

ibar The Report of the Library Committee was adopted

J. P. Thomson
12 Jan 23 Chairman

hours

minutes or meeting of the General Committee held on January 12. 1923.

Mrs. Thomson (Chair) Callaway, Bothroed Martin, Cooke, Remie, Rigg, Hall & Austin, Dillon, Dr. Kenison & Rude

Apologies are received from Mrs. Lush McVally & Topp.

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

Salary Secetary	^{29/3/4} Hebrewia	^{25/1} 10m/100m	8/- assist	4/9	69.13.4
Wages Hall Kapra	^{14/1}	assists	4/-		18.0.0
" (extra) charwoman	^{21/9}	Helpin Hall	1/1		3.15.0
Electric light	C. G. Torrance				28.4.5
Books	Roberson & Trotter				24.3
"	Collins Bros				3.18.0
" Norallan & sundries					5.9.4
" Aust Publishing Co					5.3.6
" Magazine Simpkin Marshall					49.2.3
Newspaper	29/12/23				3.12.4
" Sundries					2.9.6
advertising Arusha & others					4.4.0
Books sundries					6.15.1
Repair new book to					11.9.2
Petty Cash					10.0.0
Magazines Gordon & Trotter					94.15.6
Browsing & sundries					1.17.0
					£ 342.11.5

The Finance Committee also recommended that the audit fees for the current audit be fixed at £5 5.0 each & that in future the Auditor

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undertake an audit each month and that the fee for this work be £10.00.0 Each recommendation was adopted on motion of Mr. Remie our R.R.

Balance sheet

The draft balance sheet was presented to the treasurer who commented on the various items compared them with previous years. It was decided to send the balance sheet on for audit.

Report

President

The annual report was left to the President & Secretary to draft.

The President inclosing the meeting thanked members for the attention they had paid to the business of the institution & for the assistance they had given him.

Tattoo Lease

The Secretary reported that the arrangement was being drafted in connection with the tattoo lease & that the plans would be finally approved in a few days.

J. J. Thomson
2 Feb 1923 Chairman

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Friday Feb 2 1923

Messrs. Thomson, Topp, Lush, Callaway, Bothwood Masties, Remie, Hartman, McNally, Brealey Cooke, Hall, & Dr. Kinnison

The minutes of meeting of January 12 were read & confirmed.

President

Minutes

New Member

Finance

The President welcomed Dr. Hartman as a member of the Committee.

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for January & had found them correct the following

accounts were recommended for payment	
Secretary 24/3/4 librarian 25/1. Mrs. Cooper 11/1. Assistant 7/10.	69.13.4
Mason Hall Kepn 14/1. Assistant 4/1. Expenses 1/1.	19.5.0.
Books Rotulam & Quill 18.12.10	
" Hutchins 2.19.0	
" Sundis 2.9.0	
" Gregans Smith 37.1.3	
Newspaper 14/1. Printing & Stationery Stillwell & Stephens 3.11.5	
Repairs & wear 5.8.6	
Bells cash 17.9	
Electric light - C. L. Thomson 5.0.0	
auditors A. N. Ramsay 1/1. J. Bishop 1/1. Salaries 17.11.21 7.6.7.	10.10.0
	8.8.0
	total £196.2.8

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Remie & Ballaway.

Tattoo

The Secretary reported that the plans for alteration would be approved by the Board of Health on March 6. There was practically no alteration to be made as soon as the Board approved the it's engineer would submit them to the Building Committee two difficult things was anticipated as soon as thing was though the agreement was signed & deposit taken a letter was read from the Board of

Board of Health

Health stating that the seating accommodation of the Upper Hall was to be limited to 100 people. It was decided to agree to limit it to 750 for public purposes.

Sub Committee

The following sub committees were appointed Finance The President to Mr. Remie, Callaway, Masties, Brealey, Bigg & Dr. Rindin

Library The President Messrs. Lush, Martin, Callaway, Topp, Bothwood, Dr. Rindin

House The President Mr. Martin wrote to McNally, Topp, Hall, Dr. Rindin, Kinnison & Hartman.

The Secretary reported that in view of the following

Seating

working to make early arrangements for the commencement of work in the Hall some decision would have to be come to for the disposal of the Seating. It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the House Committee.

Chess Club

The report made at the annual meeting by Mr. Marks Chairman of the Chess Club that notices regarding the Chess Club should be placed at the front door & the staircase & on the door of the smoking room was considered. It was decided that one notice "Montreal Chess Club" shall be left to the House Committee to decide the position.

Library Committee The report of the Library Committee was adopted

J. D. Thomson
2 July 23 Chairman

Pursuit

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Friday March 2. 1923
Messrs Thomson (Chair) Topp, Martin Callaway
Bottwood, Jack Masters Cooke Remie Rigg
McGill Hall Dr Rider, Kinnison & Macmillan
The minutes of meeting of Feb 2 were read & confirmed

Finance

The Finance Committee reported that Mr. Rainey had audited the accounts for February & had found them correct. They reported having revised the salary list & made the following recommendations that the Librarian's salary be increased from £300 to £340.

Miss Coopers salary be increased from £2.15.0 to £3.5.0

B. Toppman's £1.2.6 10
£115. to July 1 then £1.7.6.

That the Secretary be granted a bonus of £50. Rises to date from January 1.

The following accounts are recommended for payment:

Salary Secular	$\frac{29}{3}/4$ Librarian	$\frac{28}{3}/4$ Miss Cooper	Amidair	£11/6
Wages, Housekeeper	£11.07.	Attendant	£7.1.	
Electric light	City Council			8.0.6
Gas	Met Gas Co			6.2.4
Books	Robtson & Muller			23.11.0
"	Hutchison Ph 2 "			4.19.0
"	Sundries			2.13.10
"	£77.48. Sumpkin & Russell			30.15.11
Magazines	Gordon & Scott			24.4.4
Newspapers	McLellan			3.14.8
"	Sundries			14.9
Printing & Stationery	Stillman			38.18.9
"	Arbuckle			4.13.6
Goods	Mutual Store			1.3.6
Advertising	Sundries			2.8
Repairs	Newspaper			5
"	Kempston			16.18.3
Sundries	Board of Health			10.0.0
Betty Cakes				10.
Increase in salaries Librarian £7.1.0 Miss Cooper £11/6				18.2.6
Books Secular				<u>50.0.0</u>
				<u>£358.1.8</u>

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Rainey.

The Seculars reported that in a few days all would be ready for signature & Mr. Talbot would lodge £15000 deposit as soon as some preliminaries were arranged. The scheme had been generally approved by the Board of Health & the City Council & only the details required to be arranged.

Talbot

J. D. Thomson
6 Aug 23 Chairman

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Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Friday April 6. 1923.

Messrs Thomson, Hutch. Callaway, Topp, Martin Hall, Cooke, Masters Dr. Altman & Kenison apologies were received from Messrs Remond Rigg, Bothwood, Brewster, Dr. Rindfuss & Mr. McNally. The minutes of meeting of March 2 were read & confirmed.

Finance The Finance committee reported that Mr. Rainey had audited the books & accounts for March & had found them correct. They recommended payment of the following accounts

Salary Secretary	^{29/3/4} Librarian	^{28/6/8} Miss Cooper	^{13/1.}
Wages Hall Keeper	^{14/1.}	attendant	^{4/1.} J. Munro
Books Robertson & Muller	^{14/6/10}	Hutchinson & P. F.	^{1/18.5}
Hutchinson & P. F.	^{2/12/11}	Harris & Blackett	^{8/1.}
Sundries	^{6/1/1.}		
" Magazines	Simpkin Marshall	33. 2. 5	
Newspapers	^{2/2/11}	6. 17. 2	
" Sundries		5. 5. 6	
Goods Sundries		9. 5. 7	
Billing Sanderson room		10. 5. 9	
advertising armchairs		18	
Insurance Richardson Kerr		1. 12. 6	
Repairs Dwar		2. 14. 9	
Interest am. p.		2. 25. 0. C	
Petty Cash		10	
	Total	<u>£ 472. 18. 0</u>	

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

Dr. Altman was appointed a member of the library committee.

The secretary reported having installed temporary lighting to improve the reading room. It was decided to leave it for a month so as to obtain opinions from members.

The secretary was granted holiday leave

Present
apologies

Minutes

Finance

Library
lighting

Holiday

for three weeks w/o pledged to be acting secretary with power to draw cheques. The necessary authority was given to the Bank for this purpose

John Martin
4 May 23. Chairman

Minutes of meeting of General Committee held on Friday May 4th 1923

Messrs. Thomson (Chair) Reader Martin Callaway Bothwood Willow Rigg Pearson Jessie Cooke Hall The minutes of meeting of April 6th were read & confirmed.

The Finance committee reported that the Auditor had audited the books & accounts for April & had found them correct. They recommended payment of the following accounts

Salary Secretary	^{29/3/4} Librarian	^{28/6/8} Miss Cooper	^{13/1.}	^{10. 0. 0}
Wages Hall Keeper	^{14/1.}	Attendant	^{4/1.}	^{18. 0. 0}
Books Robertson & Muller	^{2/1/15}	Hutchinson & P. F.	^{1/18.5}	^{22. 13. 5}
16 th Allan Collins P. & G. Ltd. Miss Frost	^{2/1/17}	16 th Allan Collins P. & G. Ltd. Miss Frost	^{1/14.}	^{5. 8. 0}

Elec. Light. Bells. City Council	^{25.}	^{10. 7}
Book & Mags. Simpkin Marshall	^{27.}	^{5. 7}
Mags Hampton Pub. Co.	^{1.}	^{0. 0}
Newspapers J. Mitt. G. Long Ado. D. Teleg. Publ. Broadcast Ad.	^{6.}	^{3. 4}
Post & Tel. Stillwell & Stephens	^{8.}	^{1. 0}
Adolg Armstrongs Ag. 4/4. Alex. McCubbin	^{9.}	^{4. 0}
Repairs Newbiggin Co.	^{4.}	^{5. 7}

Sundries Long 10 th Taxi Cab Co.	^{1/1.}	^{1. 11. 0}
Insurance Richardson Kerr P. F.	^{1/14.}	^{24. 7. 5}
Rates & Taxes M. & M. Bd. 9/10/18 City of Bells.	^{21. 7. 10. 8}	
Petty Cash	^{10.}	^{0. 0}

Total £ 456. 10. 7

The report was adopted on the motion of Messrs. Masters & Pearce. It was decided not to renew the lease of the room now occupied by M. Moffitt & Co.

M. Moffitt

as a workroom but to discuss with them terms for a renewal of the lease of their shop which expires in August.

Ross Lewis It was decided to agree to the transfer of the lease of the shop now let to Ross Lewis to Miss Gleeson.

Lighting in Reading Room The Secretary reported that the temporary lighting in the Reading Room had been generally approved & it was decided to obtain a price from Newbiggin & Co. for the work.

J. D. Lawrence
8 June 23 Chairman

Minutes of meeting of General Committee held on June 8th 1923

Present Mr. Thomson Martin Bothwood Topp Callaway Rennie Mr. Nally Hall Dalton Dr. Klemmison

An apology was received from Mr. Cooke. The minutes of May 4 were read & confirmed. The Finance Committee reported that the auditor had certified that the books & accounts were correct. They recommended payment of the following accounts: Secular 29/3/4 Lebrahan 28/6/8 Runbopen 16/3. June 6/5 Hall Keeper 7/1/4 assistant 9/1. Gas Co 7/6 Books Robertson 12/7/8 and Petrol 2 1/6 sundries 9/3 Hodder & Stoughton 26.19.7 H. Ward Blackett 6/6/9 Simpson Marshall 31.14.1. Building Sanderson Moon 4/3. 5/11. 4/6/3. Repairs J. G. Ross 10/6. Nuttigan 12/3/1 Dewar 7/3/6 Goods Dawson 6/7/8 sundries 4/11/8 Lountax 31/12/1. Duties 245 Magazines Gordon & Trotter 6/14. Pitt Cash 10%. Reduction of mortgage 500. Total £1028.0.4 The Report was approved on the motion of Mr. Rennie & Mr. Martin.

Taylor

Frontshop

Hour of meeting

Secretary

It was decided to pay off £500 from the mortgage. The Secretary reported that Mr. Taylor was held up in beginning work on account of the tenders for the building being much in excess of the estimate. The question of fixing the rent for Mr. Taylor's shop was deferred to the next meeting.

Dr. Klemmison moved & Mr. Hall seconded that the hour of meeting during the winter month should be Library Committee 3.45 p.m. General Committee 4-15 p.m. carried. The chairman reported the illness of the Secretary & he was asked to send a letter of sympathy to the Secretary.

J. D. Lawrence
6 July 23 Chairman

Minutes of meeting of General Committee held on July 6. 1923.

Present Mr. Thomson, Rennie, Lush or evally, Callaway, Martin, Mr. Hall, Mr. Allmane, Rader & Klemmison. Apologies were received from Mr. Cooke & Mr. Rainer. The minutes of meeting of June 8 were read & confirmed.

The Finance Committee reported that the auditor (Mr. Rainer) had audited the books & accounts for June & had found them correct. They recommended payment of the following accounts: Salaries Secular 29/3/4 Lebrahan 28/6/8 Runbopen 16/3. June 6/5 Wages Hall Keeper 14/1. assistant 8/1. Cha. Major 7/1. Electric light 13/8/8 City Council 38/9/2 Books Robertson 12/3/5 sundries 4/2. Simpson Marshall 35/5/7 Magazines Steads & 11/3/6. Newspapers 5/11. 4/7/3 sundries 1/19/8 Goods 21/8/8 printing & stationery 12/3/6. Building Sanderson Moon 7/8/16 advertising armchairs 10/11. Goods cleans 1.9.6 Mccongarts 11/16. Hutton Repairs Kump 26/7/9. Petrol Cash 10%. Services Mrs. Cerini 6/6. Hutchison

125.

Book, 1/93 Total £ 292.8.9. Cr Balance £ 583.16.4
The Report was adopted on the motion of Mr Rennie
& Martin.

Library
at the suggestion of Dr Altmann it was decided
to order the French journal "Le Sais tout"

J. D. Thomson
Aug 23 Chairman

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held
on Friday, Aug 3 1923.

Present
M^r Thomson (Chair) Mrs Callaway, Rennie
Topp, Martin, Bothroyd, McNally, Cooke Hall
Masters Dr Rudder, Kenison & Altmann
An apology was received from Mr Bearly
the minutes of meeting of July 6 were read &
confirmed

Finance
The Finance Committee reported that the books
& accounts for July had been audited by Mr
Ramer who had found them correct. They
recommended payment of the following ages:

Salary Secretary $\frac{2}{4} \frac{1}{3}$ Librarian $\frac{2}{4} \frac{1}{3}$ Misses $\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{3}$ Assistant $\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{3}$
Masters Hall Keeper $\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{3}$ Assistant $\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{3}$ Examiner $\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{3}$

Electric light City Council 21. 7.4

Gas Metrop Gas Co 12. 13.11

Books Robertson & Muller 26. 9.2

Books Sundries 9. 6.11

" Magazines Superintendent Smith 52. 19.5

Newspapers & J. M. T. 4. 6.8

" Industrial Australian 1. 10.0

Building Sanderson 6.000 7. 2.0

Goods Sundries 2. 6.6

" Notes Payable 4. 15.0

Printing & Stationery Arbutchuk 4. 9.9

Repairs & Decor 1/9/6 Newquay 34.1.

Insurance Richardson & Kerr 94/1. & 1/4/9

Rates City Council 126.0.0

Petty cash

10. 0.0

Salaries for Sept secretary $\frac{2}{4} \frac{1}{3}$ Honourarium 27.1.

Total £ 571. 9.9

Bank Balance Cr £ ~~27.8.9~~ £ 583-16.4

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

The President reported that the Secretary had
been ordered by his Doctor to take a rest. The Finance
Committee had met to consider Mr Altmann's
application for leave or absence & recommended
that he be granted leave for six weeks from
August - 11 & that it be voted an honorarium
of £ 25. That Mr de Pledge be appointed acting Secretary.
moved by Mr Martin
seconded by Mr Topp

"That the recommendation be adopted" carried.

Moved by Mr Callaway

Seconded by Mr Rennie

"That the Bank of Australasia be notified
that Mr de Pledge is authorized to sign
cheques during the Secretary's absence" carried

Talbot lease

The Secretary reported that Mr ~~James~~ Mr Smith
Dgg & Serpell had generally approved of the
plans & specifications for the alterations & had
made certain objections & valuations to which
Mr Talbot & his architect Mr ~~James~~ H. H. Marti
& Gurney had approved & agreed. When these
were incorporated into the plan Mr Smith & Serpell
would give their consent in accordance
with the lease. The Trustees had had an interview
with Mr Smith & Mr Gurney & everything was
in order for an early start portable about Sept 1.
The report of the Secretary was received.

The Secretary explained that before Mr Talbot
began his work the chairs seats & woodwork
to be sold. It was decided to leave the master to

Auditors

The House Committee with power to act.
The Finance Committee recommended
that the fees for the auditors be fixed
at £15.15.0 each. The recommendation was
approved.

Conformed

7. 9. 23

Charles Stopp

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee
held on Friday Sept 7. 1923

Present

Mess^r Stopp (Chair) Hush, Remond, Callaway
Dillon, Bothwood, Masters, Martin & Hutchinson
apologies were received from Mr. Stopp
Thomson & Cradock & Rudden

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of Aug 3 were read
reconfirmed.

Finance

The Finance Committee reported having had
the accounts audited & they had been found
correct. The recommended payment of £100
amounting to 299.91. as follows

Salary Librarian	28/6/8	Huslop 1/1. assistant 1/1.
Wages Hall Keeper	14/1. attendant	41.1 46.6 1/1.
Electric light &c	20.00	20.00
Gas met Gas to	6.2.7	
Books Robertson & Rudden	16.16.1.	
Hutchinson & Co.	1.16.7	
Hurst & Blackett	4.17.2	
" Sundries	9.4.2	
Sampkin Marshall	49.7.5	
Magazines &c sent to	1.4.0	
Newspapers Sundries	5.1.0	
" advertising drawing to	22.11.0	
Bookbinding Sunderson & Son	5.5.3	
Printing & Stationery Stillard	21.10.0	
Goods Sundries 3/8/8	1/1. 9/2/3	Repairs etc 1/1.
Sundries Mag & Nickless 1/3	1/1. Insurance 1/1/9	1/1/9
Petty Cash 10/1.	Books, Hutchinson & Co	23.19.4

Library

The Bank Balance was £553.11

The report was adopted on the motion of Mess^r
Remond & Cradock

The Library report was adopted on the motion
of Mess^r Stopp & Bothwood.

Confirmed
6 Oct 1923

Mr. Price Hall

Present

Apologies

Minutes

Finance

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on
Tuesday Oct 5. 1923

Mess^r Cradock (Chair) Hush, Martin & Hutchinson &^{one} Rudden
Hutchinson, 1/1. Regg Dillon Hall Masters
apologies were received from Mr. Thomson Bradley
Stopp & Callaway.

The minutes of meeting of Oct 5 were read & confirmed.
The Hon Treas reported that the auditors had
audited the books & accounts for Sept & had found
them correct. He recommended payment of the following
accounts

Salaries Seculars	29/3/4	Librarian 24/4/8	Worlop 1/1. Junin 1/1.
Wages Hall Keeper	1/1. assistant	1/1.	
Electric light	45.07.17.88	14.5.11	
Gas met Gas to	17.		
Books Robertson & Rudden	1/1.3	Hutchinson 3/8/8	Collins 1/1.3 Sundries 1/1/9
" Magazines Sampkin Marshall 1/1/10			
Newspapers Pendeg. ad 1/1. 7/1. 1/1/11			
Building Sanderson & Son 7/1.07.			
Goods safeguard to 1/1. P. Morris 1/6			
Repairs Hutchinson 3/1/2 Morris 1/1			
Rates M. & T. Board of Works 78/1/6 Petty Cash 10/1.			
Interest ATM P. Society 23/6/17.			

The report was adopted on the motion of Mess^r Martin
& Masters.

The secretary reported that Mr. Talbot proposed to commence
activities at an early date. So far the amended plans
specifications had not been submitted to the Surveyor.

Mr Martin moved, Mr Hall seconded,

"That in view of the fact that Mr. Talbot proposes to commence work on October 11th. he be informed that the condition in the Lease and agreement that the plans and specifications must be approved by Messrs Sydney Smith Ogg & Serpell before any works commenced will be strictly enforced. The Committee is surprised to learn that though Mr. Talbot and his Architect were present when the Trustees approved of the report of Mr. Sydney Smith and agreed to incorporate his requirements in the specifications, these have not yet been submitted to him or his firm"

carried

Coffee Palace
The Secretary reported having received a letter from the Victoria Coffee Palace asking for various alterations to the agreement regarding Sleights Lane. It was decided on the motion of Mr Martin & Hallinan to refer the matter to the special committee with power to act.

W D Pledge
On the motion of Mr Martin & Rennie it was decided to convey to Mr D Pledge the Committee's appreciation of the manner in which he had carried out the duties of Acting Secretary

J. J. Thomson
Chairman

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Minutes of Meeting of the General Committee held on Friday Nov 2.

Present
Minutes
Messrs Thomson, Lush, Rennie, Callaway, Cooke, Bradley, Had, Topp, Martin, Bothwell, Rashis, McNally Drs Kinnison Rendle & Hallinan

The minutes of meeting of October 5 were read & confirmed

The secretary reported that the auditors had examined the books & accounts for Oct/Nov & had found them correct. The payment of the following accounts was recommended
 Salary Secretary 2/1/24 Librarian 2/1/24 Miss Bishop 10/12 Janus 6/1/26
 Pages Hawkeren 7/1/24. Auditor 7/1/24 etc 10/12

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NOTES OF A CONFERENCE BETWEEN A SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM AND THE DIRECTORS OF THE VICTORIA COFFEE PALACE CO. LTD.
HELD ON TUESDAY NOV. 27th 1923 at 2:30 p.m. IN THE ATHENAEUM.

The following gentlemen were present :-

REPRESENTING THE ATHENAEUM : Messrs J.O.Thomson, (in the chair) Chas. Rennie; W.A.Callaway; E.H.Cooke, and the Secretary (Mr.Wilmot)

REPRESENTING THE VICTORIA COFFEE PALACE CO. : Mr. Joseph Harris, Cr. H.E.Wootton, and the Secretary (Mr.Allison).

THE CHAIRMAN : explained that the Conference has been called to discuss the letter from the Victoria of Nov 17th 1923, offering £30 a year in lieu of the £100 a year asked for by the Athenaeum, in consideration of the extra privileges asked for in the letter from the Victoria of October 1st. The Athenaeum representatives would be glad to hear the view of the Victoria.

Mr Harris. thought £100 a year far too much

Mr Wootton. thought that when the former agreement was arrived at on August 15th. 1922 the original sum of £21.1.- was regarded as a nominal amount to establish the position, rather than as a definite rental.

The Chairman. That is so; but now the proposals are so wide-reaching that it becomes a commercial proposition".

After some discussion the Victoria Coffee Palace representatives agreed to the amount of £100 a year in addition to the £21.1.- now paid.

Mr Wootton. produced a plan of the oven site and asked that the Athenaeum should consent to this being extended so that it should go right across Sleight's Lane instead of only part of the way as at present and thus would become a passage.

The Athenaeum representatives undertook to recommend to the General Committee on 7th Dec. 1923 that the consent be given without extra payment.

Roof Water. The Athenaeum asked that the down pipe at the North East Boundary of the Athenaeum which now discharges through the Athenaeum might be altered so as to direct the roof water into the Victoria Coffee Palace drain in the area over which the Athenaeum has an easement. This was agreed to subject to the approval of the Architect to the Victoria Coffee Palace and the City Council authorities.

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J. D. Thomson
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Minutes of Meeting of the General Committee held on Friday Nov 2.

Messrs Thomson, Lush, Rennie, Callaway, Cook, Bradley, Had, Topp, Martin, Bothwell, Harris, McNally, D's Kellison, Rendle & Altmann

The minutes of meeting of October 5 were read & confirmed

The Secretary reported that the auditors had examined the books & accounts for Oct 6th & had found them correct. The Pay sheet of the following accounts was communicated
 Salary Secretary 21/3/- Librarian 28/6/- Missions 10/1/- Janus 6/1/-
 Wages Hawker 7/1/- Assistant 7/1/- Extra 10/-

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Coffee Palace

W. Depledge

Present

Minutes

26.12.7

Electric light 825 pounds
 Books Robertson 16/12/2 Haleham 1/4/3 handlock 9/18/6
 Colliers Pro 2/8/- sandus 9/1/4 Sampson Marshall 40/0/9
 Newspapers sandus 6/18/2 advertising arrears 9/2/-
 Goods Hanson 1/4/6 Mutual Store 4/4/- sandus 9/1/10
 Repairs Kump 11/6/3 Duran 2/10/3 insurance 9/18/9
 Petty cash 10/-.

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

Coffee Palace
 The Secretary reported that the Coffee Palace requests
 had been before the Special Committee who suggested
 that the concessions asked be granted on payment
 of £100 a year in addition to the £21.1.0 now
 paid & that the Coffee Palace be informed. The
 report was adopted on the motion of Dr Altmann
 & Mr Remond.

Young Prelims
 It was decided that the hours of meeting
 should be 2.30 p.m. General Committee 4.15 p.m.
 General Committee 4.30 p.m.

J. D. Thompson
 Chairman
 6/12/23.

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee
 held on December 6th 1923.
 Messrs Thompson, Martin, Colclough, Hush, Remond
 Martin Cooke, Dr Kinnison
 apologies were received from Mr Hold & Brereton.
 The Finance Committee reported that the
 auditors had audited the books for
 November & had found them correct. The C.C.
 Balance was £905.17.8 and it was estimated
 that the receipts for December would be £604
 so that with the £508.15.7 to be deducted for
 December accounts there would be a credit
 of £1000 at the end of the year. The following

present
 Apologies
 Finance

accounts were recommended for payment
 salary secretary ^{24/3/4} £136.6s. 6d. books ^{24/4/8} £11. Junior 5/-
 wages Hall & Kuper ^{14/4} assistance 4/- Extra wages 1/-
 Electric light at Council 15/- 8/- 5/-
 Books Robertson & Alder ^{3/3/17} Hutchinson ^{3/4/8} Hutchinson
 &c 5/- 10/- 5/- 10/- 10/- 10/-
 Bonney 4/19/- Sanderson 4/19/6 & 3/- 4/-
 Sampson & Rawson ^{24/3/3}
 Magazines Steads 1/6/- Newspapers Petty 4/9/2
 newspapers & advertising Armstrongs 22/13/6
 advertising Ford & Son 1/10/- Bookbinding
 Sanderson & Son 3/8/- Printing ^{10/3/16} Talbot & Stephen
 Goods & safeguard to 1/16/2 Petty cash 5/-
 Juries & M.P.s society 23/6/5/- Wages & wages 7/1.
 Telephone &c 13/8/9. Total £586.3.4

Accounts were passed on the motion
 of Mr. Reuben & Martin.

Mortgage
Reduced

The Treasurer explained the figures regarding
 receipts & expenditure as shown herewith & it
 was decided to pay £1000 off the mortgage at the
 end of the year on the motion of Mr. Reuben & Martin,
 the delayed lessor & furniture road was
 also approved.

Talbot lease The secretary reported that the contractor would
 require the smoking room clear before the lessees
 and it was decided on the motion of Mr. Stoker &
 Martin that the smoking room should be transferred
 to the upper hall during alterations.

The secretary was authorised to approach the
 Royal Victorian Hospital with a view to getting
 them to transfer to the room previously occupied
 as a work room.

Library The library report was adopted on the motion of
 Mr. Martin & Martin. The choosing of an
 assistant was left to the librarian & secretary.

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Reuben

SECRETARY'S ESTIMATE OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

TO 31/12/23.

BALANCE

905 : 17 : 8

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS FOR DECEMBER

Subscriptions	£ 150
Talbot Lease	153
Upper Hall	55
Shops	125
Rooms	50
Sales	60
Coffee Palace	11
	604 : 0 : 0

1509 : 17 : 8

508 : 15 : 07

ACCOUNTS PASSED TODAY 6.12.23.

ESTIMATED CREDIT BALANCE say

£ 1000

FURNITURE &c. SOLD.

ST. KILDA WIRELESS CLUB

3 doz. chairs @ 4/-

27 : 4 : 0

W. BROWN

40 cane seats
18 wood "
28 chairs
2 runners
4 screens
stage curtains
gallery seats
blinds
old seats
tables & sundries

46 : 5 : 0

ECONOMIC CASH CO.

2 Forms

3 : 10 : 0

REV. P. EDWARDS

10 Forms

10 : 0 : 0

£ 66 : 19 : 0

Miss Sheen

3 doz. chairs

7 : 0 : 0

MYERS PTY. LTD.

150 chairs @ 6/6

48 : 15 : 0

£ 122 L 14 : 0

Present
apology
smoke room

Minutes of special meeting held on Dec 18 1923
Missⁿ Thomson, Martin, Callaway, Topp
Martin, Lush, McEvally, D'Altruia & Rader
an apology was received from Mr Reenie.
The Secretary explained that the meeting
had been called to deal with the alterations
to the Redutabell rooms. The scheme was to get the
Redutabell to take the room previously used as a
work room & fit that up for their library & club room
to repair & redecorate it. The Redutabell Committee
approved of this and desired a renewal of their lease
which expired at the end of 1924 for 5 years at the
same rental. The present Redutabell room would
be available for the members of the Ath Club as a
smoking room. The present Redutabell library would
become a writing room for the Ath Club & the two
small rooms formerly used by the Philharmonic
Society would be turned into lavatories. The present
opening to the stairs to the upstairs room would
be provided with a door & thus make the approach
to the upper hall uniform. The architect had
gone into the scheme & had costings approved
and a price had been obtained from a Klapp
Fitter for the work which would include ordinary
repairs. The price was £ 282-0-0.

The scheme was adopted on the motion of
Missⁿ Martin & Topp.

The Secretary reported that in order to carry on
the library at night he had advertised for an
assistant & had reduced the 4 applications
to two men & Ward & enables the former was
a returned soldier. The President said he
had seen no Ward this circumstances being
approved he was appointed on the motion of
Mr^m Martin & Topp at a salary of £ 2.10.0 per week.
The library to be re-opened on January 2.

J. Thompson
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