

Minutes of Meeting of the General Committee held on January 11. 1929
 Present: Mr Wigg (Chair), Greenwood, Callaway, Topp, Rennie, Cameron Meadell, Campbell Thomson, Dillon Masters, Littlejohn & McKinnison.

Minutes of meeting of Dec 7 were read & confirmed.

The financial Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books and accounts for December and had found them correct. Accounts amounting to £643-6-0 were recommended for payment.

The Treasurer presented the statement for the month & moved the adoption of the report which was seconded by Mr Callaway & carried.

The Treasurer presented a copy of the balance sheet which had been audited. He explained the various items & moved that the balance sheet be printed & circulated. Mr Callaway seconded the motion which was carried.

The Secretary presented the draft of the annual report which was approved subject to revision by the President.

The Secretary's application for leave of absence from the next meeting of the Committee on Feb 1 and from the office from Jan 30 to Feb 8 was granted.

The Treasurer asked members to express to the President their appreciation of the services he had rendered to the institution during his two years as President. He thought this should be placed on record & also that Mr Wigg be congratulated on the admirable position of the Institution. Mr Callaway supported the remarks of the Treasurer and it was decided to record

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.
 For the Year ended 31st December, 1928.

To Balance	£565 1 6 ¹	By Interest on Mortgage	£633 15 0 ¹
Subscriptions	£2792 17 0 ¹	Salaries and Wages	1979 15 4 ¹
Rents	4122 12 6 ¹	Books, Magazines & Newspapers	1719 1 5 ¹
Sales & Sundries	365 18 0 ¹	Gas, Electric Light and Power	237 6 3 ¹
Railage & Postage Refunds	91 16 3 ¹	Repairs, Goods, and Sundries	227 7 11 ¹
	7,372 18 9 ¹	Rates and Taxes	730 19 7 ¹
		Insurance	£761 18 0 ¹
		Less paid by Lessee 372 0 0 ¹	389 18 9 ¹
			60 19 0 ¹
		Binding	212 15 1 ¹
		Printing, Postage, Stationery & Petty Cash	91 16 3 ¹
		Railage & Postage to Country Subscribers	3 1 6 ¹
		Advertising	31 10 0 ¹
		Auditors	161 7 0 ¹
		Improvements	6479 13 1 ¹
		Balance	1458 7 2 ¹
			£7938 0 3 ¹
Balance brought down	£1458 7 2 ¹	Reduction of Mortgage	£1000 0 0 ¹
		Balance	458 7 2 ¹
			£1458 7 2 ¹

Audited and found correct,
 Melbourne, 10th January, 1929
 Wilson Bishop & Henderson } AUDITORS.
 L. N. Rennie & J. B. D.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.		LIABILITIES.	
Estimated value of the real Property of the Institution as per City Valuation January 1925 (Subject to Lease to Frank Talbot Pty. Ltd., as to Theatre portion expiring July 15, 1962)	£80,000 0 0	Loan under Mortgage (Rate 6½ per cent., due July 1929)	£9,000 0 0
Value of Library	1,500 0 0	Balance (subject to Lease as per contra)	73,458 7 2
" Furniture	500 0 0		
Bank Balance	458 7 2		
	£82,458 7 2		£82,458 7 2

CHARLES RENNIE, TREASURER.

The following minute:

"The general committee of The Melbourne Athenaeum expresses its high appreciation of the very satisfactory manner in which Mr. G. H. Wegg has carried out the duties of President of The Institution during his two years of office"

Mr. Wegg thanked members for their expressions of good will and wished to add that without the Treasurer was entitled to equal if not more praise for the admirable work he had done for the Institution.

Confirmed
McCallum
1.2.29

Minutes of the eighty ninth annual meeting of the members of the Melbourne Athenæum held in the Art gallery on Wednesday January 23. 1929.

Present

The President (Mr. G. H. Wigg in the Chair, Messrs Lush, Callaway, Rennie (Trustee), Greenwood Topp, Meudell, Thomson & Lt. Col Williams (members of Committee) Cathie Evans (Life members) and eighteen other members.

Notice

The Secretary read the notice calling the meeting which had been posted in accordance with the rules in the Library & Reading room for 14 days.

Minutes

The minutes of the annual meeting held on January 23 1928 were read & confirmed.

Report & Balance Sheet

Mr Callaway moved Mr Topp seconded

"That the annual report & balance sheet be taken as read & recorded". Carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

OF THE

MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM,

FOR THE YEAR 1928.

To be submitted to the Members at the General Meeting, Wednesday, January 23, 1929, at 8 p.m.

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submits its report of the transactions of the year 1928, which is the eighty-ninth since the foundation of the Institution.

THE COMMITTEE.

There have been 12 meetings of the General Committee.

The President, Mr. G. H. Wigg attended 11
Vice-President and Trustee, Mr. W. A. Callaway " 11
Trustee and Treasurer, Mr. Charles Rennie " 11
Trustee, Mr. George Lush " 10

COMMITTEE:

Mr. Masters attended 11 Dr. Altmann attended 1
Mr. Topp " 10 Mr. Campbell " 10
Mr. Hall " 5 Mr. Greenwood " 12
Mr. Thomson " 6 Mr. Meudell " 11
Mr. Dillon " 10 Mr. Cameron " 6
Mr. Brearley " 1 Dr. Cumpston " 2
Dr. Kennison " 12 Lt. Col. Williams " 11

Dr. J. H. Cumpston resigned from the Committee on July 6, on account of having been transferred to Canberra.

Dr. C. A. Altmann was absent most of the year, on account of ill-health, and does not seek re-election.

Mr. J. H. D. Brearley finds that pressure of business prevents him attending meetings, and he does not seek re-election.

The Finance Committee—Messrs. Rennie (chairman), Callaway, Thomson, Hall, Brearley, Masters, Cameron, Campbell, and the President; the Library Committee—Messrs. Topp (chairman), Callaway, Lush, Rennie, Greenwood, Col. Williams, Drs. Altmann and Kennison, and the President; the House Committee—Messrs. Rennie, Masters, Meudell, Dillon, Thomson, Drs. Kennison, Cumpston, Altmann, and the President, held the usual meetings, and thus attended regularly to the various departments of the Institution.

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following members of the Committee, who are eligible for re-election, retire from office, viz., Messrs. Topp, Dillon, Brearley, Thomson, Hall and Dr. Altmann. Masters

FINANCIAL.

The statement of accounts submitted herewith must be very satisfactory to members. It will be seen that the gross ordinary receipts for the year amounted to £7372/18/9—an increase of £67/1/9 over the previous year. The gross expenditure was £6479/13/1—an increase of £96/9/8. The excess of receipts over expenditure on the year's working was £893/5/8. With the £565/1/6 brought forward, there remained a balance of £1458/7/2. Your Committee was thus able to pay £1000 off the mortgage, thereby reducing it to £9000.

The most gratifying feature of the statement is the continued increase in members' subscriptions (£31/5/6). On the expenditure side, your Committee has been able to allocate £1719/1/5 for books, magazines and newspapers—an increase of £135/14/9 over the figures for 1927.

As an indication of the steady progress of the Institution, the following table, showing the receipts from subscriptions, and the gross receipts for the last ten years, will be interesting, thus:—

Table with 4 columns: Year, Receipts, Expenditure, Balance. Rows for years 1919 to 1928.

THE LIBRARY.

The Library and Reading Room still continue to be most attractive, and the steady increase in membership is not only gratifying, but a distinct proof of their popularity. On several occasions members have expressed their satisfaction with the excellent provision made for them, and of the competence and courtesy of the Library Staff.

Your Committee is pleased to report that the attendance of members in the evening and on public holidays is still increasing. The increase in the number of country subscribers, many of whom live a long distance from the city, still continues.

During the year your Committee established a juvenile section in the Library, separate shelves being set apart for books suitable for young readers. Already, considerable interest has been aroused by this new department.

The following donations of works have been kindly made:—

- The Victorian Philatelic Record, by A. A. Rosenblum, Esq.
The Australian Banker, by A. E. Park, Esq.
Headway, by J. W. Colville, Esq.
Victorian Year Book, presented by A. M. Lughton, Esq. Government Statist.
The Christian Science Monitor, from First Church of Christ Scientist, Melbourne.
The Presbyterian Messenger, by Messrs. Arbuckle, Waddell Pty. Ltd.
The New Zealand Official Year Book, by the Government of New Zealand.
Historicæ Concilii Tridentini, by Ewart Paul, Esq.
Official Guide to the Principal Ports of the World, by P. J. Black Esq., Vice-Consul for Japan.
The Church of England Messenger, by the Diocese of Melbourne.
The Commonwealth Gazette, by the Commonwealth Government.
Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria, by Stillwell and Stephens Pty. Ltd.
Literary Guide from P. Taylor, Esq.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the Year ended 31st December, 1928.

Table with 2 columns: Debit (To Balance, Subscriptions, Rents, Sales & Sundries, Railage & Postage Refunds) and Credit (By Interest on Mortgage, Salaries and Wages, Books, Magazines & Newspapers, Gas, Electric Light and Power, Repairs, Goods, and Sundries, Rates and Taxes, Insurance, Less paid by Lessee, Binding, Printing, Postage, Stationery & Petty Cash, Railage & Postage to Country Subscribers, Advertising, Auditors, Improvements, Balance brought down, Reduction of Mortgage, Balance).

Audited and found correct, WILSON, BISHOP AND HENDERSON, AUDITORS. L. N. RAINEY, A.I.C.A.

MELBOURNE, 10th January, 1929

Victorian Government Gazette, by the Government of Victoria.
New Zealand Parliamentary Papers, by the Government of New Zealand.
The Argus Cricket Guide, by the Proprietors of The Argus and The Australasian.

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

ART GALLERY.

The popularity of the Art Gallery has been maintained. Exhibitors succeeded one another from March 5 to December 24. The exhibitors were Misses Syme, Cumbræ Stewart, A. Dent, Beckett, E. and A. Currie, Mrs. Rix Nicholas, Messrs. Carlyle Jackson, W. M. Whitney, W. Rowell, Rupert Bunny, A. E. Newbury, John Rowell, H. L. Fern, H. Septimus Power, J. Hennessy, Twenty Melbourne Painters, the Women's Art Club, and the Australian Art Association.

Your Committee is pleased to report that there is not a vacant date for the gallery for this year, and that many bookings for 1930 have been made already.

CHESS CLUB.

The membership of the Chess Club still goes on increasing, the number of chess players being nearly 200. Your Committee congratulates the club on a highly successful chess week and exhibition of chess relics and curiosities held in October. It is hoped that this will be an annual fixture, and that additional interest in chess will thereby be aroused.

THE STAFF.

Your Committee desires to express its appreciation of the zeal and care shown during the year in their several duties by the Secretary, the Librarian and the other members of the staff.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Art Gallery on Wednesday, January 23rd, at 8 p.m. Members are reminded that, under the new rules, "Candidates for the vacant offices shall be nominated in writing, each nomination shall be signed by two members of the Institution and by the candidate, and shall be delivered to the Secretary seven clear days before the Annual Meeting."

GEO. H. WIGG, President.

R. W. E. WILMOT, Secretary.

Table showing ASSETS: Estimated value of the real property of the Institution as per City Valuation January 1928 (Subject to Lease to Frank Talbot Pty. Ltd., as to Theatre portion expiring July 15, 1929), Value of Library Furniture, Bank Balance.

Table showing LIABILITIES: Loan under Mortgage (Rate 6 1/2 per cent., due July 1929), Balance (subject to Lease as per contra).

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

CHARLES RENNIE, TREASURER.

The President in moving the adoption of the Report & balance sheet referred to the satisfactory condition of the Institution. The increase in the revenue had enabled the Committee to obtain more books & magazines. During the year a juvenile section had been instituted & had become popular with subscribers. As the demand increased this section would be further developed. The Committee had instituted a process of glazing books which would add to the life of the books & also make them more hygienic. The committee regretted the resignation of Mr. Cumpston W. Brearly & Mr. Altmann from the committee & thanked them for their services. The increase in the membership of the Chess Club was also a matter for congratulation & the club was wished every success. The Committee had to thank the Staff for the services rendered to the Institution. The Treasurer in seconding the motion referred to the prosperous state of the finances. The Institution had arrived at a stage when its income & expenditure could be regarded as normal. The only item of expenditure that might be called special was the £103.50 paid for the reconditioning of Sleights Lane in conjunction with the City Council & the Victoria Palace.

Questions

Mr R. C. Tiller asked various questions & suggested that details of salaries paid & rents received should be given in the balance sheet. He was informed by the Chairman that it was not considered advisable to give this information. Mr Tiller also referred to the practice of members taking more than one paper or magazine at a time.

Election of officers

The President announced that for the various positions of office bearers there had been only sufficient nominations for the various vacancies

He therefore declared the following elected.

PRESIDENT-	Mr. W. A. Callaway
VICE-PRESIDENT-	Mr. W. F. Greenwood
TREASURER-	Mr. Charles Rennie
GENERAL COMMITTEE-	Mr. E. E. Dillon
	Mr. G. B. Hall
	Mr. A. J. Masters
	Mr. J. O. Thomson
	Mr. C. A. Topp
	Mr. W. E. Bates
	Mr. J. A. Pietzcker
	Mr. A. Burr
	Mr. J. Lillie.

Auditors Mr Gales moved and Mr Evans seconded
 "That Messrs Wilson Bishop & Henderson & Mr L. N. Ramey be re-elected auditors at the same remuneration" - Carried

Vote of Thanks Mr Marshall Lyell moved & Mr Grant seconded
 "That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the retiring office bearers & the Staff" Carried

Mr Topp moved & Mr Callaway seconded
 "That a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to Mr G. H. Wegg as Chairman of the meeting and also for his services as President of the Institution for two years" Carried.

Confirmed
 M. C. C. 27. 1. 30.

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on February 1, 1929.

Present Messrs Callaway, Greenwood, Lush, Topp, ^{Col} Williams, Wigg, Cameron Rennie, Meudell, Bates, Lillie, Pietzcker Burr, Campbell Masters & Kennison

Minutes The minutes of meeting of January 11 were read & confirmed

Finance The minutes of the Annual meeting were read for information & were approved as correct. The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for January & had found them correct. The permit of accounts amounting to £ 360-0-6 was recommended. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Rennie & Wigg.

The Treasurer read the comparative statement for the month which was received.

Sub Committees The following sub committees were appointed

<u>FINANCE</u>	<u>LIBRARY</u>	<u>HOUSE</u>
Callaway, W.A. (President)	Callaway, W.A. (Pres.)	Callaway, W.A. (Pres.)
Hall, G. B.	Kennison, Dr. J.A.	Dillon, E.E.
Masters, A. J.	Lush, Geo.	Kennison, Dr. J.A.
Rennie, Chas.	Rennie, Chas.	Rennie, Chas.
Thomson, J. O.	Topp, C. A.	Masters, A. J.
Wigg, G. H.	Greenwood, W. F.	Thomson, J. O.
Cameron, Rev. D. A.	Williams, Lt.-Col. R.	Meudell, A. M.
Campbell, F. A.	Burr, A.	Lillie, Jas.
Bates, W. E.	Lillie, Jas.	Pietzcker, J. A.

Talks/Lease The acting secretary produced the correspondence with Frank Talbot P^y 2^d regarding the installation of Cine sound apparatus in the Theatre. These included an application for such in statement and Sydney Smith Ogg & Serpell's approval. The report of the secretary is attached hereto. It was decided on the motion of Messrs Greenwood & Wigg to grant the consent asked for & that Richardson & Kew the Finance Committee be informed

Under the arrangement made by Frank Talbot Proprietary Limited for the introduction of "The Talkies" into the Theatre a considerable amount of fresh wiring and rearrangement of electric appliances was necessary.

Under the Lease (clause o) any such alterations had to be made subject to the consent of the Landlord. Under clause p similar consent had to be obtained for any display or electric or other signs outside the building, and under clause l a spruiker was forbidden.

I had occasion to enforce clause l and the Lessee has been informed that this clause must be explicitly obeyed (see copy of letter attached).

With regard to clauses "o" and "p", I arranged with Messrs. Sydney Smith, Ogg & Serpell to inspect the work and their report is attached hereto together with my letter to the Lessee.

It will be necessary for the General Committee to give the formal consent to the work described by Messrs. Sydney Smith, Ogg & Serpell under clause "o". The electric signs have yet to be approved by the City Council before the Lessee can erect any.

RWS

Mary

+ requested to verify the underwriters
The report of the Library Committee was adopted
on the motion of Messrs Lush & Rennie.

Confirmed
M. Calloway
1.3.29

Present

Minutes of the General Committee held on March 1
Messrs Calloway, Lush, Rennie, ~~Donner~~, Bates
Masles Greenwood, Lillie, Topp Campbell & Rudell
Pietzcker Col Willemson & Dr Kenyon

apologies

apologies were received from Messrs Rennie, Thomson
& Dillon.

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of Feb 1 were read &
conformed

Finance

The Finance Committee reported that the
auditors had audited the books & accounts
for February & had found them correct. The
payment of accounts amounting to £ 495-13-10
as shown on pages 20 & 21 of the cashbook was
recommended. The report was adopted on
the motion of Messrs Rennie & Topp.

Trams

a letter was received from the Millbourne & ~~Portsmouth~~
Board of Works regarding the erection of poles
in Colliers St on attaching the wires to buildings.
The Secretary reported that Mr & Mrs Smith
099 & carpenter approved of the wires being affixed
to the building "provided that attachment is fixed
on the outer wall opposite the Eastern or Western End wall
of the building". on the motion of Messrs Lush & Rennie
it was decided to defer decision until it was learned
what other property owners were doing.

Neon

an application by Frank Taylor Plumber for permission to
erect Neon lights was approved on the recommendation
of Mr & Mrs Smith 099 & carpenter on the motion of
Messrs Greenwood & Bates.

Library

The report of the library committee was adopted on the motion of ~~Wm~~ ^{Thomson} & Martin

Confirmed
M. Callaway
5.4.29

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on April 5. 1929.

Present

Wm Callaway, Lusk, Greenwood, Barr, Lillie, Batis, Pitzcker, Hall, Thomson, Dillon, Martin, Dr. Keenison & Col. Williams

Apology

an apology was received from Mr. Reenie & Mr. Wigg

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of March were read & confirmed.

Finance

The finance committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £468.18.6 was recommended. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Batis. Lillie & the monthly statement was also received. Mr. Martin was appointed Acting Treasurer in the absence of Mr. Reenie with the authority to sign cheques & other documents.

Mortgage

The secretary reported that the mortgage of £2000 with the A.O.P. at 6 1/2% would fall due early in July. Mr. Greenwood moved & Mr. Batis seconded that Mr. Reenie be asked to interview the A.O.P. with a request for renewal at 6% carried.

Land Tax

The recommendation of the Finance Committee that the President & Vice President & Treasurer be a sub-committee to attend to any matter connected with the proposal of the Commissioner of Taxation to assess the property of the institution for land tax was approved on the motion of Mr. Pitzcker & Lillie

Library

The Report of the library committee was adopted on the motion of ~~Wm~~ ^{Thomson} & Martin

Confirmed
M. Callaway
3.5.29

Present

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Mar 3. 1929
Mr. Callaway, Lusk, Reenie Greenwood, Lillie, Topp, Thomson, Menard, Cameron, Wray, Batis, Martin, Hall, Dillon & Keenison & Col. Williams

Apology

an apology was received from Mr. Campbell & from Mr. Pitzcker whose application for their months leave of absence was granted.

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of April 5 were read & confirmed.

Correspondence

The secretary reported the death of Mr. F.A. Campbell & his action in writing a letter of sympathy was approved. Mr. Campbell's letter of thanks was received.

Chess Club

The letter from the chess club asking that a notice about the chess club might be placed in the reading room was received. It was decided to grant the request. The notice to be approved by the President.

Finance

The finance committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for April & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £875.16.5 as shown on pages 24 & 25 of the cash book was approved.

Mortgage

The Treasurer read the monthly comparative statement & the committee's report was approved on the motion of Messrs. Reenie & Thomson. The Treasurer reported that he had had an interview with the manager of the A.O.P. society regarding a renewal of the mortgage had offered 6% for a two year term on the same conditions as heretofore with

out valuation fee. The matter would be before the directors of the A.M.P. at its next meeting. He felt that it would be accepted. The Treasurer's action was approved.

Town Hall a letter from the Melbourne City Council was read relating to an escape stairway in St. Stephen's Lane. The secretary reported that he had put the matter before the architects & Messrs. Smith & Egge & Simpson who approved of the proposal subject to certain qualifications as shown in their letter shown herewith. The application was granted subject to the qualifications made by the architects on condition that the City Council paid the expenses on the motion of Messrs. Lusk & Greenwood.

Library The report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Lusk & Greenwood.

Confirmed
M. Callaway
7. 6. 29

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee had on June 7. 1929

Present Messrs Callaway, Lusk, Reume, Greenwood, Barr, Topp, Egge, Hall, Resided, Baker, Masters, Dillon, Mr. Coltrahams

apologies Members apologies were received from Mr. Cameron & Thomson. The minutes of meeting of May 3 were read & Confirmed.

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for May & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £ 27 & 28 of the cash book was recommended. The Treasurer read the comparative statement for the first five months of the year. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Reume & Egge.

Mortgage The Finance Committee reported that the Treasurer had interviewed the manager of the A.M.P. Society regarding the renewal of the mortgage of £9000. He had arranged for a renewal for four years at the reduced rate of 6% without valuation or mortgage fees. The Finance Committee recommended that the Trust be authorized to sign the form of renewal submitted by the Company.

The recommendation was approved on the motion of Messrs. Reume & Greenwood & it was further decided to thank Mr. Reume for his services in the matter.

Land Tax The secretary reported that he had received assessment notices for Federal Land Tax accompanied by a long letter from the Commissioner explaining the departure from the value of the former Commissioner. The assessments were for land held June 30 1925 Taxable amount £ 8481 Tax £ 51.6.5

"	"	"	"	1926	"	"	£ 8481	"	£ 51.6.5
"	"	"	"	1927	"	"	£ 10728	"	£ 63.4.11
"	"	"	"	1928	"	"	£ 41200	"	£ 443.19.9

making a total of £ 659-17-6. The last named amount was explained by the Commissioner as the result of a new ruling by which no exemption could be allowed as the institution did not solely occupy the land. The sub-committee had gone fully into the matter & had taken Counsel's opinion Mr. Fullagar being the Counsel. Notice of objection in accordance with the Act had been given. In conference with Mr. Fullagar the secretary had been informed that at that stage Council felt that the institution had a good fighting case but that he would consider the matter further & would give his considered opinion on the following Monday. The sub-committee had had the assistance of the secretary of the Taxpayers Association.

and would take what ever action was necessary on receipt of Councils opinion. The action of the sub committee was approved on the motion of Miss Greenwood & castles x

Tramway Board

The secretary reported that he had received from the Tramway Board its acceptance of the agreement to allow wires to be attached to the building under the conditions laid down by S. G. & Smith & Co. & report.

Library

The library report was received.

Confirmed
M. Callaway
5.7.29

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Friday July 5 1929

Present

Miss Callaway (Chair), Greenwood Bush, Rennie, Burr, Hill, Hall, Magg, Traskin, Dr. Kenyon & Mr. Tol Williams

apologies
Members

The minutes of meeting of June 5 were read & confirmed

Land Tax

The secretary reported that the due date for payment of land tax was July 8 & that the act provided for payment - despite any objection having been lodged. The Finance Committee recommended that the tax be paid under protest. It was moved by Mr Rennie & seconded by Mr Bush that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted & that any further steps in the matter be left in the hands of the sub-committee

Finance

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for June & had found them correct. Payment of accounts amounting to £1166. 10.0 as shown on the cash book pages 26 & 29 was approved

Library
leave

The report of the library committee was adopted & leave of absence was granted to Mr J. O. Thomas for two months.

Confirmed
M. Callaway
2.8.29

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on August 2. 1929

Present

Miss Callaway, Topp, Hill, Greenwood Burr, Lush, Rennie, Magg, Dutton & Rudell, Traskin, Campbell, & Mr. Williams & Dr. Kenyon.

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of July 5 were read & confirmed

leave

Mr. Pielzckus application for a further leave of absence for two months

Finance

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for July & had found them correct. Payment of accounts amounting to £587. 0.8 as shown on pages 30 & 31 of the cash book was approved

Land Tax

The secretary read the letters to & from the Taxation Commissioners & it was decided to refer the matter to the sub-committee to report to the General Committee

Chess Club

a request by the Chess club that it might use the bill tables on Saturday night & that tables be provided was considered. The secretary said the tables would cost £13. 12.0 & that women probably might be provided up to £5. The request was granted

Library

The report of the library committee was adopted

Confirmed
M. Callaway
6.9.29

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Sept 6. 1929.

Present Mr Lush, Lush, Reunie, Topp, Greenwood, Little, Burr, Thomson, Dillon, Hasler, Hegg, Gurdell, Hall, D. Kemison & Lt Col Williams
Apology an apology was received from Mr Cameron & also from Mr Campbell

Minutes The minutes of meeting of Aug 2 were read & confirmed

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the accounts for August & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £ 633-12-6 as shown on pages 32 & 33 of the cash book was recommended. The Treasurer read the comparative statement of accounts for the first eight months of 1929 & the report was adopted on the motion of Mrs Reunie & Thomson

Mr W Beacott It was decided to grant the application of Mrs Beacott for a refund of her subscription £ 1.1.0

Land Tax a letter was read from the Commissioner of Taxation reflecting the protest lodged against the institution being assessed. The intimation was given as to how an appeal could be lodged. after a general discussion

Mr Lush moved
Mr Topp seconded
"That no appeal be lodged" to this at the suggestion of Mr Greenwood was added "that the Commissioner be so informed & that the Commissioner be asked in the event of any further action by the Commissioner that the institution might be advised & given any advantage accruing

Therefrom. The motion was carried.

Library The Library Committee Report was adopted.
Mr Thomson Mr Thomson was welcomed by the President on his return from leave of absence & a letter was received from the Chess Club thanking the Committee for the new tables & for the consideration shown to members.

Confirmed
M. Lush
4. 10. 29

Minutes of Meeting of the General Committee held on October 4. 1929

Present The President Mrs Topp, Lush, Greenwood, Reunie, Burr, Cameron, Dillon, Thomson, Little, Balis, Hegg, Hall, Gurdell, D. Kemison & Lt Col Williams.

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

Resignation The Secretary read a letter from Mr F. A. Campbell tendering his resignation. It was decided on the motion of Mr Topp & Little to accept the resignation without that the Secretary should write expressing the hope that Mr Campbell might be restored to health & that a record of appreciation of his services be made in the minutes.

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for September & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £ 747.7.0 was recommended. The Treasurer read the comparative statement & moved the adoption of the report. The motion was seconded by Mr Balis and carried.

Land Tax a letter was read from the Taxpayers assn.

Mr Morton

left

regarding the school of arts Sydney which had been paid Federal funds as the letter was received. A letter from Mr Morton was read complaining that he had left a parcel in the reading room and had been stolen. He asked for compensation. It was decided on the recommendation of the Finance Committee to reply that the Committee could accept no responsibility in the matter. The secretary reported that he had been endeavouring to find a place for the installation of a lift. The only possible situation was in the back of Mr Moffitts Shop. Entrance to this would have to be from the stalls entrance. The lift would run up the southern end of the light area & would open on to the reading room in the ladies corner & underneath the stairs on the Art gallery floor. The consent of Mr Moffitts would have to be obtained. The probable cost would be from £1500 to £2000. The lift would be a distinct advantage to members & the users of the Art gallery. The secretary was reporting this for the information of members. If it were possible to do the work it should be done soon for Mr Moffitts lease would expire in October & that would be the time to make the alterations. The secretary would make further enquiries & report later.

Confirmed
 M. Callaway
 1. 11. 29

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on November 1. 1929

Present - Mrs Callaway, Lush, Rennie, Greenwood, Topp, Burr, Lillie, Mendell, Bates, Dillon, Thomson, Maslin, Pietzcker & Keenison & Mr Tol Williams

apology - an apology was received from Rev D. Cameron

Minutes - the minutes of meeting of Oct 4 were read & confirmed.

Finance - the Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for October & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £410.13.4 as shown on Pages 36 & 37 of the cash book was approved. The report was adopted.

Mr Pietzcker - The President welcomed Mr Pietzcker on his recovery from his illness.

Library - the report of the Library Committee was adopted.

Confirmed
 M. Callaway
 6. 12. 29

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on December 6. 1929

Present - Mrs Callaway, Lush, Rennie, Topp, Burr, Lillie, Greenwood, Topp, Pietzcker, Bates, Mendell, Thomson, Dillon, Maslin,

apology - an apology was received from Rev D. Cameron & one from Mr Tol Williams

Minutes - the minutes of meeting of November 1 were read & confirmed

Election - Major Portion was elected a member of the General Committee (nominated by the President Mr Tol Williams) in the place of Mr F. A. Campbell resigned

Finance - the Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts

In November and had found them correct
 The payment of accounts amounting to
 £603-19.10 as shown on page 38-40 of the
 cash book was recommended
 The Treasurer read the comparative
 statement & moved that the report be
 adopted. Seconded by Mr Bates & carried
 The Secretary reported that Mr & Mrs Smith
 Ogg & Serpell had gone fully into the question
 of establishing a lift. Plans had been prepared
 & an estimate of the cost had been prepared.
 The cost of construction would be £1520 & the
 cost of the lift £1145. The maintenance would
 cost £44 per annum the wages of the lift
 driver £4.12.0 per week & the cost of
 running about £1.5.0 per month &
 after the details of the scheme had been explained
 Mr Reeve moved that the Committee is
 of the opinion that a lift should be installed
 and that a sub-committee consisting of
 the President, Vice President & Treasurer
 be appointed to go into the details, to
 interview the Messrs & to bring up a
 workable scheme to the next meeting
 with a full report
 Seconded by Mr Greenwood & carried
 It was decided to get an exhaust
 fan in the smoking room.
 The Report of the Library Committee
 was adopted.

Confirmed
 M. C. Greenwood
 10. 1. 30

lift

Fan

Library

SYDNEY SMITH, OGG & SERPELL,

ARCHITECTS

SYDNEY W. SMITH F.R.I.A.
CHAS. A. OGG F.R.I.A.
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TELEPHONE Nos 999,
998.

Bank of New Zealand Chambers,

319 Collins Street,

Melbourne 6th December, 1929

R. W. E. Wilmot Esq.,
Secretary,
The Melbourne Athenaeum,
Collins Street,
MELBOURNE

Dear Sir,

As requested, we have measured up as necessary and prepared sketch plans and description of work required in making provision for and installing passenger elevator at the Melbourne Athenaeum and have made up estimates of the cost of same.

We have gone carefully into the matter of costs in regard to the Elevator with Messrs Johns & Waygood Ltd. and structural work and alterations with Messrs A. Kemp & Son. These two firms have submitted careful estimates of the work, but it must be understood that owing to the short time at our disposal for obtaining them, they are necessarily approximate. This applies particularly to the structural work and alterations. We, however, feel confident that the estimates given below should not be exceeded.

Following are the estimates:-

Cost of Construction of Lift shaft and Machinery Room,
all alterations necessary and making good with
finish to match existing work..... .. £1520.

Electric Elevator: First class type and finish, dual
control, speed per minute 300' on car switch
and 150' on automatic£1435
Fitted with floor levelling device ... 160 £1595.

Electric Elevator: Good medium type, dual control
speed per minute 150' on both car switch and
Automatic, no floor levelling device £1145
1185

The maintenance cost on Elevator would be about £44 per annum and the wages of a Lift driver is £4.12.0 per week. The cost of electric power would be, for a lift of this type about £1.5.0 per month.

Yours faithfully,
SYDNEY SMITH, OGG & SERPELL

Per Sydney Smith.

STATEMENT RE LIFT.

The proposal to establish a lift as shewn on plans prepared by Messrs. Sydney Smith, Ogg & Serpell and the consequent arrangement with Frank Talbot Proprietary Limited may be summarized thus:-

At a Conference between Messrs. Callaway, Greenwood and Rennie (representing The Melbourne Athenaeum) and Messrs. Frank Talbot and R. Lean (representing Frank Talbot Proprietary Ltd.) held on Monday December 9, 1929, the matter was discussed.

The offer of Frank Talbot Proprietary Limited is that they are prepared to vary the conditions of the lease which now gives them exclusive right to the Stalls Entrance. They will allow the Athenaeum to use the Stalls Entrance as an approach to the lift and will agree to the work being done as proposed on condition :-

"That they be given an extension of their lease for five years at the increased rental provided in the Lease."

The lease provides that for 30 years from March 15, 1923 the rent shall be £1976 per annum and that for the next ten years the rent shall be £2476 per annum.

The following schedules set forth -

- (a) The cost of the lift and installation.
- (b) The increase in annual expenditure entailed.
- (c) Proposals as to how this increased expenditure may be met.

"A"

Estimated cost of lift and erection - - - - £2665.

"B"

<u>Increase in Annual Expenditure</u>	
Interest 60% on cost, say, £2700	£162
Liftman's wages at £4.10.0 per week	240
Maintenance	44
Electric Power	20
Accident Insurance	10
	£476
	=====

Say £500.

(NOTE:- An extra item of say £110 would have to be added in the first year as no rent would be obtained from M. Moffitt's shop during the work of erection of the lift.

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"C"

Proposals as to how income may be increased.

Rentals

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Suggested</u>
M. Moffit's shop	£650	£650
Wood's shop	520	572
Kathlyn's shop	468	520
Royal Humane Society	50	75
Art Gallery, say 40 weeks	294	420
Totals	<u>£1982</u> =====	<u>£2237</u> =====

Estimated Increase in Revenue

Rentals as per list	£255
Members' Subscriptions	<u>150</u>
Total	<u>£405</u> =====

The increased rentals of the shops is set down at £ per week, but I think this might be doubled. When Miss Gleeson took over her shop (Kathlyn) she paid a premium amounting to £2 a week spread over the term of her lease. There was no question of goodwill concerned.

General

For some years there has been a surplus of about £1000 each year. This, however, will be seriously affected now by the fact that nearly £500 a year will be required for Federal Land Tax.

R. W. E. WILMOT,
Secretary.

Minutes of special meeting of the General Committee held on December 13, 1929

Present

The President Mr Lush, Reunie, Greenwood
Topp, Bourne, Batis Wigg, Lilla Bielzker
Dillon & Maya Bolton

apologies

apologies were received from Miss
Treadwell, Lt Col Williams, & Kenyon

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The secretary reported that the subcommittee
had met with Mr R. Lead & Frank Tallor
presenting Frank Tallor Proprietary, United.
The President explained what had happened
& that Mr Lead & Mr Tallor had agreed
that the Lessees would consent to the erection
of the lift on the site proposed in accordance
with the plans & would sign up their names
up to the Hall's entrance to the Theatre on
condition that the Trustees granted them
an extension for four years at the increased
rent fixed for the original extension.
after a discussion

Mr Lush moved

Mr Lilla seconded

That the offer of the Lessees (Frank
Tallor Proprietary & Co) be accepted if the
erection of the lift be assured.

a report by the secretary (a) setting forth
the cost of the lift installation (b) the
increase in annual expenditure &

(c) proposals as to how this increased
& expenditure could be met was circulated.
Its general provisions were approved
The report is shown here with.

Maya Bolton

The President welcomed Maya Bolton
as a new member of Committee.

Confirmed
M. Callaway
10.1.30