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IT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

General Account, Year ended 31st December, 1925.

Table with columns for R. W. and various financial entries like 'By Interest on Mortgage', 'Salaries and Wages', 'Books, Magazines & Newspapers', etc.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

Table with columns for ASSETS and LIABILITIES, listing items like 'Estimated value of the real Property of the Institution as per City Valuation', 'Loan under Mortgage', etc.

CHARLES RENNIE, TREASURER.

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Ararat Advertiser
Ballarat Courier
Ballarat Star
Bendigo Advertiser
East Charlton Tribune
Geelong Advertiser
Gippsland Mercury
Korumburra Times
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Port Fairy Gazette
Rutherglen Sun
Stawell News
Wangaratta Chronicle
Warramblood Standard

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Property of Institution	£80,000 0 0	Loan under Mortgage (Rate 6½ per cent., due July 1929)	£12,000 0 0
Property of Frank portion	1,500 0 0	Balance (subject to Lease as per contract)	70,539 2 0
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R. W. E. Wilmot
Secretary

- Age
- Argus
- Australasian
- Herald
- Graphic
- Leader
- Morning Post
- Southern Cross
- Spectator
- Sun Pictorial
- Table Talk
- Weekly Times
- Victoria—Provincial
- Ararat Advertiser
- Ballarat Courier
- Ballarat Star
- Bendigo Advertiser
- East Charlton Tribune
- Geelong Advertiser
- Gippsland Mercury
- Korumburra Times
- Kyneton Guardian
- News of the Week (Geelong)
- Ovens and Murray Advertiser
- Port Fairy Gazette
- Rutherglen Sun
- Stawell News
- Wangaratta Chronicle
- Warrnambool Standard

PERIODICALS.

- British.
- Bookman
- British Australasian
- Building News
- Country Life
- Cornhill Magazine
- Economist
- Engineer
- English Mechanic
- Field
- Graphic
- Illustrated London News
- Inquirer
- Jewish Chronicle
- Ladies' Field Fashions
- Lancet
- London Punch
- Mercantile Guardian
- Mining Journal
- Nation and Athenæum
- Nature
- New Church Magazine
- New Statesman
- Notes and Queries
- Australian
- Australasian Insurance
- Banking Record (Melb.)
- Australasian Manufacture (Sydney)
- Australasian Traveller
- Australian Brewing & Wine Journal (Melb.)
- Australian Christian Worker (Sydney)
- Australian Farming (Melb.)
- Business Efficiency
- Church of England Messenger (Melbourne)
- Con'wh of Australia Gazette
- Government Gazette of Victoria
- Industrial Australian
- Mining Standard (Melb.)
- New Outlook
- Photo Review (Sydney)
- Proselyt'g Messenger (Melb.)
- Spectator (Melbourne)
- The Home (Sydney)
- The Worker

The President in moving the adoption of the report & balance sheet said he had great pleasure in so doing as it was a most remarkable tribute to the popularity & progress of the Institution. None of them had ^{ever} expected to see the Institution in such a sound position. Members would notice that the Talbot case had been extended & the Trustees & committee had done so after very careful consideration & examination. The Talbot Proprietary company had done a great ^{thing} for the Institution & the Trustees had thought it a ^{very} thing to give them an extension in view of the heavy ^{charge} ^{cost} ^{expenses} which the ^{cost} had been put to the very great improvements effected to the building for the extra comfort of members. Another important thing done during the year was the revision of the rules which had been brought up to date.

Mr Rennie in ^{seconding} the adoption said it was a great cause of satisfaction to be able to present such a balance sheet. He had ^{never} anticipated such figures which ^{showed} that the position of the Institution was unassailable. The motion was carried unanimously.

The President announced that as the nominations were only sufficient for the ^{next} vacancies he would declare the following elected

- President Mr W. Bothrod
- Vice President Mr G. H. Wigg
- Treasurer Mr Charles Rennie
- Committee Messrs Barclay, Copp, Dillon, Thomson
- masters Messrs Martin, Cox & Thomson

on the motion of Mr G. H. Wigg the retiring auditors Messrs Bush & P. H. Rainey were ^{re-elected} ^{relected} at the same remuneration. A vote of thanks was moved to the retiring office bearers & the staff by Mr Meadell. Mr Bell in seconding the motion said that he

Elections

Auditors

Vote of Thanks

THE BALANCE SHEET

REVENUE

The following contributions have been received in accordance with the following resolutions:-

RESOLUTIONS

Proposer	Proposer	Candidate
Mr. G. H. Wigg	Mr. G. H. Wigg	Mr. G. H. Wigg

PROPOSERS

Proposer	Proposer	Candidate
Mr. G. H. Wigg	Mr. G. H. Wigg	Mr. G. H. Wigg

PROPOSERS

Proposer	Proposer	Candidate
Mr. G. H. Wigg	Mr. G. H. Wigg	Mr. G. H. Wigg

COMMITTEES

Proposer	Proposer	Candidate
Mr. G. H. Wigg	Mr. G. H. Wigg	Mr. G. H. Wigg

had been a member for two years after being
 a member of a similar institution in ~~the~~ 12
 Zealand for many years & had ^{never} ~~at~~
 experienced such courtesies ^{attention} as
 he had received from the library staff of
 the Melbourne Athenaeum. The motion
 was carried by acclamation
 W. D. Martin moved that a hearty vote
 of thanks be accorded to the chairman for
 his services to the institution & for his work
 as chairman. This was carried by
 acclamation & the President responded.
 The meeting then closed.

J. W. Smith

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

Comparative Statement

		£	s.	d.
<u>Receipts</u>	January, 1925	474.	16.	.11
	" 1926	495.	2.	10
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<u>Subscriptions</u>	January, 1925	184.	6.	9
	" 1926	206.	0.	6
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<u>Expenditure</u>	January, 1925	301.	13.	7
	" 1926	303.	10.	7
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<u>Bank Balance</u>	January, 1925	482.	19.	1
	" 1926	730.	14.	3

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Friday Feb 5.

Present

Messrs Boothroyd (Chair) Lush, Topp, Martin, Mastis
Thomson, Wigg, Reunie, Dillon & Keunison

Welcome

Mr Lush as the returning President welcome Mr Boothroyd as the new President & hoped he would have a satisfactory year of office. He (Mr Lush) wished to thank members for the courtesy & kindness they had extended to him. Mr Boothroyd expressed his appreciation of Mr Lush's remarks.

Apologies

Mrs Brearly, Cooke & D. Altmann sent apologies for non attendance.

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of January 8 were read & approved.

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for January & had found them correct. They recommended payment of accounts amounting to £259.4.2 as shown on Page 32 of the Cash book. The report was received on the motion of Mrs Reunie & trusted.

Annual meeting

The minutes of the annual meeting were read & the information of members were approved for submission to the next annual meeting.

Committees

The following committees were appointed

Finance Mrs Reunie, Callaway, Thomson, Hall, Brearly

Wigg, Mastis & the President

House Mrs Martin, Cooke, Thomson, Altmann

Dillon, Coy & the President

Library Mrs Callaway, Topp, Mastis, Martin, Coy

Lush, D. Altmann & Keunison & the President

W. Boothroyd
5-5-26

Minutes of Meeting of the General Committee held on Friday 11th Feb 1926.

Present Messrs Bothard, Topp, Maslin, Martin Coy Wegg, Hall, Dillon Reunie & O'Hemusson
apologies were received from Messrs Lush & Brearley.

Minutes The minutes of meeting of Feb 5 were read & approved

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for February & had found them correct. They recommended payment of accounts amounting to £1059-1-3 as shown on page 40 of the cash book. The report was received on the motion of Messrs Reunie & Martin

Salaries The Finance Committee reported that they had revised the salary list & had made the following recommendations:
Secretary to be granted a bonus of £50
Librarian " " " £25
Miss Cooper to have an increase to £4-5-0 per week
B. Toman " " " £3-0-0
J. H. Thomson " " " £3-5-0

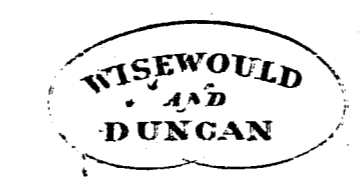
The recommendations were adopted on the motion of Messrs Reunie & Martin.

Library Committee The report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Messrs Topp & Martin.

Dallmann The secretary reported that D. Dallmann had met with a serious accident but was progressing favorably. On the motion of Mr. Martin Reunie it was decided to send D. Dallmann a letter of sympathy.

Next Meeting It was decided that in view of the first Friday in April being Good Friday the next meeting be held on March 30th and that the May meeting be held on April 30.

Secretary The secretary was granted three weeks annual



Imperial Chambers,
208, Collins St.
Melbourne 12th March 1926

TELEPHONE CENTRAL 64.

DAVID DUNCAN.

R.W.E. Wilmot Esq.,
Secretary,
Melbourne Athenaeum,
Melbourne.

Dear Sir, Re City Council.

Referring to our interview at which we discussed the apprehended interference, by the Council, of the Institution's right to the access or use of light to or for its building, and also to Mr. Sydney Smith's recommendations for the settlement of the matter, we are of opinion that, even if the Council now entered into a formal agreement with the present Trustees to waive, in the future, in favor of the Trustees for the time being of the Institution, certain regulations which may then be in force relative to lighting to buildings, it is very doubtful whether, in the event of a breach, such an agreement would be enforceable against the Council, in as much as it is quite open to be successfully contended that such an agreement was ultra vires the City Corporation.

We are also of opinion that the matter should now be finalised by some arrangement financial or otherwise, being arrived at between the parties which would be a present benefit to the Institution.

Yours truly,
David Duncan

ATHENAEUM ANCIENT LIGHTS 11.3.26

Recommend that the Council give us a letter agreeing to waive the Regulations referring to lighting and angles of lighting to our building in the future if and when any new building or alterations to existing are contemplated - this in connection with our Western Boundary only.

That the wall opposite the Board Room be tiled - say about 100 yards super.

That the Council allow the Athenaeum Two pounds (£2) per month deduction on their Electric Lighting account, or capitalize the amount.

And will pay Mr. Sydney Smith's fees.

March 9,

6.

The Town Clerk,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

I wish to direct your attention to the fact that the Coffee Palace building on our western boundary is now being demolished. There have been two areas for lighting in the plan of that building which gave direct lighting to our premises. These areas for lighting have been erected for sufficient time for us to have acquired the right of light from them. As they are now being demolished so quickly, if they be completely removed there will be no positive evidence of their existence. If you will give us your assurance to-morrow that you intend to respect our right of light from these areas and that your Council will hand to us a plan of these areas the matter may be settled. Failing an answer by noon to-morrow (March 10) we must instruct our solicitors to take whatever steps may be necessary to protect our rights in this matter.

I have written this letter feeling sure that your Council will respect the rights to which I have referred and will deal with the matter promptly and effectively.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

Comparative Statement.

<u>Receipts</u>		£	s.	d.
February 1925		558.	14.	2
" 1926		564.	19.	4
2 months 1925		1033.	11.	1
" 1926		1060.	2.	2

<u>Subscriptions</u>		£	s.	d.
February 1925		229.	13.	6
" 1926		261.	4.	10
2 months 1925		414.	0.	3
" 1926		468.	5.	4

<u>Expenditure</u>		£	s.	d.
February 1925		276.	4.	7
" 1926		259.	4.	2
2 months 1925		577.	18.	2
" 1926		562.	14.	9

Bank Balance Feb. 1925		765.	8.	8
" 1926		1036.	9.	5

The Town Clerk
MILBURN

Dear Sir,

I wish to direct your attention to the fact that the Police
Palace building on our western boundary is now being demolished.
There have been two areas for lighting in the plan of that building
which gave direct lighting to our premises. These areas for lighting
have been erected for sufficient time for us to have acquired the
right of light from them. As they are now being demolished we
fearfully, if they be completely removed there will be no positive
evidence of their existence. If you will give us your assurance
to-morrow that you intend to respect our right of light from these
areas and that your Council will hand to us a plan of those areas
the matter may be settled. Writing an answer by noon to-morrow
(March 10) we must instruct our solicitors to take whatever steps may
be necessary to protect our rights in this matter.

I have written this letter feeling sure that your Council
will respect the rights to which I have referred and will deal with
the matter promptly and effectively.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

leave commencing on April 3. W. DePledge
to be acting Secretary in the Secretary's absence

J. W. Borthwick
31-3-26

Minutes of special meeting of the General
Committee held on Friday March 12.

Present

Mrs. Pothwood Topp, Hall, Cor Mastus
Wagg, Thomson, Reunie, Martin Dillon &
D. Keenison + W. Sydney Smith (architect)

Apologies

apologies were received from Mr. Hush &
Breacher.

Town Hall

The Secretary reported that the plans for the
rebuilding of the Town Hall contemplated
the building of a wall on the eastern boundary
of the Coffee Palace site & this would do away
with the light areas which had given light
to the Athnasium windows. Outside the road
room the Athnasium wall stood back four
feet six from the proposed wall. Mr. Sydney
Smith had gone into the matter & the
Secretary had notified the Town Hall
authorities of the position. On March 9 a letter
(copy herewith) had been sent to the Town Clerk &
subsequently the Town Clerk (Mr. McCall) the
City Solicitor (Mr. Gen Elliott) the architect
for the Town Hall (Mr. Stephenson) & the City
draughtsman (Mr. Beilly) had met Mr.
Smith & the Secretary in conference. as a result
Mr. Smith with the Town Clerk & the City
Engineer had gone fully into the position &
Mr. Smith had made a report (shown herewith). This
report had been submitted to the Section
Members ^{Mr. Duncan} & other letter is shown herewith
Mr. Sydney Smith explained the position and
showed members the possibilities. after

along discussion in which members expressed their desire to meet the City Council in every way possible. It was decided on the motion of Mr. Thompson that the following resolution subject to such alterations in verbiage as members would see fit to make be adopted

"That this Committee, in order not to interfere with the rebuilding of the Melbourne Town Hall, agrees to waive its existing rights as to lighting preserved to it under Payne's Act. It feels, however, that the City Council should tile the whole of the area opposite the windows affected, and that, as it will be necessary to light the rooms concerned, the Council should pay to the Trustees the sum of £500 for the purchase of the rights so waived, and should bear all costs."

"That the Trustees be requested to sign any documents necessary to give effect to this resolution."

J. W. Thompson
30.3.26

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

Comparative Statement.

<u>Receipts</u>		
March 1925		539. 9. 7
" 1926		566. 7. 1
3 months 1925		1573. 0. 8
" 1926		1626. 9. 3
<u>Subscriptions</u>		
March 1925		224.18. 6
" 1926		246.17. 9
3 months 1925		638.18. 9
" 1926		715. 3. 1
<u>Expenditure</u>		
March 1925		638. 8. 3
" 1926		1059. 1. 3
3 months 1925		1216. 6. 5
" 1926		1621.16. 0
<u>Bank Balance 1925</u>		
March 1925		666.10. 0
" 1926		543.15. 3

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on March 30 1926

Present Messrs Boothroyd, Topp, Hall, Coy, Martin, Reunne Thomson Wigg & Dr Keenison & W. Masters

apologies were received from Messrs Lush & Brearly.

The minutes of meeting of March 5 & of special meeting of March 12 were read & confirmed

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the accounts for March & had found them correct. Payments of accounts as shown on page 42 of the Cash Book amounting to £ 417 were recommended for payment.

This report was adopted on the motion of Messrs Reunne & Wigg.

The Secretary reported that the W.C. Council had agreed to the arrangement regarding the right areas in connection with the rebuilding of the Town Hall & that the money £500 would be available shortly. The recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Treasurer be authorized to arrange with the mortgagee to accept the amount in reduction of the mortgage was approved.

Mr Wigg moved & Mr Topp seconded that during the absence of the Secretary on annual leave he be pledged by acting Secretary with power to endorse cheques.

J. W. Boothroyd
30-3-26

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on April 30. 1926

Present
apologies

Mrs. Bothard, Martin, Coy, Masters, Hush, Neag Hall, Thomson, Dillon & Dr. Keenison
apologies were received from Mrs. Revere, Monday Topp & Dr. Altman

Minutes
accounts

The minutes of meeting of March 30 were read & confirmed
The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for April & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £79-10-1 as shown on page 44 of the cash book were recommended
The report was adopted on the motion of Mrs. Martin's proposal.

Statement

The statement for the month as shown on the leaf was received.

Town Hall

The Secretary reported that the Town Hall authorities had required a declaration setting forth the length of time the light areas had existed & this had been supplied by Mr. Adam Kemp. as soon as the necessary documents had been prepared the cheque for £500 would be paid.

W. Cooke

leave of absence to W. Cooke was granted for three months on account of ill health.

J. W. Bothard
4/1/26

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

Comparative Statement

<u>Receipts</u>	April 1925	514.11. 6
	" 1926	687. 3. 8
	4 months 1925	2087.12. 2
	" 1926	2313.12.11
<u>Subscriptions</u>	April 1925	172.17. 3
	" 1926	251. 5. 6
	4 months 1925	811.16. 0
	" 1926	966. 8. 7
<u>Expenditure</u>	April 1925	398.10. 5
	" 1926	417. 3. 7
	4 months 1925	1614.16.10
	" 1926	2038.19. 7
<u>Bank Balance</u>	April 1925	782.11. 1
	" 1926	813.15. 4

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

Comparative Statement

<u>Receipts</u>	May 1925	608. 3. 3
	" 1926	588.17. 7
	5 months 1925	2695.15. 5
	" 1926	2902.10. 6
<u>Subscriptions</u>	May 1925	236. 7. 0
	" 1926	239. 5. 6
	5 months 1925	1048. 3. 0
	" 1926	1204.14. 1
<u>Expenditure</u>	May 1925	448.15. 4
	" 1926	729.10. 1
	5 months 1925	2068.12. 2
	" 1926	2768. 9. 8
<u>Bank Balance</u>	May 1925	941.19. 0
	" 1926	673. 2.10

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on June 4. 1926

Present Messrs Boothwood, Topp, Coy, Martin, Mastis, Thomson, Rennie, Hall, Dillon, & Kenison

Apologies were received from Mr. Lush, Brearley, & Wigg

Minutes The minutes of meeting of April 30 were read & confirmed.

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for May & had found them correct. They recommended payment of the accounts as per cashbook page 47 amounting to £ 478.9.4.

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

Meetings It was decided that meetings should be as follows Library at 4 p.m. General at 4-15 p.m. till further notice

Picture The secretary produced an old programme of the opening of the Town Hall in 1886 printed on silk. It was decided that this should be refaced & hung in the Board room with another picture of the Town Hall.

Town Hall The secretary reported that the Town Clerk had informed him that the documents regarding the light areas were being prepared & would be forwarded for signature as soon as ready.

Library The report of the Library Committee was received on the motion of Messrs Martin & Mastis.

J. W. Boothwood
4/7/26

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on July 2 1926

Present Messrs Bartholomew, Thomson, Coy, Martin, Topp, Lusk, Wigg, & Kenison
apologies were received from Messrs Bennie & Dillon & Brearley.

Minutes The minutes of meeting of June 4 were read & confirmed

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had examined the books & accounts for June & had found them correct. They recommended payment of accounts shown on page 29 of the cashbook amounting to £ 610-3-6
The statement for the month as shown herewith was received.

The Finance Committee recommended that the question of rentals for the front shops should be referred to valuers. Baillem Allard was suggested. The recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Wigg & Topp.

House Committee The report of the House Committee was adopted on the motion of Messrs Martin & Coy.

Library Committee The report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Messrs Topp & Topp.

J. W. Wigg
11/8/26

TEL. CENTRAL 4768-4769

BAILLIEU, ALLARD PTY. LTD.
AUCTIONEERS
ESTATE AGENTS, SWORN VALUATORS,
AGA/S INSURANCE BROKERS.

COLLINS HOUSE,
360 COLLINS STREET,
MELBOURNE

28th July, 1926

W. Wigg
11/8/26

The Secretary,
Melbourne Athenaeum,
188 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

As instructed, we have made an inspection of shops Nos. 184, 186 and 192 Collins Street, respectively, with a view to fixing fair rentals.

In our opinion the rent at present paid by M. Moffitt Pty. Ltd., (£12:10:0 per week) for No. 192, is full rent, especially in view of the fact that the Victoria Coffee Palace building has been demolished, and there is at present a hoarding across the footpath adjoining the shop. We consider you would be justified in granting a new lease for three years at the same rental as at present.

We consider the value of No. 186 is £9- per week and No. 184 £10- per week. Landlord to pay all rates.

We would recommend a lease of three years at the above rentals.

Yours faithfully,

Baillieu, Allard Pty. Ltd.
B. J. Allard

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on July 2 1926

Present Messrs Bartholomew, Thomson, Coy, Martin, Topp, Lusk, Wigg, & Kenison
apologies were received from Messrs Beattie & Boulton & Brearley.

Minutes The minutes of meeting of June 4 were read & confirmed

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had examined the books & accounts for June & had found them correct. They recommended payment of accounts shown on page 29 of the cashbook amounting to £ 610-3-6
The statement for the month as shown herewith was received.

The Finance Committee recommended that the question of rentals for the front shops should be referred to valuers. Baillieu Allard was suggested. The recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Wigg & Topp.

House Committee The report of the House Committee was adopted on the motion of Messrs Martin & Coy.

Library Committee The report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Messrs Topp & Topp.

J. W. Martin
11/9/26

TEL. CENTRAL 4768-4769

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AUCTIONEERS
ESTATE AGENTS, SWORN VALUATORS,
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COLLINS HOUSE,
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MELBOURNE

28th July, 1926

W. W. Martin
11/8/26

The Secretary,
Melbourne Athenaeum,
188 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

As instructed, we have made an inspection of shops Nos. 184, 186 and 192 Collins Street, respectively, with a view to fixing fair rentals.

In our opinion the rent at present paid by M. Moffitt Pty. Ltd., (£12:10:0 per week) for No. 192, is full rent, especially in view of the fact that the Victoria Coffee Palace building has been demolished, and there is at present a hoarding across the footpath adjoining the shop. We consider you would be justified in granting a new lease for three years at the same rental as at present.

We consider the value of No. 186 is £9- per week and No. 184 £10- per week. Landlord to pay all rates.

We would recommend a lease of three years at the above rentals.

Yours faithfully,

Baillieu, Allard Pty. Ltd.
J. W. Martin

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE
Comparative Statement.

<u>Receipts</u>		
June 1925		634. 4. 9
" 1926		755. 1.10
6 mos. 1925		3330. 0. 2
" 1926		3657.12. 4

<u>Subscriptions</u>		
June 1925		204.19. 9
" 1926		220.16. 6
6 mos. 1925		1253. 2. 9
" 1926		1425.10. 7

<u>Expenditure</u>		
June 1925		539.11. 3
" 1926		478. 9. 4
6 mos. 1925		2603. 3. 5
" 1926		3242.19. 0
Bank Balance June 1925		1036.12. 6
" 1926		949.15. 4

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE
Comparative Statement.

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		f s. d.
July 1925		597. 1. 0
" 1926		607.11. 6
7 mos. 1925		3927. 1. 2
" 1926		4265. 3.10

<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>		
July 1925		210.12. 9
" 1926		249. 2. 0
7 mos. 1925		1463.15. 6
" 1926		1674.12. 7

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
July 1925		539.12. 5
" 1926		610. 8. 5
7 mos. 1925		3142.15.10
" 1926		3457. 7. 8

Bank Balance July 1925		1024. 1. 1
" 1926		945.12. 4

28th July, 1926

The Secretary,
Melbourne Athenaeum,
138 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

As instructed, we have made an inspection of shops Nos. 184, 185 and 186 Collins Street, respectively, with a view to fixing fair rentals. In our opinion the rent at present paid by M. Moffitt Pty. Ltd. (12s. 10d. per week) for No. 184, is fair, especially in view of the fact that the Victoria Coffee Palace building has been demolished, and there is at present a hoarding across the footpath adjoining the shop. We consider you would be justified in granting a new lease for three years at the same rental as at present. We consider the value of No. 186 is 2s. per week and No. 184 3s. 10d. per week. We would recommend a lease of three years at the above rentals.

Yours faithfully,

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on August 7, 1926

Present Messrs Protheroe, Reunin, Wigg, Thomson, Wilson, Topp, Coy, Lush, Martin, Martin, + Dr. Kenyon.

Minutes The minutes of meeting of July 2 were read + confirmed.
Withal The secretary reported that Mr Hall was ill + unable to attend. He was instructed to write to Mr Hall + express the sympathies of the Committee.

Finance The Finance Committee reported having received the report of the auditors that they examined the books + accounts for August + had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £ 693-11-8 as shown in the cashbook pages 52 + 53 was recommended. The comparative statement for the month was presented.

The report of the Finance Committee was approved on the motion of Messrs Reunin + Trustees.

Shops The Finance Committee also reported having received a valuation from Paulden at a rate of 2% regarding the front shops as shown hereunder. It was decided that the rents should be fixed in accordance with the valuation + that renewals be offered the tenants in accordance therewith.

run It an The Secretary presented the draft of the agreement with the Town Hall authorities regarding the ancient lights Rights. Mr. Greenwood + Dr. Kenyon had made verbal alterations with the City Solicitor + had settled the draft. Mr. Sedner Smith had checked the measurements + the agreement was in order. It was decided on the motion of Messrs Martin + Coy that the Trustees be asked to sign the agreement when completed.

W Sheelton The Secretary produced a picture "Ruins at Peronne presented to the Institution by Mr. Arthur Sheelton. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Messrs Thomson + Topp and the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Sheelton + convey to him a copy of the resolution. Thus:

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W. SHEELTON

The General Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum, in acknowledging the gift of a picture - "Ruin at Peronne" - from Mr. Arthur Streeton, expresses its gratitude for the gift, and to mark its appreciation elects Mr. Streeton to be an Honorary Member of the Institution.

The report of the Finance Committee was adopted on the motion of Messrs Topp & Martin.

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Sept 3, 1926

Present Messrs Bothard, Col. Lush Thomson, Reunie & Dr. Atkinson Martin, Hall.

apologies apologies were received from Messrs Topp, Martin, Bready & Dr. Kenyon

welcome The President welcomed Dr. Atkinson on his recovery from his serious accident

Minutes The minutes of meeting of Aug 7 were read & confirmed

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the accounts & books for August & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £423.12.11. as shown on page of the Cashbook was recommended

shops The Finance Committee report regarding the post shops as shown on page 6 of the Finance Committee minute book was adopted on the motion of Messrs Reunie & Coy.

Dr. Stern a letter was read from Dr. Alex Stern requesting that in view of his long membership he & Mrs. Stern should be made honorary members. It was decided to inform Dr. Stern that the committee had no power to accede to his request.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

Comparative Statement

Receipts		£	s.	d.
August 1925		506.	18.	3
" 1926		559.	3.	6
8 months 1925		4433.	19.	5
" 1926		4824.	7.	4

Subscriptions

August 1925	193.17.6
" 1926	224.4.3
8 months 1925	1657.13.0
" 1926	1898.16.10

Expenditure

August 1925	485.18.1
" 1926	693.11.8
8 months 1925	3628.13.11
" 1926	4550.19.2

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

Comparative Statement

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.
September 1925		529	7	6
" 1926		700	7	9
9 months 1925		4963	6	11
" 1926		5824	15	1

SUBSCRIPTIONS

September 1925	192 0 3
" 1926	216 6 0
9 months 1925	1849 13 3
" 1926	2118 2 10

EXPENDITURE

September 1925	611 5 1
" 1926	423 13 11
9 months 1925	4239 19 0
" 1926	4974 13 1

BANK BALANCE

Sept. 1925	1033 3 8
" 1926	1089 4 0

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

Comparative Statement

<u>Receipts</u>		£	s.	d.
	August 1925	506.	18.	3
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	8 months 1925	4433.	19.	5
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Subscriptions

	August 1925	193.	17.	6
	" 1926	224.	4.	3
	8 months 1925	1657.	13.	0
	" 1926	1898.	16.	10

Expenditure

	August 1925	485.	18.	1
	" 1926	693.	11.	8
	8 months 1925	3628.	13.	11
	" 1926	4550.	19.	2

<u>Bank Balance</u>	August 1925	1115.	1.	3
	" 1926	812.	10.	2

Library
minutes
5th Aust

The report of the Library Committee was adopted.
It was decided not to accept the invitation of the
Institutes association of South Australia that the
Institution should be represented at the Conference to
be held in Adelaide in October

J. B. [unclear]
1/10/26

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on
October 1, 1926

Present

Messrs Boothroyd, Weston, Martin, Bush, Hall, Wigg,
Revue Dillon & Kenison

apologies
minutes

apologies were received from Messrs Topp & Brinkley
The minutes of meeting of Sept 3 were read &
confirmed.

Finance

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors
had audited the books for September & had found
them correct. The payment of accounts amounting
to £656-8-8 was recommended for payment. The accounts
are shown on pages 56 & 57 of the Cashbook

Resignation

a letter was received from Mr E. H. Cooke tendering
his resignation. The resignation was received with
regret & the following minute was recorded on the
motion of Messrs Boothroyd & Revue.

"The General Committee of the Melbourne
Athenaeum accepts with regret the resig-
nation of Mr. E. H. Cooke as a member
of committee and records its appreciation
of his many services as committee-man
and president to the Institution of which
he has been a member since 1874, and will
be glad to welcome him on the Committee
at some future date." The Secretary was instructed

J. B. Boothroyd
12/11/26

to convey the resolution to Mr Cooke.

Minutes

The report of the Library Committee was adopted.

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Friday November 12. 1926

Present Miss Boothrod, Coy, Mastis, Topp, Wigg, Thomson, Hall, + Dr. Kenison.

apologies apologies were received from Mrs. Hush, Brearly + Martin

Minutes The minutes of meeting of October 1 were read + confirmed.

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books + accounts for October as shown on pages 58, 59-60 of the Cash book & had found them correct. They recommended payment of accounts amounting to £ 811-5-9. The report was adopted on the motion of Miss Rennie + Mastis.

The Treasurer made a financial statement + at his suggestion seconded by Mr. Wigg it was decided to pay £ 500 off the mortgage reducing it to £ 1500

Secretary The Secretary's application for leave of absence on account of illness until Dec 1 was granted

J. W. Wigg
M. W. Wigg

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on December 3 1926

Present Miss Boothrod (Chair), Martin, Coy, Thomson, Wigg, Mastis, Rennie Hush + O'Altman + Kenison

apologies apologies were received from Miss Topp Hall + Brearly

Finance The Treasurer on behalf of the Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books + accounts for November + had found them correct. They recommended the

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE

Comparative Statement.

RECEIPTS		£	s.	d.
	October, 1925	529	17	6
	" 1926	517	11	5
	10 months 1925	5492	4	5
	" 1926	6042	6	6

SUBSCRIPTIONS		£	s.	d.
	October, 1925	172	8	3
	" 1926	185	10	3
	10 months, 1925	2022	1	6
	" 1926	2300	13	1

EXPENDITURE		£	s.	d.
	October, 1925	1220	6	9
	" 1926	656	8	8
	10 months, 1925	5460	5	9
	" 1926	5631	1	9

BANK BALANCE		£	s.	d.
	October, 1925	341	14	5
	" 1926	950	6	9

Receipts & Expenditure

Comparative Statement.

Receipts		£	s.	d.
	Nov. 1925	518	10	9
	" 1926	505	8	1
	11 months 1925	6010	15	2
	" 1926	6547	14	7

Subscriptions		£	s.	d.
	Nov. 1925	151	16	6
	" 1926	164	19	3
	11 months 1925	2173	18	0
	" 1926	2475	12	4

Expenditure		£	s.	d.
	Nov. 1925	309	16	2
	" 1926	811	5	9
	11 months 1925	5770	1	11
	" 1926	6442	7	6

Bank Balance		£	s.	d.
	Nov. 1925	550	9	0
	" 1926	644	9	1

Payment of accounts amounting to £1245.7.8
as shown on pages 62 + 63 of the cash book
The report was adopted on the motion of Wm Rennie
& Wiff.

The Treasurer made a financial statement &
explained that the Finance Committee recommended
that a further sum of £500 be paid off the mortgage.
He moved that this be done. Mr. Barton seconded
the motion which was carried.

Condolences

The President said that he wished on behalf of the
Committee to express to the Secretary the deep
sympathy of members in the loss he had
sustained in the death of his daughter and at
his suggestion it was decided to record the fact
in the minutes.

The Secretary reported the death of Mr. Wiswold
for so many years solicitor to the Institution &
of Mr. Dillon.

It was decided to convey to Mr. Wiswold
the sympathy of the Committee and its deep
appreciation of Mr. Wiswold's many services
to the Institution.

It was decided to convey to Mr. Dillon the
sympathy of the Committee.

Library

The report of the Library Committee was adopted
on the motion of Wm. Parker & Co.

House Committee

The House Committee recommended that during
January the air gallery be redecorated. It was
decided to adopt the recommendation cost not
to exceed £70.

J. W. Rennie
1917