

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on January 10. 1930.

Present Mrs. Callaway, Lush Topp, Greenwood, Belle Buer, Reenie Bates, Miss Thomson, Bolton, ^{Mrs. Peloski} & Dr. Krumson

Apologies were received from L. C. Williams. The minutes of meeting of Dec 6 & special meeting of Dec 13 were read & confirmed.

Treasurer The Finance Committee reported that the Auditor had audited the Books & accounts for December & had passed them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £ as shown on pages of the cash book was approved.

Balance Sheet The Treasurer reported that the Auditor had audited the accounts & had signed the statement of receipts & expenditure. He explained the various items. The statement was approved and it was decided to incorporate it in the Annual report to be submitted to the members.

Report It was decided to leave the preparation of the Annual report to the President & Secretary.

Left The Secretary reported that Mrs. Eleson & S. Woods had agreed to the increase of rent £2 a week and it was decided to grant renewal of the leases for premises in the case. The Royal Humane Society had agreed to an increase of £2 5 a year. Mr Greenwood seconded.

Mr. Mason & Mrs. Smith & Miss Buer were instructed to prepare the necessary plans & specifications & to call for tenders for the erection of a lift. Carried.

Library The Secretary reported that Mrs. Cunningham

wanted to be relieved at the end of January & tendered her resignation. It was decided on the motion of Mrs. Lush & Reenie to vote the sum of £5.5.0 as a wedding present to Mrs. Cunningham and to appoint Mrs. Cove to the vacancy at a salary of £3.00 a week.

[Signature]

Minutes of the Ninetieth Annual Meeting of the Members of the Melbourne Athenaeum held in the Art Gallery on January 21. 1930 at 8 p.m.

Present

The President (Mr W. A. Callaway) was in the chair there were also present Messrs Greenwood (Vice President) Rennie (Treasurer) Wagg, Topp, Burr, Meudell, Briggs members of Committee & 25 other members

Notice

The Secretary read the notice concerning the meeting &

Minutes

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on January 23 1929 were read & confirmed &

Apologies

apologies were received from Mrs Thomson, Cameron, Bates, Masters, Lt. Col. Williams & McKeeeson &

Report & Balance Sheet

The annual report & balance sheet were taken ahead

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM, FOR THE YEAR 1929.

To be submitted to the Members at the General Meeting, Tuesday, January 21, 1930, at 8 p.m.

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submits its report of the transactions of the year 1929, which is the ninetieth since the foundation of the Institution.

Table with 2 columns: Name and attended. Lists committee members including Mr. W. A. Callaway, Mr. W. F. Greenwood, Mr. Charles Rennie, Mr. George Lush, Mr. Meudell, Mr. Cameron, Lt. Col. Williams, Mr. Bates, Mr. Lillie, Mr. Pietzcker, Mr. Burr, and Mr. Bolton.

Mr. F. A. Campbell resigned from the Committee on October 4 on account of ill-health. An appreciation of his services was recorded in the minutes.

Major W. Bolton was elected a member of the Committee on December 6, and, in accordance with the rules, submits himself for re-election.

Mr. Thomson and Mr. Pietzcker were both absent for several months on leave.

The Finance Committee—Messrs. Rennie (chairman), Bates, Thomson, Hall, Wigg, Masters, Cameron, Campbell, and the President; the Library Committee—Messrs. Topp (chairman), Lush, Rennie, Greenwood, Burr, Lillie, Col. Williams, Dr. Kennison and the President; the House Committee—Messrs. Rennie, Masters, Meudell, Dillon, Thomson, Lillie, Dr. Kennison, 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. Hall, Masters, Meudell, Dr. Kennison, Lieut.-Col. Williams, the Rev. D. A. Cameron and Major Bolton.

FINANCIAL.

The statement of accounts, submitted herewith, shows that the gross receipts for the year amounted to £7517 4/8, an increase of £144/5/11 over the previous year. The gross expenditure was £7250/14/4, an increase of £771/1/3. This increase is mainly due to the fact that for the first time the Institution has been assessed for Federal Land Tax, the amount paid being £659/17/2. Reference to this matter is made later. The amount spent on the purchase of books, magazines and newspapers is £128/7/11 more than in 1928, and binding, including the new process designed to give longer life to books, is £86/4/2 more than before. With the amount brought forward, £458/7/2, there remained a balance of £724/17/6, a surplus on the year's working of £266/10/4.

The gratifying feature of the statement is the continued increase in members' subscriptions, £145/1/-.

The mortgage to the Australian Mutual Provident Society, for £9000 at 6½ per cent., fell due on July 1, 1929. Your Committee is pleased to report that it was able to renew the mortgage for a further term of five years at the reduced rate of 6 per cent.

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

Table with 3 columns: Subscriptions, Purchase of Books, etc., Gross Receipts. Rows for years 1920 to 1929.

LAND TAX.

Your Committee regrets to report that the property of the Institution has been assessed for Federal Land Tax, involving an annual payment of £493/19/9. In April, 1911, when the Federal Land Tax was introduced, the then Commissioner ruled that "the Melbourne Athenaeum is exempt from taxation under the Land Tax Assessment Act 1910"; a recent amended ruling of the Federal Land Tax Commissioner that "exemption can only be claimed where no part of the building is leased or rented to persons other than the Institute" has been made, and on this ruling the Commissioner assessed the property of the Institution. Your Committee combated the arguments of the Commissioner for two years, holding that the Act was never intended to apply to institutions such as ours, but in the end, though supported by the able assistance and advice of the Taxpayers' Association, to which body the thanks of the Institution are due, and after exhausting every means in its power, the tax had to be paid under protest. Your Committee hopes that an amendment of the Commissioner's ruling may, sooner or later, be obtained, so that such portions of the premises, as are used exclusively for the purposes of the Institution, may be exempt.

LIFT.

Your Committee has had under consideration for many years the advisability of installing an electric lift, which would provide access to the Reading Room and Library and to the Art Gallery. Numerous suggestions were made, but none of these were feasible until a scheme was propounded, which seemed to overcome all the objections previously made. Your Committee examined the proposal most carefully, and the architects, Messrs. Sydney Smith, Ogg and Serpell, prepared plans and specifications, and the scheme was developed whereby a lift may be erected in the light area on the west side of the building at the rear of the shop occupied by M. Moffitt Pty. Ltd. The entrance to the proposed lift will be from the stalls entrance to the theatre, and it was necessary to obtain the consent of the lessees (Frank Talbot Proprietary Limited). The proposal was made to them that they should allow the members of the Athenaeum to use the stalls entrance (over which the lessees had the exclusive right). The lessees met a sub-committee of the Institution in conference in a friendly spirit and offered to forego their exclusive right on consideration that the Trustees should grant them an extension of their lease for five years at the increased rental provided in the lease. Your Committee, at a special meeting, accepted the offer, and the necessary arrangements are now being made to put the work in hand. The advantage of a lift cannot be over-stated. Your Committee feels that the lift will afford greatly increased facilities to members, and that not only will the membership increase, but that the patrons of the Art Gallery will be greatly benefited. The architects—Messrs. Sydney Smith, Ogg and Serpell—have been instructed to make arrangements to proceed with the work.

ART GALLERY.

The popularity of the Art Gallery has been maintained. Exhibitors succeeded one another from February 24 to December 21. The exhibitors were Misses Jo. Sweatman, Annie Gates, M. Holgate, Margery Withers, A. Dent, Clarice Beckett, Messrs. Carlyle Jackson, J. Jorgensen, E. Buckmaster, Arnold Shere, W. Frater, R. E. Batterbee, T. A. Gardner, C. Colahan, R. G. McCann, A. McClintock, W. Rowell, A. E. Newbury, 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 1931 have been made already.

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.

The following donations of works have been kindly made:—

- List of donations including: The Victorian Philatelic Record, The Australian Banker, Headway, Victorian Year Book, The Christian Science Monitor, The Presbyterian Messenger, The New Zealand Official Year Book, Glimpses of the East, The Travel Bulletin, The Australian Board of Missions Review, The White Star Magazine, The New Nation Magazine, The Landmark, The New Church Magazine, The Church of England Messenger, The Commonwealth Gazette, Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria, Literary Guide from P. Taylor, Victorian Government Gazette, New Zealand Parliamentary Papers, The Argus Cricket Guide.

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

CHESS CLUB.

The membership of the Chess Club still goes on increasing, the number of chess players being more than 200. During the year the accommodation in the chess-room became so taxed that arrangements were made and special tables provided to permit of members playing chess in The Art Gallery. This proved a boon to chess players, who have availed themselves largely of the extra facilities provided.

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 Tuesday, January 21st, 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."

W. A. CALLAWAY, President. R. W. E. WILMOT, Secretary.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the Year ended 31st December, 1929.

To Balance	£458 7 2	By Interest on Mortgage ..	£562 10 0
Subscriptions	£2937 18 0	Salaries and Wages	1982 2 6
Rents	4130 15 0	Books, Magazines & Newspapers ..	1847 9 4
Sales & Sundries	363 4 11	Gas, Electric Light and Power ..	304 5 0
Railage & Postage Refunds ..	85 6 9	Repairs, Goods, and Sundries ..	190 7 2
	7,517 4 8	Rates and Taxes	1407 10 5
		Insurance	£762 17 2
		Less paid by Lessee 372 0 0	
			390 17 2
		Binding	147 3 2
		Printing, Postage, Stationery & Petty Cash	240 15 10
		Railage & Postage to Country Subscribers ..	85 6 9
		Advertising	3 16 6
		Auditors	52 10 0
		Law Costs	36 0 6
		Balance	7250 14 4
			724 17 6
	£7,975 11 10		£7,975 11 10

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

MELBOURNE, 9th January, 1930.

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)	Loan under Mortgage (Rate 6 per cent., due July 1934)
Value of Library	Balance (subject to Lease as per contra) ..
" Furniture	
Bank Balance	
£80,000 0 0	£9,000 0 0
1,500 0 0	73,724 17 6
500 0 0	
724 17 6	
£82,724 17 6	£82,724 17 6

CHARLES RENNIE, TREASURER.

Sure that in the coming year the membership would be largely increased. The assessment of the property for land tax was an unexpected charge. The Committee had done all in its power to resist the claims of the Commissioner but without avail. He was certain that with the installation of the lift the installation would be greatly improved. The motion was supported by Mr Evans & Mr Topp & carried unanimously. The President announced that there were only sufficient nominations for the various vacancies & declared the following elected

Elections

OFFICE	CANDIDATE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
President	Mr. W. F. Greenwood	W.A. Callaway	Geo. Lush
Vice President	Rev. D. A. Cameron	Chas. Rennie	Wm. Bolton
Treasurer	Mr. Chas. Rennie	W.A. Callaway	Geo. Lush
Committee	Mr. G. H. Wigg	A. J. Masters	W.A. Callaway
	Mr. A. J. Masters	Chas. Topp	Chas. Rennie
	Dr. J. A. Kennison	Chas. Topp	Chas. Rennie
	Lt. Col. R. Williams	Chas. Rennie	G. H. Wigg
	Mr. Geo. E. Emery	W.A. Callaway	A. J. Masters
	Major W. Bolton	W.A. Callaway	Chas. Topp
	Mr. L. V. Biggs	A. Burr	P. H. Stewart

The President in moving the adoption of the report & balance sheet referred to the fact that it was 31 years since he had presided at an annual meeting. In that time great strides had been made & the Institution was verily superior in every way to what it was then. The year had been a good one but for the fact that there had been an amended ruling by the Commissioner of Federal Taxation whereby the Institution was assessed for the first time. There would have been a substantial reduction of the outlay. It was a highly prosperous institution & when the Committee hoped it would be able in the next few months to install a lift the Institution would be complete.

The Treasurer in seconding the motion referred to the various items in the statement of receipts & expenditure. The increase in subscriptions was most satisfactory the fact

auditors

on the motion of Messrs L. V. Biggs & Evans Messrs Wilson Bishop & Henderson & Mr L. N. Rainey were selected auditors at the same remuneration.

General

Mr Beavis suggestion that a telephone should be installed was referred to the General Committee.

Thanks

a vote of thanks to the office bearers & staff was proposed by Mr Beavis & carried with acclamation.

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on February 7. 1930

The President in the Chair, Messrs Lush, Rennie Callaway, Topp, Burr, Lillie Thomson, Martinus Prothon Smiley, Prater Dillon, Pietzcker & Kennison,

an apology was received from Mr Wigg
The minutes of meeting of January 10 were read & confirmed.

Mr Smiley was welcomed by the President
The President reported the death of Col Williams on the motion of Mr Rennie & Prater
The following resolution was adopted all standing

The Committee of The Melbourne Athenaeum deeply regrets the death of Lt.-Col. Richard Williams and desires to place on record its appreciation of his services to the Institution as a member of the Committee.

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for January & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £ 535.11.2 as shown on pages 43 & 44 of the cash book was approved
The report on the motion of Messrs Rennie & Prater was adopted.

The secretary explained a request from the Victoria Police regarding dereliction on the site from the theatre to Prater Lane on the east side of the property. The secretary had seen Mr Wootton the President of the Toffin Palace & Mr Eyleson architect & had informed them that if they could obtain the approval of the City Council & the Board of Health as well as the approval of Messrs Sydney Smith & Co & Serpell he was sure the Committee would be favorable to the proposal which would have to be approved by 2/3 of the Rtg. until the necessary consents had been obtained nothing could be done. A plan showing

Present

apology minutes

Welcome

Col Williams

Victoria Palace

The proposed alteration was submitted & a letter from Sydney Smith & Co & Serpell was also read. It was decided on the motion of Messrs Lush & Burr the matter was referred to the Trustees & the President with power to act.

Sub-Committees

The following sub-committees were appointed

FINANCE	LIBRARY	HOUSE
The President	The President	The President
Emery, G. E.	Kennison, Dr. J. A.	Dillon, E.
Masters, A. J.	Lush, Geo.	Kennison, Dr. J. A.
Rennie, Chas. (R)	Rennie, Chas. (Wigg)	Rennie, Chas.
Thomson, J. O.	Topp, C. A.	Masters, A. J.
Wigg, G. H. (TP)	Biggs, L. V.	Thomson, J. C.
Cameron, Rev. D. A.	Burr, A.	Lillie, Jas.
Galloway, W. A.	Lillie, Jas.	Bolton, Wm.
Bates, W. E.	Bolton, Wm. Callaway	Pietzker, J. A.

lift

The secretary a letter from Sydney Smith & Co & Serpell regarding the installation of a lift & explained the scheme illustrated by the plans. Advice for the construction of the lift shaft had been obtained from A Kempson £1640. Tenders had been called for a lift and 54 tenders had been lodged. Messrs Lush & Delmaine engineers had recommended that two tenders should be considered. Jones & Wray £1508 & Edmiston & Orrell £1285. In the latter tender a new floor leveling device was proposed. This device had not been at the site but Lush & Delmaine approved of its proposal. It was decided on the motion of Mr Rennie & Bolton

that it lift be installed & that steps be taken to call the necessary meetings under rule 35 to obtain sanction from the members to raise a sum not exceeding £3500. It was decided to defer consideration of the lift

tenders until the next meeting in order that the
engineers might see the illumination on rail lift
workings

On the question of a Kempsons price for the
Elevator shaft at Boston moved and
latter seconded

"That Sydney Smith & Co. should be instructed
to call for public tenders as per the
specifications submitted" carried
It was decided to allow M. Moffatt P.L.S. to
an extension of four weeks for their shop.
The report of the Library Committee was
adopted.

7/3/30

[Signature]

M Moffatt
Library

Minutes of Special General Meeting of The
Members of The Melbourne Athenaeum held
in the Board room on Monday, February 24
1930 at 4 P.M.

Present - The President Messrs Reame, Lusk, Callaway,
(Trustees) Cannon, Masters, Bolton, Thomson,
Little, Pietscher Burr, Boats, Topp, Wagg,
Srauer Smith (architect) and 14 other members.
Notice The secretary read the notice concerning the
meeting

THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.
Notice is hereby given, that a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of The Melbourne Athenaeum (hereinafter called "the Institution") will be held on MONDAY, the 24th day of FEBRUARY, 1930, at four o'clock in the afternoon, at the boardroom of the Institution, situate at No. 188 Collins street, Melbourne, when the resolution set out below will be submitted.
RESOLUTION.
(a) That, in addition to the mortgage already existing upon the real estate of the Institution situate in Collins street, Melbourne, the general committee are hereby authorised and empowered to borrow at interest such sum of money (not exceeding £2500) as may be requisite or necessary for the purpose of making such additions to and/or alterations of the buildings erected upon the said real estate, as the said general committee may determine.
(b) That the repayment of the said moneys with interest thereon be secured by a mortgage over the said real estate, to be executed by the trustees for the time being of the Institution.
(c) That the said mortgage may contain a power of sale and such other powers and provisions as the said general committee, by the advice of the solicitors of the Institution, shall think fit, and that no intending mortgagee shall be in any manner concerned to inquire whether the formalities necessary to authorise the borrowing of the said money have been complied with or not, nor be in any manner bound to see that the money borrowed is properly applied.
Dated the 14th day of February, 1930.
By order of the president,
R. W. E. WILSON, Secretary.

The President explained that the meeting had been called in order to obtain permission to borrow the money to install a lift. This would be a distinct adjunct to the institution & would increase the popularity of the library & the art gallery.

Mr Reame moved & Mr Cannon seconded
"That the resolutions as expressed in the notice read by the secretary be adopted"
The motion was carried unanimously.

Minutes of Special General Meeting of
the Members of The Melbourne Athenaeum
on Thursday March 6 1930 at 4 P.M.

The President Messrs Lusk Reame Callaway
(Trustees) Cannon Masters Bolton Thomson
Little, Pietscher Burr Boats Topp, Wagg
Dillon, Srauer & Smith & Keenan & 16
other members.

The secretary read the notice of the meeting
The President explained that this was the
second of two meetings required under the
rules to authorise the committee to borrow
up to £2500 for the purpose of effecting improvements
principally a lift.

Mr Reame moved & Mr Thomson seconded
"That the resolutions as expressed in the notice
read by the secretary be adopted" carried
unanimously.

Present
Notice

Minutes of special meeting of the General Committee held at the conclusion of the special general meeting of members on Monday Feb 24

Present

The President Mr. Hugh Russell Callaway, Messrs Boston, Thomson, Little, Putzker, Bourne, Batis, Topp Wigg Cannon, Dillon, & Mr Sydney Smith (architect)

Tenders

The secretary read a letter from Sydney Smith OGG & Serpell giving a list of tenders received for the erection of the lift shaft as shown herewith

Mr Callaway moved

Mr Hugh Russell

That the architects recommendation that C. F. Pittard's tender of £1430 - be approved & his tender accepted - Carried.

Bank

The Treasurer reported that he had interviewed the manager of the Bank of Australasia & had asked that in view of the proposed installation of a lift an overdraft of £3000 to £3500 should be granted for three or four months until such time as arrangements should be made for the increase of the mortgage. The application had been granted & the report was adopted &

7/2/30

[Signature]

SYDNEY SMITH, OGG & SERPELL,

ARCHITECTS.

SYDNEY W. SMITH F.R.V.I.A.
CHAS. A. OGG F.R.V.I.A.
C. E. SERPELL F.R.V.I.A.

TELEPHONE Nos 999, 998.

Bank of New Zealand Chambers,

319 Collins Street,

Melbourne on 24th February 1930

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

Dear Sir,

Herewith we hand you tenders received for the construction of Elevator Shaft etc. at The Melbourne Athenaeum as follow:-

G.W. Blackman	£1288
C.F. Pittard	1430
T.R & L. Cockram	1490
E. Newman	1569.14.0
Roberts, Rowsell & Lawton	1577
Adam Kemp	1640
W. Howard	1658
J.W. Pinnock	2647

We recommend the acceptance of Mr. C. F. Pittard's tender.

If the Building Surveyor will allow the omission of the (3) Concrete columns and beams chased into the brick wall, Mr. Pittard's tender of £1430 will be reduced by £30.

We hand you herewith Plans and Specification.

Yours faithfully,
SYDNEY SMITH, OGG & SERPELL

[Signature]

- Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on March 7, 1930
- Present Mrs Greenwood, Topp, Bolton, Ethel Briggs, Callaway, Thomson, Martin, Lura, Rennie, Putzke, Dulan, Higg & Kemmeron
- Apologies Apologies were received from Mrs Emery & Cameron.
- Minutes The minutes of meeting of Feb 7 were read & confirmed
- Welcome The President welcomed Mr Briggs who responded. The President moved that a letter of congratulation be sent to Mr Cameron on his having been appointed to the highest honor in the Presbyterian Church. Seconded by Mr Topp & received.
- Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts & had found them correct. Payment of accounts amounting to £981.8.6 was recommended. The report was adopted on the motion of Mrs Rennie & Higg.
- Gift The President reported that he had seen the gift suggested by Edna Linn & Orville and was satisfactory. A letter from Edna Linn approving of the gift was received & the leader of Edna Linn & Orville was accepted £12.9.5.
- Victoria The Secretary reported that a model of the proposed church to the Theatre had been forwarded by Mr Egglestone. The Secretary explained the position & it was decided to await the formal application of the vestry committee.
- Library The Library Committee report was adopted. The Secretary's application for annual loan from April 5 was granted.
- Leave Mr Briggs suggestion for a series of lectures in the winter was referred to a sub-committee Mr Briggs & Mr Callaway.

4/4/30

H. Greenwood

Minutes of Meeting of the General Committee held on April 4. 1930

Present Messrs Greenwood, Topp, Lush, Biggs, Thomson Britton, Kemmison, Burr, Dillon Cameron.

apologies apologies were received from Miss Rennie, Fallaway, Little & Wigg

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

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for March & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £369.7.7 as shown on pages 47 & 48 of the cash book was recommended. The comparative statement was read.

The report was adopted on the motion of Miss Thomson & Topp

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This motion was moved by the President & seconded by Mr Lush & carried unanimously. The sub-committee appointed to deal with the question of winter lectures submitted its

lectures

MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM

Lectures sub Committee of Library Committee.

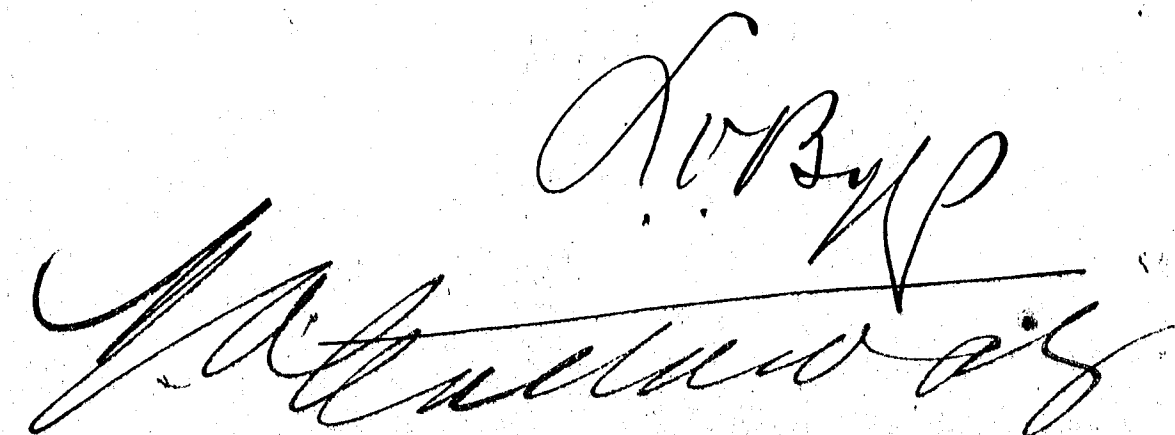
Your Sub Committee begs to recommend that the proposed four public lectures on Literary subjects be entrusted to the following gentlemen at a fee of two guineas per lecture, the lectures to be on the dates assigned.

- Friday May 2nd. ^{E.H.} Professor Cowling. ^{M. Alford} Subject. "Getting the Best out of Books".
- Friday June 6th. Professor E. ^{Lush} Scott. Subject. "The Spanish Adventurers in Australian History."
- Friday July 4th Mr ^{Thomas} Cook (Librarian Public Lending Library) Subject. "The Trend of the Modern Novel".
- Friday August 1st. Rev. ^{G.} Irving Benson. Subject "Poetry and Life today".

Your Sub Committee recommends that admission be free to all members of the institution and to such of the general public as the general committee may determine.

Signed.

March 26th.



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Signed.

March 26th.

Handwritten signatures: R. Byl P. M. Greenwood

report as shown herewith. The report was read and adopted and it was decided to thank the sub-committee for it. The secretary was instructed to make the necessary arrangements.

Library

The report of the library committee was adopted &

2/5/30.

W. Greenwood

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on 17th May 1930

Present

Wm Greenwood, Topp, Callaway, Bolton, Hillie, Lusk, Reenie, Master Bates, Higg, Dillon, and Dr. Keenan

Apologies

apologies were received from Mrs Beags Smery & Cameron.

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of April 4 were read & confirmed.

Treasurer

The finance committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for April & have found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £ as shown on pages of the cash book was recommended. The Treasurer read the comparative statement & reported that he had arranged an overdraft with the Bank of Australasia to meet the payments of the contractors of the lift. The report was adopted on the motion of Mrs Reenie & Master Bates.

lift

The secretary reported that the work of erecting the lift was progressing satisfactorily & that it was expected that the lift would be in working order before June 30.

Victoria

The secretary reported that the negotiations for an addition in the exit on the east side of the theatre as requested by the Victoria L^o were held up awaiting the consent of Frank Tait & P^o.

Section

The secretary reported that the arrangements

for the lectures were complete. The last lecture would be that evening there had been a large inquiry for tickets. It was decided that the President should table the chair & that Mr Callaway should make a vote of thanks to Professor Cowling.

Library

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

Mr Callaway was appointed to the Library Committee on the motion of Mrs Bottom Phillis.

6/6/30

W. Rennie

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on June 6 1930

Present

Miss Greenwood Callaway, Lush Cameron, Topp, Lillie, Bottom, Master Thomson, Wigg, & Rennie

Apologies

apologies were received from Miss Briggs & Diller.

Mr Rennie

The President rose and said:

We meet to-day in the shadow of a great loss. For fifty one years Mr Rennie has been a member of this Committee. For forty one years he has been our valued honorary Treasurer. We cannot estimate the value of his foresight and ability, given to the best interests of this Institution. We will miss his kindness and courtesy, his cheerfulness & good-humour, the sunshine of a happy mind. His spirit will remain with us, and will incite us to do our best for the Melbourne Athenaeum, which he loved so much and served so well.

The President moved

"That the General Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum deplores the death of its Treasurer, Mr. Charles Rennie, and places on record its high appreciation of the good services he has rendered the Institution."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Master & supported

Finance

by Mr Wurn & adopted all present standing. The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for 1929 & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £1282.1.11 as shown on pages 5-1 & 2 of the Cash book was approved.

Treasurer

Mr G. H. Wigg was appointed Treasurer in succession to Mr Rennie.

Mortgage

It was decided that the Treasurer Mr Smiley should wait on the A. T. P. Society to arrange for an increase in the mortgage &

Trustee

It was decided to discuss the appointment of a new trustee at a subsequent meeting.

Shop

The secretary reported that he had not so far succeeded in letting the shop premises occupied by M. D. of Hill P. L. but had had inquiries & hoped to secure a tenant any day. It was decided to decorate the shop.

Chamberlain

It was decided on the motion of Mrs Bottom & Master to construct a chair store over the staircase to the Art Gallery at a cost not exceeding £12 & to board in the space under the red-tape stairs at a cost not to exceed £11.

Victoria

The Trustees were authorized on the motion of Mr Cameron & Mr Rennie to require the agreement with the Victoria Palace & regarding the situation to the Eastern exit from the theatre. The agreement was in order that it had been carefully checked.

Library

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

Lectures

The secretary reported that the last lecture by Professor Cowling on May 2 had been largely attended & had been much appreciated by more than 300 people. On the motion of Mr Wurn & Topp it was decided to place on record

Library

The satisfaction of the Committee on the success of the thank the lecturers for their services. Mr. Bolton referred to the dust on the shelves in the library & said that the question of cleaning should be referred to the secretary, reported that a complete cleaning had been deferred until the work of installing the lift was completed.

Lift

The secretary reported that the work of the contractors in installing the lift was proceeding satisfactorily. It was hoped that the lift would be running by about June 15.

4/7/30

W. Greenwood

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee July 4. 1930

Present

Mr Wigg, Topp, Greenwood, Bolton, Little, Masters, Burr, Lush, Emery, Thomson, Cameron, Parks, Callaway, & Dr. Keenison

apology
minutes

an apology was received from Mr. Briggs. The minutes of meeting of June 6 were read & confirmed.

Finance

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for June & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £1081-19-3 as shown on pages 53 & 54 of the cash book was recommended.

The report was adopted on the motion of Messrs Wigg & Parks

The Committee also reported that it had elected Mr Wigg as its chairman.

Mortgage

The Finance Committee also reported that Mr Wigg & Mr Emery had waited on the H.P.

Society had asked for a further advance of £2500. The manager had asked for a formal application & had indicated it would be granted but at 7% with the rest to pay off as before. It was decided to make the application.

Insurance

Mr Wigg, Mr Parks, Mr Lush & Mr Emery were appointed a subcommittee to report on the question of insurances.

shops

The recommendation of the Finance Committee regarding the shops, sent by Mr Woods whose application for a reduction was not substantiated & no new agreement as £15 a week was adopted.

Trustee

was moved by Mr Lush & seconded by Mr Topp that Mr Wigg be appointed trustee in place of Mr Rees.

Victoria

The secretary reported that the agreement with the Victoria was now complete.

Library

The report of the library committee was approved.

W. Greenwood

1/8/30

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Friday August 1. 1930

Present

Mr Greenwood, Topp, Bolton, Lush, Callaway, Wigg, Little, Briggs, Burr, Masters, Dulton, Cameron, & Dr. Keenison.

apologies

Mr Emery & Mr Thomson apologized for absence. The minutes of meeting of July 4 were read & confirmed.

Finance

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for July & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £1084-0-4 as shown on pages 55 & 56 of the cash book was

recommended. The report was adopted on the motion of Mrs. Neig & Topp.

left accounts The secretary read a letter from S. Dyer Smith 8990 Berrell showing details of cost of left shaft renovations to shop re. enclosing check for £52 amount received from the tenant of shop 192 Collier St his share of decoration of shop. The total cost of the left shaft renovations repairs £460.5.10 less £52 paid by tenant a balance total of £2719.5.10

Mortgage The secretary reported that the A. H. P. Society had granted the application for a further increase in the mortgage by £2500 at 7 percent. The documents were now being prepared. The death of Mr. Rennie necessitated the resigning of the new trustee as one of the registered proprietors of the property of the Institution. Mr. Topp moved & Mr. Bolton seconded that the trustees be authorized to sign all necessary documents in connection with the registration & the mortgage when ready. Carried

lease The secretary reported that the lease to The Glass Point Manufacturing Co had been prepared. Mr. Bolton moved & Mr. Topp seconded that the trustees be authorized to sign the lease. Carried

Art gallery a proposal by Mr. Briggs regarding the Art gallery as shown herewith was discussed. The secretary reported that there were no vacant dates in the Art gallery this year & on the motion of Mrs. Hush & Topp it was decided to approve the principle of the suggestion & any suitable date became available to proceed in the matter.

Chess Club The chess club asked for the use of the Art gallery for the Australasian Chess Congress from Dec 26 to January 10 1931. The application

was granted. The report of the library committee was adopted

5/9/30 M. Greenwood

Minutes of Meeting of the General Committee held on Friday August 5.

Present Mrs. Greenwood, Hush, Callaway, Neig Bolton, Hester, Little, Topp, Cannon Bolton, Pratis Bourne & Keenison

Minutes The minutes of meeting of Aug 1 were read & confirmed.

Treasurer The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for August & had found them correct. The statement of accounts amounting to £586.11.3 as shown on pages 57, 58, 59 of the cash book was recommended.

The Treasurer in moving the adoption of the report gave a detailed account of the finances. Mr. Hester seconded the motion which was adopted.

Library The report of the library committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hester & Topp.

House The report of the House Committee was adopted on the motion of Mrs. Little & Bourne.

3/10/30 M. Greenwood

Minutes of Meeting of the General Committee held on Friday Oct 3. 1930

Present Mrs. Greenwood, Hush, Callaway, Cannon, Thomson, Little, Hester, Dillon, Neig, Bourne, Briggs, Pratis, Bolton & Keenison

apology an apology was received from Mr. Topp. The minutes of meeting of Sept 5 were read

and confirmed

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 £1401.18.2 was recommended. The Treasurer in moving the adoption of the Report stated that during the month the sum of £2500 had been received from the A.T.P. Society as a further advance. He also reported that the Federal Taxation Commissioner had refunded the whole of the amount paid as Federal land tax £1153.17.3. The Perth Military Institute had been assessed & had protested. The Federal Crown Solicitor had ruled that as the Perth Military Institute was an Educational Institution that it was exempt. Under this ruling the Athenaeum was in the same position & the money had been refunded. He & the secretary had interviewed the Deputy Commissioner & had explained that the Commissioner's ruling had been reversed & the Institution was now exempt.

Reduction of mortgage

as the credit balance was £1858. 6. 11. The Finance Committee had some into the matter & suggested that £1000 be placed to the credit of the Institution in the Savings Bank. after some discussion Mr Lush moved & Mr Poulton seconded that £1000 be paid off the mortgage. an amendment was proposed by Mr Thomson & seconded by Mr Gashin that £500 be paid off the mortgage. The motion was withdrawn & the amendment becoming the motion was adopted unanimously.

Accounts

The accounts submitted were passed on the motion of Messrs Wigg & Callaway & the report of the Library Committee was adopted.

Library

4/11/30

W. Greenwood

Present

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on November 7 1930
 Messrs Greenwood Topp Callaway Lush Poulton Wigg Lillie Masters & D. Keenison.

apologies

apologies were received from Mr Thomson & Batis.

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of Oct 21st 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 £879.7.9 was approved. The Treasurer explained the accounts & read the comparative statement & on his motion seconded by Mr Masters the report was adopted.

Factor

The house committee reported that it had refused an application from F. Davot Ph.D. asking for permission to erect further signs in the entrance.

Library

The library committee report was adopted.

5/12/30

W. Greenwood