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at the instigation of Mr Cunningham a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman

28 Jan 1925

Confirmed
Chairman

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Friday January 12. 1925

Present The Hon. Mr. (Mr. ^{T. P. P.} ~~Reid~~) in the chair Mr Lush, ^{Mr} Callaway, ^{Dr} Martin, ^{Dr} Mackin, ^{Dr} Altmann, Mr ^{F. P. P.} Bothard, Thomson, Cooke, Dillon, Regg, Wigg, Dr. Kenison

apologies were received from Mr. Callaway, Brearley, McNally & Kenzie.

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

Finance The Finance Committee reported having met & received the auditor's report that they had audited the books & accounts for December & had found them correct. They recommended the payment of the usual monthly accounts as follows.

Chairman

Salary Secretary	3 1/8	Hebraian	3 1/2	Mr Lush	14/10	asmt	12/10	7/6
Wages Hackkeeper	17/1	Altmann	10/1					
Books Roberts & Co	21	4	7					
" Macdonald	5	15	8					
" Myatt & Wells	4	5	0					
" Sundries	7	8	9					
" Magazines Sampson Marshall	34	4	6					
Newspapers Armstrongs	10	12	4					
" Sundries	1	5	0					
Advertising Sundries	2	15	0					
Printing Sanderson & Co	3	5	3					
Printing & Stationery, Stillwell & Stephens	18	17	6					
Repairs Sundries	4	8	6					
Furniture repairs Munton Pty	51							
Goods & Sundries	2	19	10					
Petty Cash	10	0	0					
								Total £301.13.7

The Bank Balance was £309-15-9.

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The draft balance sheet was submitted & approved but on the motion of Messrs Lush & Wigg it was decided not to show the details of Receipts received in the balance sheet but to group the various items under one head. The balance sheet was ordered to be audited.

Balance Sheet

Library

The report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Dr. Altmann & Mr. Bothard.

Mr Lush

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Present Messrs Rennie (President) in the chair Messrs Martin Callaway (Trustee) Messrs Masters, Topp, Thomson, Dillon, Rigg Dr Altmann and 40 members

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To Balance	£25 1 1	By Interest on Mortgage	£84 1 9
Subscriptions	£2169 6 11	Salaries and Wages	£74 13 0
Items	£799 8 2	Books, Magazines & Newspapers ..	191 16 0
Sales & Sundries	228 6 1	Gas and Electric Light	284 13 0
Railage & Postage Refunds	69 16 2	Repairs, Goods, and Sundries	202 13 6
	6,266 17 4	Rates	£49 13 1
		Insurance	233 10 3
		Binding	46 7 6
		Postage, Stationery & Petty Cash ..	129 19 4
		Balance & Postage to	69 16 2
		Country Subscribers	47 6 0
		Printing and Advertising	31 10 0
		Auditors	17 16 10
		Decorations Fleet Week	5048 9 3
		Balance	1248 9 2
			£6,291 18 5
Balance	£1248 9 2	Reduction of Mortgage	£500 0 0
		Improvements and Alterations ..	348 18 11
		Furniture	89 14 6
		Balance	309 15 9
			£1,248 9 2

Audited and found correct.

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MELBOURNE, 9th January, 1925.

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" Furniture	500 0 0	Less Paid off in 1924	500 0 0
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By Interest on Mortgage	£844 1 9
Salaries and Wages	1574 13 0
Books, Magazines & Newspapers	1211 16 0
Gas and Electric Light	184 5 0
Repairs, Goods, and Sundries	202 13 6
Rates	449 13 11
Insurance	293 10 3
Printing	46 7 6
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Balance	5043 9 3
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The President in morning the adoption of the report and Balance sheet Congratulated members on a most satisfactory year. The increase in the number of subscribers & the reduction of interest in connection with the mortgage were particularly pleasing. The increase from 1908 when the present Secretary was appointed was remarkable. The amount received for subscriptions in 1909 was £458. This year it was £2169. The work of rebuilding the hall & transforming it into a theatre had been completed. The Talbot lease was a great advantage to the Institution and it was to be hoped Mr Talbot would meet with the success his enterprise deserved.

Mr Reay seconded the motion

Mr Coy in supporting the motion thought the Institution should be better known for it was a splendid place to belong to.

Mr Topp also supported the motion referred to the fact that the Committee was continually increasing the supplies of books & magazines for members.

Mr Van Smith also supported the motion referred especially to the excellent work of the Librarian & his staff.

Mr Dew also spoke.

The motion was carried unanimously. Messrs Bishop & Rainey were appointed auditors at the same remuneration on the motion of Mrs Hartnett & Bradet.

Messrs Hartnett Mendel Smith & Rosenblum were appointed scrutineers

Mr Bush suggested that the method of election should be altered. The matter was referred to the Committee.

Mr Hartnett moved & Mr Mendel seconded that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to

as
auditors

Scrutineers

General

Vote of
Thanks

The President & Committee & staff - carried with acclamation. The President Mr Bush & the Secretary returned thanks.

On the motion of Mrs Rosenblum & Gunnison a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman.

Elections

The election of office bearers there being only sufficient nominations for the various offices was:

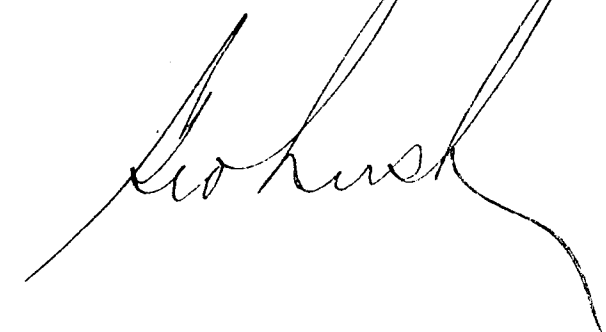
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Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on February 26 1925

Present Messrs Lush (Chair) Masters, Thomson, Hall Cooke
 Hogg Reunni, Topp, Dillon Brearley & W. Kemison
 apologies were received from Messrs Hogg & Callaway
 Minutes of meeting of January 12 were read & confirmed.

Elections The result of the elections for office bearers was read from the minutes of the Annual Meeting & the President declared the result.

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the accounts for January & had found them correct. The payment of the following accounts was recommended.

- Salary Secretary ^{33/6/8} debenture ^{31/9} N. Tomlinson ^{14/10/25} " Armitage ^{12/11} " ^{7/10/25} " ^{10/1}
 - Trages H. A. Kuper ^{15/1} attendant ^{10/1}
 - Insurance Richardson & Kerr ^{18/6/9}
 - Books Robinson & Muller ^{22/12/1} Angus Robertson ^{1/11} S. S. S. ^{3/12/25}
 - Site Exp ^{10/1/6/1}
 - " & Magazines Collins Bros ^{3/8/1}
 - " Sumpkin & Ashwell ^{4/9/16/10}
 - " Newspapers sundries as per cash book ^{4/1/18/8}
 - " West Aust ^{1/6/1} Muller ^{9/3/7}
 - " & advertising Armstrongs ^{3/7/9}
 - Repairs Dwyer ^{3/10/7}
 - Petty Cash Secretary ^{10/1} Total 276.4.7
- The Bank Balance was £482.19.1.

The report was adopted on the motion of Messrs Reunni & Masters. The financial statement as per leaf was received. The matter of insurance was referred to the Finance Committee for special report on the motion of Messrs Reunni & Masters.

Bank It was proposed by W. Martin & seconded by W. Hall that the Bank of Australia be notified that the signatures for the signing of cheques to be the Secretary & Treasurer. The form of letter to the Bank was authorized to be signed by the Chairman.

Financial Statement for January, 1925.

Receipts, 1925 -	474.16.11
(Subscriptions £184 - an increase of £30)	
Receipts, 1924 -	442. 1.11
Expenditure, 1925 -	301.13. 7
(Including £48 for Furniture)	
Expenditure, 1924 -	347.12. 3
(Including £113.13.4 for Magazines)	
Bank Balance -	£482.19.1

6th February, 1925.

Name of Account as } The Melbourne Athenaeum
per Bank Ledger }

To The Manager,
Bank of Australasia,

Melbourne.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the General Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum

which for this purpose was legally constituted and duly held on the sixth day of February, 1925, it was proposed, seconded, and carried that Messrs. Charles Rennie, as Treasurer, and R. W. E. Wilmot, as Secretary,

whose full names, together with signature, is at foot hereof, should sign cheques and bills as* Treasurer and Secretary respectively on account of the said Melbourne Athenaeum with your Bank, and you will please pay cheques and bills signed by ~~the~~ or any of the above if countersigned by them.

Indorsement of cheques and bills by any ~~one~~ of the above ~~two~~ is hereby authorized.

All previous instructions as to authorized signatures are hereby cancelled.

Yours faithfully,

Chairman.

Delete the irrelevant description.

FULL NAME OF DIRECTORS, TRUSTEES, MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE, SECRETARY OR TREASURER.

SIGNATURE.

Charles Rennie (Treasurer)

Reginald William Ernest Wilmot (Secretary)

Financial Statement for 1925
 Receipts 1925 - 474.10.11
 (Subscriptions & increase of 1925)
 Receipts 1924 - 443.1.11
 Expenditure 1925 - 301.13.7
 (including 248 for furniture)
 Expenditure 1924 - 347.13.3
 (including 213.13.4 for magazines)
 Bank Balance - 448.19.1

Committees

The various sub-committees were constituted thus

Finance	Library	House
Messrs.	Messrs.	Messrs.
Rennie	Topp	Martin
Callaway	Lush	Cooke
Rigg	Martin	Dillon
Wigg	Callaway	Thomson
Thomson	Bothroyd	Dr. Kennison
Hall	Masters	Dr. Altmann
Brearley	Dr. Altmann	
The President	The President	The President

Rules

It was decided that the secretary forward to each member of the committee a copy of the rules & that the matter be discussed at the next meeting.

The secretary applied to have travel expenses from Feb 25th if necessary & this was granted.

Lush

Present

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on March 6 1928

Messrs Lush (chair) Bothroyd, Martin, Masters Cooke Hall, Wigg & Altmann & Kennison.

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of February 6 were read & confirmed

Finance

The Finance committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for February & had found them correct. They had selected Mr. Rennie as chairman for the year. They recommended payment of the following accounts

Salary secretary ^{53/6/8} Librarian ^{3/1/7} Messrs Topper ^{14/10/7} Assist. ^{12/1/7} ^{7/10/7} James
Messrs Hankin ^{15/1/7} attendant ^{-10/7} Extra costs ^{2/1/7}
Books Robinson & Muddus ^{£22.5.1} Hodder & Stoughton ^{23/5/79}

Hurst & Blackett 8/19/4 Hutchinson & Co 32.8.9
 Wyatt & Watts 4/8/8 Sundries 6/4/5.
 Books & Magazines Sumpter Marshall 56/16/1
 Postage & Printing Stittwell & Stephens 43.18.3
 alterations & repairs Cuthbert & Co £13.7.0
 Sundries & repairs 3-17-9
 Goods safeguard Co 2-14-0
 Auditors J. Bishop 15/157. L. H. Rawley 15/157-
 Interest and P. Society £195
 Petty cash £10

The total was £570-15.9.

The report was adopted with the financial statement on the motion of Miss Rennie & Atkinson

Salaries The report of the Finance Committee re salaries was received and adopted with the exception that Miss Cooper's salary be increased to £3.17.6 instead of £3.15.0

This was on the motion of Mrs Hall & Topp.

Insurance The insurance report was received together with the recommendation of the Finance Committee & adopted.

House Committee The report of the House Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Martin & Boothroyd & it was decided to proceed with the work of redecoration, repainting the library floor & the cleaning of the library by vacuum cleaning.

at the suggestion of the President it was decided to put white tiles on the walls of the stairs right up to the art gallery.

Library The report of the Library Committee that it had received Mr Topp's report was received & adopted.

Bohush

Receipts & Expenditure

Comparative Statement

<u>Receipts-</u>		£	s.	d.
Feb.,	1924	502.	6.	7
"	1925	558.14.		2
Two months, 1924		944.	8.	6
"	" 1925	1033.11.		1
<u>Subscriptions-</u>				
Feb.,	1924	198.11.		3
"	1925	229.13.		6
Two months, 1924		353.	8.	3
"	" 1925	414.	0.	3
<u>Expenditure-</u>				
Feb.,	1924	279.16.		7
"	1925	276.	4.	7
Two months, 1924		627.	8.	10
"	" 1925	577.18.		2
<u>Bank Balance-</u>				
Feb.,	1924	342.	0.	9
"	1925	765.	8.	8

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum held on April 3 1925

Present Messrs Lush (Chair) Rennie Hall Thomson Cooke Bellon, Wigg Topp, Callaway, Martin Trastus Dr Admann & Kemison. An apology was

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

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had examined the books & accounts for March & had found them correct. The payment of the following accounts was recommended

Salary Secretary	33/6/8	Librarian	33/4/8	Miss Cooper	19/1/6	Library assistant	16/5/7	Junior assistant	11/5/7
Wages	Hallkeeper	18/1/7	attendant	17/10/7	Lyka wages	17/1/6			
Rates & Taxes	M + m Board of works	29/1/16							
	State Land Tax	31. 12. 1							
Books	Robinson & Tuller	22. 18. 4							
	John Long	2. 17. 7							
	+ magazines	Sumpton Mackell	7. 16. 9						
Books	Sundry accounts	6. 14. 5							
Newspapers	Prints	8. 12. 5							
Newspapers & advertising	Arushong	8. 10. 5							
Building	Sanderson & Co	4. 3. 3							
Improvements & repairs	Central Electric Co	52. 3. 0							
Sundry	Public Health Dept	5. 0. 0							
Goods	Sundries	7. 14. 4							
Gifts	Cash	15.							
	Total	£398. 10. 5.							

The report together with the financial statement as shown on fly leaf was adopted on the motion of Messrs Meston & Callaway.

Insurance The Treasurer in presenting the report of the Finance Committee on Insurance detailed what had been done and after some discussion the recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

on the motion of messrs Reunni & Martin
 The resignation of Mr Cuthbert H Regg
 as a member of committee was accepted
 with regret & the secretary was instructed
 to convey to Mr Regg the appreciation
 of the committee for ~~his~~ past services
 especially as he was and to express
 the regret of the committee at the resignation
 The transfer of lease from Mess & Leson
 & Kathleen P. H. was approved.
 The secretary reported that the draft
 lease with Mr Tallor was ready for
 final settlement & it was decided to
 hold a meeting of Trustees on April 6
 to meet Mr Tallor & his solicitor
 The report of the Library Committee was
 adopted on the motion of Messrs Topptraden
 The complaint that the light in the
 library through the windows was the
 cause of much unconvenient subscribers
 was referred to the House Committee with
 power to act.

Lush

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held
 on May 1. 1925

Present Messrs Lush (Chair), Topp, Cullaway, Martin, Masters
 Bothrod, Reunni, Cooke, Hall, Regg Dillon D.
 Kinnison & Dr. Actman

apology an apology was received from Mrs Thomson
 Brearley.

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

Finance The Finance committee reported that the auditors
 had examined the books & accounts for April &

Receipts & Expenditure
 Comparative Statement.

Receipts		£	s.	d.
Apl. 1924		464.	2.	8
" 1925		514.	11.	6
Four months 1924		1965.	18.	3
" " 1925		2087.	12.	2
<u>Subscriptions</u>				
Apl. 1924		149.	19.	3
" 1925		172.	17.	3
Four months 1924		721.	15.	3
" " 1925		811.	16.	0
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Apl. 1924		807.	6.	10
" 1925		398.	10.	5
Four months 1924		1807.	15.	1
" " 1925		1614.	16.	10
<u>Bank Balance</u>	Apl. 1924	183.	4.	3
	" 1925	782.	11.	1

Receipts & Expenditure
 Comparative Statement.

Receipts		£	s.	d.
May 1924		546.	0.	8
" 1925		608.	3.	3
Five months 1924		2511.	18.	11
" " 1925		2695.	15.	5
<u>Subscriptions</u>				
May 1924		207.	10.	6
" 1925		236.	7.	0
Five months 1924		929.	5.	9
" " 1925		1048.	3.	0
<u>Expenditure</u>				
May 1924		273.	16.	6
" 1925		448.	15.	4
Five months 1924		2081.	11.	7
" " 1925		2063.	12.	2
<u>Bank Balance</u>	May 1924	455.	8.	5
	" 1925	941.	19.	0

had found them correct. The payment of accounts as shown on page 29 of the cash book amounting to £448-15-4 was recommended for payment. The report as well as the financial statement as shown on fly leaf was adopted on the motion of Messrs Rennie & Tractus.

Clz de House

The question of an agreement between the proprietors of Clz de House & the institution regarding the use of the Clz de House wall for a rain shield on the Eastern side of the property was referred to the Solicitors.

Library

The report of the library committee was received on the motion of Messrs Topp & Martin.

Committee

It was decided to invite Mr H.P. Cox to join the committee.

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on June 5, 1925

Present

M^r Dush (Chair) Topp, Bothard, Mackis, Cook, May, Dillon, Callaway, Rennie, Thomson, & D'Almeida

Apologies

apologies were received from M^r Tractus, Brandy & D'Kernison

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of May 1 were read & confirmed.

Finance

The Finance committee reported that the auditors had examined the books & accounts for May & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £539-11-3 as shown on page 30 of the cash book was recommended. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Rennie & D'Almeida.

The financial statement as shown on fly leaf was received.

Rules

The question of the revision of the rules was discussed & it was referred to a sub-committee consisting of

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mem Lush Topp Dillon for report.

New member Mr Reunie moved & Mr Callaway seconded that Mr H. P. Coy who had been duly nominated be elected a member of the Committee

Library Committee The report of the library committee was adopted

Lush

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

Present Messrs Lush, Cooke, Hall Wigg, Thomas, Reunie, Callaway, Dillon, Topp, Booth, W. D.

Martin, Mastis, Coy, Dr Saltman & Keunison

An apology was received from Mr Brearley.

The chairman welcomed Mr Coy who took his seat as a committee man for the pro-tem

The minutes of meetings June 5 were read & confirmed.

The finance committee reported that the auditors had examined the books & accounts for June & had found them correct. They recommended

payment of accounts amounting to £539-12-5 as shown on page 31 of the cash book.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Reunie & Mastis.

The Secretary reported that the Finance Committee had approved of his action & that of the Treasurer in securing a reduction of the City assessment from £5500 per annum as proposed by the City Valuer to £4000. The Finance Committee recommended acceptance of the valuation & their recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr Reunie & Mastis.

Talbot Lease The President as chairman of the Trustees reported that the Trustees had received a letter from Mr Talbot pressing his claim for an extension of his lease. The President explained that the Trustees had not had

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ATHENAEUM THEATRE

E. J. CARROLL

Proprietors:
Frank Talbot Pty. Ltd.

MELBOURNE, 24th June, 1925.

The Trustees of the Melbourne Athenaeum,
Collins Street,
MELBOURNE.

Gentlemen,

I desire to approach you again regarding the term of the lease granted to me. In so doing I wish once more to express my gratification at the cordial relations which have existed between the Trustees and myself and to ask that my previous letter may be withdrawn. It was written at a time when the financial responsibilities of the whole transaction were weighing very heavily and I could not see my way out of the difficulties.

I realise that the Trustees have treated me very generously in the past, but in view of the very large sum it has been necessary to spend to produce what everyone admits is a perfect theatre, while at the same time considerably enhancing the value of the Trustees' property, I think I am entitled to crave your indulgence and to place before you some facts which I feel would justify you in granting my application for a further extension.

I would remind you that from July 1922 until December 1924, a period of almost 2½ years, I was paying the full rent under the lease and, allowing for the small amounts received in rent, this entailed a loss of £2434/11/8. During that time the arrangements of my Architect and Contractor were so complete that the members of the Athenaeum were put to as little inconvenience as possible. Where necessary work was done at night, double rates of wages having to be paid, so that your staircases might be kept clear and the conduct of your business not impeded. In all this I have to acknowledge the material assistance and advice tendered at all times by your Architect Mr. Sydney Smith.

The plans for the alterations grew as the work proceeded and it became necessary to make elaborate amendments and extensions to conform to requirements of the Board of Health and the City Council Building regulations. It was a difficult proposition, rendered more difficult by the fact that the main consideration was the safety of your building and the preserving of the identity of the Athenaeum so that it should not be overshadowed by the theatre. The Architects realised that in order to complete the work as it should be done expense must not be spared, with the result that, though we set out to spend £22,500, more than £7,000 beyond the sum I deposited by way of guarantee, the total cost has amounted to £51,566 in addition to

THE TRUSTEES OF THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM

MELBOURNE, 12th Dec 1934

Dear Sirs

The Trustees of the Melbourne Athenaeum
Collins Street
MELBOURNE

Gentlemen

I desire to approach you regarding the term of the lease granted to me. In so doing I wish to express my appreciation of the cordial relations which have existed between the Trustees and myself and to say that my previous letter may be written at a time when the financial responsibilities of the whole transaction were weighing very heavily and I could not see my way out of the difficulties.

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I would remind you that from July 1932 until December 1934 a period of almost 2 1/2 years I was paying the full rent under the lease and allowing for the small amounts received in rent, this entailed a loss of £2484/11/8. During that time the arrangements of my architect and Contractor were so complete that the members of the Athenaeum were put to as little inconvenience as possible. Where necessary work was done at night, double rates of wages having to be paid, so that your staircase might be kept clear and the conduct of your business not impeded. In all this I have to acknowledge the material assistance and advice tendered at all times by your architect Mr. Sydney Smith.

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The Trustees of the Melbourne Athenaeum.

the £2434 which has been paid in rent, making a total of £54,000, and this has to be recouped during the currency of the lease. To provide a sinking fund for this amount at 5% in the 27 1/2 years of the lease from the time of opening would require £3634/13/- per annum. Had this sum of £54,000 been spent entirely on theatre work I would have no claim on your indulgence, but I submit with great respect that the whole effect of the work has so benefited your institution that you would be more than justified in extending the lease so as to enable me to reduce my annual sinking fund charge by spreading its operations over a longer term.

I enclose a schedule showing that no less a sum than £4342/14/4 was expended on what may be called work on your side of the wall dividing your part of the institution from the theatre.

As you will see, the establishment of new Lavatories for your members cost £633/13/- and I think you will agree that the accommodation provided is far better than it was before. The new smoking room or chess room cost £1012/6/9 exclusive of lighting and heating, a considerable proportion of this sum was caused by defects in the building, e.g., the skylight had to be practically renewed as it was dangerous, and the wall over portion of the old smoking room had to be reconstructed at an extra cost of £342.

When the contractors took over the building they found that the drainage system was obsolete and badly in need of repair and this cost £138/9/8 to put in order.

When the floor of the old Hall was taken up and the necessary excavations made, it was found that the eastern wall was leaking and it cost £269/15/- to make it waterproof. The south wall of the theatre required extra underpinning (a fact not disclosed by your plans) at a cost of £126/7/3.

These are a few of the items but I would further direct your attention to the fact that it was no easy matter to provide the character and dignity that were necessary for your entrance, as distinct from that for the theatre, while at the same time preserving the stability of the building. In this connection I might point out that your Architect (Mr. Sydney Smith) from first to last was consulted on these points and in every instance my Architect fell in with his wishes.

I submit that the work done at such heavy cost has materially improved the portion of the building set aside for your purposes. The appearance of the building has been transformed until to-day it is a notable object in Collins Street. The rental value of your shops has been increased by at least 150 per cent and all this has been done at no cost to the Trustees. In short the building has been thoroughly renovated; it has been given character and dignity and the improvement has far exceeded anything that either you or I had imagined possible.

The Trustees of the Melbourne Athenaeum.

I therefore, with full confidence, ask for further consideration. I set out to give you of the best and I claim that I have succeeded. As it stands, the proposition from a financial point of view will not give me an adequate return for the money expended, and the only way in which this can possible be recompensed is by your granting an extension of the lease.

I enclose two extracts from a letter from my Architect, Mr. Henry White, and I would endorse his wish that Mr. Sydney Smith might be consulted on the points he has raised.

In conclusion I would repeat that my gratification at having been able to hand over to you such a transformed building gives me the utmost satisfaction and I make this application in the full confidence that you will assist me to place the business on as satisfactory basis to me as I am assured it is to you.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Frank Talbot.

Encl.

The Trustees of the Melbourne Athenaeum.

The £2484 which has been paid in rent, making a total of £24,000, and this has to be recovered during the currency of the lease. To provide a sinking fund for this amount at 5% in the 27 years of the lease from the time of operating would require £3844/13/- per annum. Had this sum of £24,000 been spent entirely on theatre work I would have no claim on your indulgence, but I submit with great respect that the whole effect of the work has so benefited your institution that you would be more than justified in extending the lease so as to enable me to reduce my annual sinking fund charge by spreading its operations over a longer term.

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When the floor of the old Hall was taken up and the necessary excavations made, it was found that the eastern wall was leaning and it cost £229/12/- to make it waterproof. The south wall of the theatre required extra underpinning (a fact not disclosed by your plans) at a cost of £156/7/3.

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Yours faithfully,

(Signed) Frank Talbot.

and

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TWO EXTRACTS FROM LETTER RECEIVED FROM HENRY E. WHITE ESQ.

17/6/25.

1. In consideration of the foregoing and in fairness to yourselves, you should submit these figures to the Trustees of the Athenaeum, with the request that they carefully take these facts into account in support of your application that the lease be reconsidered, with a view to granting you a considerable increase in same to provide for an equitable annual sinking fund to liquidate this greatly increased expenditure.

2. I submit that the work in the building has been well carried out and faithfully done. The strength of the building has been tremendously increased, while the entrances, accommodation and improvements jointly enjoyed by the whole of the Athenaeum members, has improved the building beyond anything ever imagined by the Trustees or yourselves when the present lease was agreed to. In further support of your application and as an earnest of good faith, in submitting this analysis of cost the builder is prepared to submit the whole of the data prepared in the compiling of these estimates to the Athenaeum Society's Architect, Mr. Sydney Smith, and I would add that any further information he may require from this office will be provided immediately on request.

The Trustees of the Athenaeum

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TWO EXTRACTS FROM LETTER RECEIVED FROM HENRY M. STREETER

11/8/25

of account in the building and in the... to the Athenaeum... the Trustees of the Athenaeum... the Trustees of the Athenaeum...

It is admitted that the work... the building has been well... the strength of the building... the strength of the building...

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EXPENDITURE INCURRED BY FRANK TALBOT PTY. LTD. AT "ATHENAEUM" BUILDINGS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PROPRIETORS OF THE BUILDING.

Item	Description	£	s	d
1	New Gents', Ladies' Lavatories on Main Landing - net for use of theatre patrons	633	13	0
2	Nickel Plated Handrail Main Entrance	43	10	0
3	Half only of Total Cost of Entrance to Athenaeum Building	221	19	5
4	1 Set of Collapsible Gates in lieu of iron shutter	82	8	3
5	Half only cost of Marble & Granite Bases	91	2	5
6	Painting Old Walls of Entrance & Walls of Staircases	66	0	0
7	New Lavatory near Chess Room	137	16	8
8	Sundry - Plastering to entrances and Stairs and making good after electric installation	62	10	0
9	Alterations to Library Fireplace	24	4	0
10	Steps in Athenaeum Board Room	10	6	9
11	Repairing Roof Caretaker's Quarters	8	9	5
12	Switchboard Room for Athenaeum	48	8	0
13	Work above Gents' Lavatory up to ceiling over store-room including making good of defective walls	342	0	0
14	Constructing Chess Room	963	14	9
	Fibrous Plaster for Chess Room	48	12	0
15	Alteration of Piers, Skirting & Entrances on Main Landing	48	8	0
16	Concreting old drain through old shop	20	0	9
	Alteration to Storm water pipe through foyer	14	19	3
	Altering Drainage pits	9	14	2
	New 6" rainwater drain across back of stage	93	15	6
17	Waterproofing of Old Rubble Foundations - anti-seepage	269	14	9
18	Extra underpinning South Wall of Theatre and making good defective Eastern Wall	126	7	3
19	Various Sundry Works	250	0	0
20	Extra for Electric Installation Lavatories, Chess Room etc.	75	0	0
21	Supervision including Architect's Fees and Clerk of Works Salary	450	0	0
22	Showcases for Athenaeum advertising	100	0	0
	Half Cost of Special Rubber Floor Coverings	100	0	0
	Carried forward	4342	14	4

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BUILDINGS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PROPRIETORS OF THE BUILDING.

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18	Various Sundry Works	250. 0. 0
17	Extra undergrounding South Well of Theatre and Making good defective Eastern Well	126. 7. 3
16	Waterproofing of Old Raffle Foundations - anti-seepage	269.14. 9
15	Concreteing old drain through old shop Alteration to storm water pipe through foyer Altering Drainage pits New 6" rainwater drain across back of stage	138. 9. 8
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9	Steps in Athenaeum Board Room	10. 6. 9
8	Alterations to Library Fixtures	24. 4. 0
7	Sundry - Plastering to entrances and stairs and making good after electric installation	62.10. 6
6	New Lavatory near Chess Room	137.16. 8
5	Painting Old Walls of Entrance & Walls of Staircases	66. 0. 0
4	Half only cost of Marble & Granite Bases	91. 2. 2
3	Half only cost of Colossal Gates in lieu of iron shutter	22. 8. 3
2	Half only of Total Cost of Entrance to Athenaeum Building	221.19. 5
1	Work done on Main Landing - New Gents', Ladies', Lavatories and not for use of theatre patrons	43.10. 0
0	Work done on Main Landing - New Gents', Ladies', Lavatories and not for use of theatre patrons	833.13. 0

Item 23	Loss of Rent to Lessees being over period of reconstruction only		4342.14. 4
	Rent paid to Theatre opening	3831. 3. 4	
	Rent received	1396.11. 8	2434.11. 8
	Expenditure Incurred	4342.14. 4	
	Loss of Rent	2434.11. 8	
	Total Cost to Lessees	26777. 6. 0	

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Brought forward

Loss of Rent to Lessee being over period of
reconstruction only

Rent paid to Theatre
" " " received " "

8 .11.4242
8 .11.2221
4 .3 .1222

4 .41.2424

Expenditure incurred

8 .11.4242

Loss of Rent

0 .8 .7722

Total Cost to Lessee

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE
Comparative Statement.

<u>Receipts</u>		£ s. d.
June 1924		641.11.11
" 1925		634. 4. 9
Six months 1924		3153.10.10
" " 1925		3330. 0. 2
<u>Subscriptions</u>		
June 1924		204. 8. 8
" 1925		204.19. 9
Six months 1924		1133.14. 5
" " 1925		1253. 2. 9
<u>Expenditure</u>		
June 1924		590. 8. 1
" 1925		539.11. 3
Six months 1924		2671.19. 8
" " 1925		2603. 3. 5
<u>Bank Balance</u>		
June 1924		506.12. 3
" 1925		1036.12. 6

had the advantage of having Mr Sedley Smith present to advise as to the figures quoted by Mr Talbot the claim for an extension of lease was based "on the great increase in expenditure which had amounted to £51566 in addition to which there had been a loss of rent of £2434 during the building of the theatre (2) on the fact that much of the extra expense was caused by defects in the building which could not be foreseen (3) on the great improvements effected for the members of the Atheneum at a cost of £4342. 14. 4 (4) and on the general improvement effected to the Institution. a copy of the letter is inserted herein.

The President explained that the Trustees had given very careful consideration to the request and had decided to recommend that an extension be granted. They thought Mr Talbot should be given an option for

- (a) an extension for five years on the same terms & the same rental as at present or
- (b) an extension for ten years on the same terms but at an increased rental of £500 a year for the ten years.

after some discussion

Mr Talbot moved

That all members seconded

"that the Trustees recommendation be adopted subject to a clause being included in the lease that the lessees portion regarding insurance be made perfectly clear"

Carried

The President said that in view of the great services rendered to the Institution by Mr Sedley Smith the Committee should elect him an honorary member. He proposed the following resolution

"That in accordance with Rule 15 which provides that the Committee shall have the power

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of electing as Honorary members persons who shall have conferred signal benefit on the Institution. Mr. S. A. Dyer Smith be elected an Honorary member.

The motion was seconded by Dr. Actman supported by Mr. Rennie & carried unanimously. The matter of flut decorations was left to the President & secretary. It was decided to select a permanent seat in hardwood outside the library door.

Mr. Coz was elected a member of the House Committee.

W. H. Hush

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Aug 7, 1925

Present - Messrs Lusk (Chair), Topp, Washin, Martin, Bothard, Hall, Wigg, Rennie, ^{Coz} Cooke, Dillon Dr. Kinnison & Dr. Kinnison.

The minutes of meeting of July 3 were read & confirmed. An apology was received from Mr. Brearley. The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the accounts of July & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to $\pounds 529.12.5$ ⁴⁸⁵⁻¹⁸⁻¹ as shown on page 32 of the Cash book was recommended.

The report was adopted on the motion of Messrs Rennie & Bothard.

The recommendation of the Finance Committee that the insurance policy of $\pounds 5000$ due Sept 1 in the Federal Mutual Society be transferred to the South British Co was approved on the motion of Messrs Rennie & Bothard.

The Secretary reported that the Land Tax Commission had given notice of an increase in the valuation to $\pounds 8000$ per foot. This valuation corresponded with

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

Comparative Statement.

Receipts	£	s.	d.
July 1924	484.	6.	2
" 1925	597.	1.	0
Seven months 1924	3637.	17.	0
" " 1925	3927.	1.	2
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Subscriptions	£	s.	d.
July 1924	186.	7.	0
" 1925	210.	12.	9
Seven months 1924	1320.	1.	5
" " 1925	1463.	15.	6
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Expenditure	£	s.	d.
July 1924	381.	4.	7
" 1925	539.	12.	5
Seven months 1924	3053.	4.	3
" " 1925	3142.	15.	10
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Bank Balance July 1924	609.	13.	10
" 1925	1094.	1.	1

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Comparative Statement.

Receipts	£	s.	d.
August 1924	568.	4.	5
" 1925	506.	18.	3
8 Months 1924	4206.	1.	5
" 1925	4433.	19.	5
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Subscriptions	£	s.	d.
August 1924	186.	12.	0
" 1925	193.	17.	6
8 Months 1924	1506.	13.	5
" 1925	1657.	13.	0
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Expenditure	£	s.	d.
August 1924	458.	9.	7
" 1925	485.	18.	1
8 Months 1924	3511.	13.	10
" 1925	3628.	13.	11
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Bank Balance August 1924	719.	8.	8
" 1925	1115.	1.	3