of Messrs Martin & Downward.

Conferred
L. H. P. O. S. H. S.
Chairman
2nd Oct 1914

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on October 2. 1914

Present M^{rs} Mastus (Chair) Martin, Dillon, Knight Shew, Reunie, D^r Keunison & Sir Edward Carlile

apologies apologies were received from M^{rs} Callaway and Topp

Minutes the minutes of meeting of Sept 4 were read & confirmed.

Finance The Finance Committee reported having audited the accounts for September & having found them correct. The recommended payment of the following accounts.

Hall Repair wages	10.0.0	
attendant "	8.15.0	
Library assist ^{ant} "	3.15.0	
M ^{rs} Brown "	15.0	
M ^{rs} Aslings "	13.0	23.18.0
M ^{rs} Dale Charwoman		3.17.0
G. Robertson to books		4.1.3
F J Mutt ^{er} newspapers		1.13.4
Sundries newspapers		12.6
R.S. Duglis repairs		5.1.6
C.F. Pittard improvements		9.0.0
M ^{rs} B ^{ro} works Rates	79.	12.4
Goods Sundries		18.0
City of Melbourne Electric Light		8.2
Telephone share of Rent	1.	5.0
Petty Cash		5.0.0
M ^{rs} B ^{ro} Gas	17.	10.1
Secretary salary to 31.10.14	20.	16.8
Librarian "		16.13.4

Total £190.17.2

The report was adopted on the motion of M^{rs} Reunie & Knight.

Patrol Fund The Committee also recommended that it was not possible under the rules to contribute to

The Patrol Fund. The recommendation was adopted.

Patrols It was decided to accept £10.10.0 from the 72 Melbourne Patrols in return for their use

Library The Library Committee recommended that M^{rs} Reunie be granted three weeks holiday & that M^{rs} Doherty act in his stead on the same terms as in 1913.

The recommendation was adopted on the motion of M^{rs} Knight & Martin.

Repairs It was decided to accept C.F. Pittard's offer to clean the roof of the building for £10.

Confirmed
D. H. H. H. H. H.
to Chairman
6th Nov 1914

Minutes of Meeting of the General Committee held on Nov 6th 1914

Present M^{rs} Mastus (Chair) Topp, Callaway, Martin Downward Knight, Reunie, Shew, & Sir Edward Carlile.

apology an apology was received from D^r Keunison
Minutes the minutes of meeting of Oct 2 were read & confirmed.

M^{rs} Andrews The Chairman reported the death of M^{rs} C. H. Andrews and moved

"The Committee desires to express their deep sympathy with M^{rs} Andrews & her son in their bereavement and to inform them that the Committee very greatly deplore the loss of a valued colleague."

The motion was seconded by M^{rs} Martin & carried

Finance The Finance Committee reported having

audited the books for October & had found them correct. They recommended payment of the following accounts

Hallkeeper wages to 27.11.14.	8.00
attendant -	7.00
Library attendant -	3.00
M ^{rs} Brown washing	15
Chawoman	15
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C. S. Doherty Library	19.8.0
Melropolitan Gas	6.6
City of Melbourne Electric Light	12.10.2
Melropolitan Fire Brigade	4.5.2
F. J. Mitty Papers	8.9.
Arms House	1.14.1
Sunday News papers	5.11.3
Sunday News papers	1.12.0
Richardson Kerr Insurance	30.9.2
Eras & Sons Co Goods	1.12.6
Shadwin	18.0
A. Kempson	1.6.6
Secretary Salary	20.16.8
debander	16.13.4
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Total	131.11.10

The report was adopted on the motion of Mess^{rs} Knight & Martin.
 The report of the Library Committee was adopted & the books selected approved on the motion of Mess^{rs} Callaway & Martin.
 A proposal by Sir Edward Carlisle K.C. as shown on the notice pasted herein was discussed & on the motion of Mess^{rs} Callaway & Knight was adjourned to the next meeting.

Done & performed
 at the City of Melbourne
 Chairman

4th Dec 1914

Library
 Rule

THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM.

Notice of motion by Sir Edward Carlisle K. C. to alter the rules.

Rule 3 now reads:
 "The members of the Institution shall consist of
 1st. honorary members as per rule 15; 2nd. life members as per rule 16; 3rd. an unlimited number of members paying £1. 1. 0 yearly, 12/6 half yearly, or 7/6 quarterly".

The proposed alteration is after last word "quarterly" add
 "and not exceeding 100 members paying 10/- yearly each of whom is either a registered member of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses Association or a probationer nurse or pupil nurse at the Melbourne Hospital, The Alfred Hospital, or any other Public Hospital recognised by the General Committee."

It is also proposed to make a similar alteration to provide for members of the Royal Victorian Liedertafel and the Philharmonic Society.

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Friday Dec 4 1914

Present Messrs Hartus (chair) Topp, Martin, Cooke, Dillon, Downward Knight, Shew Drs Remison & Lewis & Sir Edward Carlile

Apologies were received from Miss Callaway & Rennie.

Mr Cooke who took his seat for the first time since his serious illness was welcomed by the chairman

Minutes Minutes of meeting of November 6 were read & confirmed

Finance The Finance Committee reported having audited the accounts for November & had found them correct. They recommended payment of the following accounts

Hall Keeper wages to 25.12.14.	8.0.0	
allowance " " "	7.0.0	
Library assistant " " "	3.0.0	
Mrs Brown washing	15.0	19.0.0
" " " " " "	5.	
Metropolitan Gas Co - 4 ds -		9.7.8
City of Melbourne Electric Light		3.11.3
Mrville Mullen Books		5.3.5
Geo Robertson " "		14. - 11
79 Mitty Newspapers		1.12.2
Sunday newspapers		17.3
Stillwell Ho Printing		2.5
Goods		1.9.6
Peter Cash		5.0.0
Secretary salary Dec		20.16.8
Librarian salary		16.13.4
Perpetual & or Trustees Interest	315	
		£ 414. 17. 2

The report was adopted on the motion of Messrs Knight & Martin Sir Edward Carlile's motion was after a short discussion withdrawn.