

Minutes of Meeting of the General Committee held on Dec 5. 1930

Present

The President Mess Dillon Little Masters
Luan Callaway Bolton Burr Wigg

apology
Members

an apology was received from Mr Topp.
The minutes of meeting of November 1 were read & confirmed.

Finance

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

The payment of accounts amounting to £691 0.8 as shown on pages 65-67 of the cash book was ~~approved~~ recommended.

The Treasurer read the comparative statement and an estimate of receipts & expenditure for December. He estimated that there would be a credit balance of about £900 at Dec 31.

The Finance Committee did not recommend any further reduction of the mortgage at present. After some discussion the report was adopted on the motion of Mess Wigg & Burr

House

The report of the House Committee was approved & adopted on the motion of Mess Wigg & Dillon the Committee to have power to act.

Library

The report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Mess Callaway & Bolton.

Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting was fixed for January 9

Annual Meeting

The date of the annual meeting was fixed for Wednesday January 28 at 8 p.m. Nominations for office bearers to close on January 20.

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W. Greenwood

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on January 9. 1931

Present

Mess Greenwood Topp, Lush, Little, Callaway, Burr, Wigg, Cannon, Briggs, Dillon Pratis, O'Keenan & Major Bolton.

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of December 5. 1930 were read & confirmed

Mr Thomson

The secretary reported the death of Mr J.O. Thomson on Dec 29. The following resolution was adopted unanimously on the motion of The President Mr Masters.

The General Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum records with deep regret the death of Mr. J. O. Thomson, who had been a member of the Committee since 1917 and was president in 1922 and 1923. Mr. Thomson was president during the period when negotiations for the transforming of the Main Hall into the Theatre were elaborated and completed, and it was largely due to his tact, ability and courtesy that these negotiations were carried to a successful issue. Mr. Thomson was a member of the Finance Committee, on which he rendered signal service.

Mr Smith

The secretary also reported the death of Mrs Sydney W. Smith.

The President moved & Mr Masters seconded the following resolution which was adopted unanimously.

The General Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum desires to express its deep sympathy with Mr. Sydney W. Smith, the architect and one of the honorary life members of the Institution, in the death of his wife.

Finance

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for December & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £739-11-7 as shown on pages 68 & 69 of the Cash book was recommended. The report was adopted on the motion of Mess Wigg & Cannon

W. Greenwood

Balance Sheet The Treasurer produced the draft of the statement of receipts & expenditure and explained the items with comparisons with the amounts of the previous year. on the motion of Mr. Major & Mr. Cameron the statement was ordered to be printed & submitted to the annual meeting.

Report It was decided to leave the annual report to the President for submission to the annual meeting.

Chess Club Mr. Bourne on behalf of the chess club members thanked the committee for the facilities afforded for the carrying on of the Australian Chess Campaign when the championship was won by a member of the Institution.

Victoria Palace The secretary read a letter from the Victoria Palace asking for permission to affix a Neon sign "Capitulum to the verandah. It was decided not to grant the application.

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

House The report of the House Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Lillie & Major Bolton.

Lectures Mr. Biggs & Mr. Callaway were asked to again form the sub-committee to consider the advisability of holding winter lectures again & to report.

Lift owners It was decided to join the lift owners as annual subscribers.

W. J. [Signature]

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Minutes of special meeting of the General Committee held on Jan 31 1931

Present Messrs Greenwood, Hartley, Topp, Mr. Callaway, Lillie, Bourne, Cameron & Mr. Bates Dillon.

Resolution A motion was received from Major Bolton & the secretary reported that there were nine vacancies on the General Committee & of these 13 candidates had been nominated. It was decided that only those members whose subscriptions were paid up to the date of the election would be eligible to vote. It was decided that a notice calling for the conditions of the election with extracts from the rules should be posted in the library & reading room. It was decided that a circular to be sent to members should be prepared giving these conditions together with a list of the candidates in alphabetical order with the names of their nominators & seconders, should be printed. The names of the returning members were marked with a star & a note "Returning members seeking re-election are marked with a star". It was decided to nominate Mr. Cedric Pullman as returning officer at a fee of £2.2.0 + two members of the Institution at a fee of £1.1.0 for submission to the Annual meeting to conduct the election.

Handwritten The secretary reported that Mr. Sydney Smith of 99 & Serpell had received a price of 7.10.0 for the erection of two hand rails at the top of the stairs outside the art gallery. The secretary was instructed to have the work done.

Returning officer

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6/2/31

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of members held in The Art gallery on Wednesday January 28. 1931.

Present The President (in the Chair) Miss Callaway & Wigg (Trustee) Mr. Cameron (Vice President) Lillie, Topp, Burr, Bates, Biggs Dillon & Major Bolton members of Committee and 35 other members.

Minutes The minutes of the annual meeting of January 21. 1930 & of the special general meetings of Feb 24 & March 6 1930 were read & confirmed

Report balance sheet on the motion of Miss Evans & Nelson the report & balance sheet were taken as read & received

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

OF THE

MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM,

FOR THE YEAR 1930.

To be submitted to the Members at the General Meeting Wednesday, January 28, 1931, at 8 p.m.

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submits its report of the transactions of the year 1930, which is the ninety-first since the foundation of the Institution.

THE COMMITTEE.

There have been 13 meetings of the General Committee.

Table listing committee members and their attendance: The President, Mr. W. F. GREENWOOD .. attended 13; Vice-President, Rev. D. A. CAMERON .. " 8; Trustee and Treasurer, Mr. CHARLES RENNIE .. " 4; " " MR. G. H. WIGG .. " 11; Trustee, Mr. GEORGE LUSH .. " 13; " MR. W. A. CALLAWAY .. " 12

COMMITTEE:

Table listing committee members and their attendance: Mr. Masters .. attended 12; Mr. Topp .. " 11; Mr. Thomson .. " 7; Mr. Dillon .. " 10; Dr. Kennison .. " 12; Lt.-Col. Williams .. " 0; Mr. Biggs .. " 5; Mr. Bates .. attended 7; Mr. Lillie .. " 8; Mr. Pietzcker .. " 9; Mr. Burr .. " 9; Major Bolton .. " 13; Mr. Emery .. " 2

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

The Finance Committee, Messrs. Wigg (chairman), Bates, Callaway, Cameron, Emery, Masters, Thomson and the President; the Library Committee, Messrs. Topp (chairman), Biggs, Burr, Callaway, Lillie, Lush, Wigg, Dr. Kennison, Major Bolton and the President; the House Committee, Messrs. Wigg, Dillon, Lillie, Masters, Thomson, Dr. Kennison, Major Bolton 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, Burr, Lillie, Pietzcker and Bates. There are also three vacancies caused by the deaths of Lt.-Col. Williams and Mr. J. O. Thomson, and the appointment as Treasurer of Mr. G. H. Wigg, who was re-elected to the Committee last year.

OBITUARY.—Your Committee records with deep regret the death, on May 11, of Mr. Charles Rennie, one of the Trustees and the Treasurer of the Institution. He was a member of the Institution for fifty-one years, and for forty-one years was Treasurer. He was also a Trustee and was twice President. When, in 1924, the main hall was transformed into a theatre, the foundation stone was moved and reset in the south wall by Mr. Rennie as President. His loss to the Institution can only be realised by those who knew all that he did for it.

Your Committee also records with regret the death on December 29 of Mr. J. O. Thomson, who had been in ill-health for some time. Mr. Thomson had been a member of the Committee for fourteen years, and was President in 1922 and 1923, the period during which the negotiations for the transforming of the main hall into the theatre were elaborated and completed. As a member of the Finance Committee, Mr. Thomson rendered valuable service to the Institution.

Your Committee regrets also to record the death of Lieut.-Col. Richard Williams, who died on January 29. He had been a member of the Institution for many years, and was, for two years, a member of the Committee, on which his services were highly appreciated.

TREASURER AND TRUSTEE.

Mr. G. H. Wigg was appointed Treasurer in succession to Mr. Rennie on June 6, and was also appointed a Trustee on July 4.

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 £7620/6/4, an increase of £103/1/8 over the previous year. The gross ordinary expenditure was £1554/8/7, an increase of £303/14/1.

The most gratifying feature of the statement is the continued increase in members' subscriptions (£56/17/6). On the expenditure side, your Committee has been able to allocate £1889/14/2 for books, magazines and newspapers—an increase of £42/4/10 over the figures for 1929.

Table with columns: Subscriptions, Purchase of Books, etc., Gross Receipts. Rows for years 1921 to 1930.

LAND TAX.

Your Committee has pleasure in reporting that during the year the Federal Land Tax Commissioner reversed his decision of 1929 that "the Institution is liable for Federal Land Tax," and refunded all the monies paid, viz., £1153/17/3, thus confirming the view held by your Committee that the Institution was exempt.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

In order to provide the funds for the installation of the lift, it was necessary to increase the mortgage by £2500. The necessary authority to borrow not more than £3500 was granted to the Committee by the special meetings of members, held on February 24 and March 6.

MORTGAGE.

The Committee thereupon arranged with the Australian Mutual Provident Society for a further advance of £2500, at the rate of seven per cent. per annum. The mortgage was executed and the money received. Your Committee, however, was able to repay £500 of this amount and still finish the year with a credit balance of £941/18/6.

LIFT.

During the year an electric lift was installed providing access to the Reading Room and Art Gallery, the entrance on the ground floor being from the stalls entrance to the theatre. It has proved not only a boon to members, but a distinct adjunct to the Art Gallery, which has benefited considerably through the increased attendances. The architects—Messrs. Sydney Smith, Ogg and Serpell—prepared the plans, and the work was carried out under their supervision to the satisfaction of all concerned and with a minimum of inconvenience to members and the lessees. A tender was let to C. F. Pittard for the construction of the lift shaft, and to Edmiston and O'Neill for the electric lift and the necessary machinery. The total cost of the lift and alterations was £3002/14/-.

LECTURES.

During the year your Committee, acting on the suggestion of Mr. L. V. Biggs, inaugurated a series of winter lectures. Mr. Biggs and Mr. W. A. Callaway were appointed a sub-committee to draw up a scheme and a programme. Lectures were given as follow:—

Professor G. H. Cowling, M.A. (Leeds); Subject, "Getting the Best Out of Books." Mr. T. F. Cooke (Librarian Public Lending Library); Subject, "The Trend of the Modern Novel." Professor Ernest Scott; Subject, "The Spanish Explorers of the Pacific." Rev. C. Irving Benson; Subject, "Poetry and Modern Life."

The success of the series was most marked, each lecture being very largely attended, the average attendance being more than 250. Your Committee proposes to hold a similar series during the coming winter.

THEATRE EXITS.

During the year your Committee entered into an agreement with the Victoria Palace Ltd., whereby the theatre exits on the eastern side were altered. The object was to facilitate certain work being carried out by the Victoria Palace Ltd., which bore the whole of the

cost. The result has been that these exits have been materially improved, and are now completely in accordance with the requirements of the Board of Public Health and of the City Council.

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. The number of country subscribers is steadily increasing, with the result that the Library is becoming most widely known. The attendances at the Reading Room, and the number of books and magazines which are exchanged, are a standing evidence of the manner in which the Library is appreciated by members.

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.
The Photo Review, by Kodak Pty. Ltd.
Headway, by Miss Colville.
Victorian Year Book, presented by A. M. Laughton, 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.
The Duckboard, by the Returned Soldiers Association.
Glances of the East—N.Y.K. Official Guide 1928-29, by Dalgety and Co. Ltd.
The Travel Bulletin—N.Y.K. Line, by Dalgety and Co. Ltd.
The Australian Board of Missions Review, by A.B.M. Society.
The White Star Magazine, by Dalgety and Co. Ltd.
The New Nation Magazine, by the Publishers.
The Landmark, by Mrs. Brookhoff.
The New Church Magazine, by New Church Society.
The Church of England Messenger, by the Diocese of Melbourne.
The Universe, by Miss Spence.
The Theosophist by the Theosophical Society.
The Rationalist, by the Rationalist Society.
The Commonwealth Gazette, by the Commonwealth Government.
Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria, by Stillwell and Stephens Pty. Ltd.
Literary Guide from P. Taylor, Esq.
Victorian Government Gazette, by the Government of Victoria.
New Zealand Parliamentary Papers, by the Government of New Zealand.
The Argus Football 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, exhibitions being held continuously from February 17 to December 24. Your Committee, in view of the extra facilities provided by the lift, increased the rental for the Gallery, and wishes to convey its appreciation of the cordial spirit in which the artists accepted the increased charge, not one artist cancelling his engagement in consequence. During the year a new departure was entered into with marked success. By an arrangement with Mr. L. Gill, three composite exhibitions were held, in which leading artists co-operated, and the result was that a very high standard was reached. At the first of these exhibitions pictures were hung by Sir John Longstaff, Miss Dora L. Wilson, Miss Cumbræ Stewart, Messrs. Tom Roberts, Blamire Young, John Shirlow, Harold Herbert, Ernest Buckmaster, and statuary was exhibited by Mr. Paul Montford. At the second, the exhibitors were Miss Cumbræ Stewart, Messrs. Rupert Bunny, Charles Wheeler, Louis McCubbin, Harry B. Harrison, Clifford J. Orme, Alexander St. Paul and John Shirlow; and at the third, Miss Dora L. Wilson, Miss A. M. E. Bale, Messrs. Blamire Young, Harold Herbert, G. C. Benson, John Rowell, William Rowell and Rupert Bunny contributed pictures.

In addition, exhibitions were held by Misses May Roxburgh, A. Dent, C. Beckett, Messrs. J. E. Flett, A. D. Colquhoun, Colin Colahan, Charles Bryant, W. M. Whitney, A. E. Newbury, J. Jorgensen, Bernard Hall, E. Buckmaster, Granville Dunstan, J. Hennessy, Twenty Melbourne Painters, the Melbourne Society of Women Painters, and the Australian Art Association.

Your Committee is pleased to report that, despite the depression, there are very few vacant dates for 1931.

The Australian Chess Congress was held in the Art Gallery, beginning on December 26, and was largely attended.

THE STAFF.

Your Committee desires to express its appreciation of the zeal and care shown during the year by the Secretary, the Librarian and the other members of the staff. We are especially indebted to Mr. R. W. E. Wilmot for his close and successful attention to the business interests of our Institution, and to Mr. M. De Pledge for his discriminating ability in the purchase of our books.

ANNUAL MEETING. The Annual Meeting will be held in the Art Gallery on Wednesday, January 28, 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. F. GREENWOOD, President.

will attended. It was the intention of the Committee to promote another series this winter.

The treasurer in seconding the motion also referred to the death of Mr Revere & said that the financial position of the institution was largely due to his zeal & enthusiasm. Mr Wigg explained various items in the balance sheet & made comparisons with previous years, after questions by Mr Guel & Mr Nelson the motion was adopted unanimously.

Officers

The president declared the election of the President Mr W. F. Greenwood vice President Rev D. G. Cameron & Treasurer Mr G. H. Wigg unopposed. He announced that there were 13 candidates for new vacancies on the Committee & that an election by ballot would be held on Feb 2.

Mr Callaway moved & Mr Gray Boston seconded that Mr Cedric Pullman be appointed Returning Officer to conduct the election with the secretary & Mr H. T. Jones & Mr Negut be appointed scrutineers. Carried

auditors

Mr Nelson moved & Mr Cunningham seconded that Messrs Wilson Bishop & Henderson & Mr L. N. Ramey be appointed auditors at the same remuneration. Carried
Mr P. Taylor & Nathan Parment asked questions regarding the purchase of books which were answered by the Chairman.

Mr Wams moved & Mr Wams seconded a vote of thanks be accorded the returning officer Messrs & staff which was carried by acclamation. The President secular & Librarian replied.

Ballot

The result of the ballot was as shown on the accompanying return of the Returning Officer

W. F. Greenwood

29/1/22.

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on February 6, 1931.

Present The President Messrs Lush, Callaway, Biggs, Cannon, Briggs, Pratt, Dillon, Masters, Bates, Gates, Upton, Topp, D'ham, D'Kunison & Major Bolton

Minutes The minutes of meeting of January 9 were read & confirmed. The minutes of the general meeting were read & approved.

Apology An apology was received from Mr. Emery. The President welcomed D'ham, Gates & Upton on taking their seats as members of committee.

Accounts The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had examined the accounts for January & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to \$453.74 as shown on pages 20 & 21 of the Cash book was recommended.

The Treasurer read the comparative statement and explained that with the credit balance of \$32.00 the Finance Committee thought some amount should be made to earn interest. He moved the adoption of the Finance Committee report which Mr. Masters seconded & was carried. The Treasurer moved Mr. Cannon seconded that \$500 be placed on fixed deposit at the Bank of Puerto Rico for 12 mos at 5 per cent on the understanding that if it became necessary to draw against it the Bank would charge 1/2 per cent on the interest rate. A long discussion ensued & eventually after an amendment by Mr. Upton & Major Bolton that \$500 be deposited in the Savings Bank had been withdrawn Mr. Lush moved & Mr. Callaway seconded an amendment that no action be taken but that the matter be discussed at the next meeting. The amendment was carried.

Mr. Talbot an application by F. Talbot Ph. 2nd that permission be given to move the balcony ticket box to the door of the Theatre office was refused on the motion of Major Bolton & Mr. Upton.

Lectures The sub-committee (Messrs Briggs & Callaway) appointed to arrange for winter lectures submitted a tentative list of lectures for the winter. The sub-committee was authorized to complete the arrangements.

Library The question of improvements to the library with increased book shelf accommodation facilities for furnishing of the Ladies' room was referred to the House Committee & Library Committee.

Secretary The report of the Library Committee was adopted. The secretary applied for leave to take his annual holidays after the next meeting in June. The application was granted Mr. Deledge to be acting secretary.

Subcommittees The following sub-committees were appointed

FINANCE	LIBRARY	HOUSE
The President	The President	The President
The Treasurer	The Treasurer	The Treasurer
Bates, W. E.	Biggs, L. V.	Bolton, Mjr. W.
Biggs, L. V.	Burr, A.	Burr, A.
Bolton, Mjr. W.	Callaway, W. A.	Dillon, E. E.
Callaway, W. A.	Gates, W. P.	Emery, G. E.
Cameron, Rev. D. A.	Kennison, Dr. J. A.	Kennison, Dr. J. A.
Lillie, Jas.	Law, Rev. Dr. A.	Lillie, Jas.
Masters, A. J.	Lush, Geo.	Masters, A. J.
	Topp, C. A.	Upton, H.

6/3/30
H. Greenwood

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on March 6. 1930

Present - Mr President Mrs Hush, Callaway, Topp, Galis, Burr, Upton, Little Masters, Dillon, O'Keenison & Major Bolton

apologies Mrs Hush & D. Law.

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

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 £54. 4. 11 was recommended. The comparative statement was read. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr President & Mr Masters.

Mortgage & Savings Bank The question of the disposal of the credit balance of £1000 - 1 - 9. was discussed. On the motion of Mr Callaway, & Major Bolton it was decided to adopt the Finance Committee's recommendation that £250 be paid off the mortgage & £250 or such sum as the Treasurer should decide should be deposited in the State Savings Bank.

Shops applications for reduction of rent by Kathly in Ply L^o & S J Woods P52^o were considered. It was decided to ask for further information & confidential figures & that the Finance Committee should deal with the matter.

Insurance Mr Masters reported that he & Mr Little had gone into the question of taking out policies covering Riot & Civil commotion & advised that same be applied for. The report was adopted & it was decided to write

Library 2. Taylor P4, L^o to show the cost. The report of the Library Committee was adopted.

10/4/31 J. H. Greenworth

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on April 10. 1931

Present Mr President Mrs Callaway, Mrs Masters, Topp, Hush, Upton, Burr, Pietzcke, Dillon, Cannon, Mr Rev W. H. W. Keenison & Major Bolton.

apologies Mrs Hush & D. Law. The minutes of meeting of March 6 were read & confirmed.

Welcome The President welcomed Mr Pietzcke on taking his seat on his return from abroad.

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 £705 - 10 - 4 as shown on pages 75 & 76 of the cash book was approved.

The Treasurer read the comparative statement & reported having paid £250 off the mortgage & having deposited £250 with the State Savings Bank. The report was adopted on the motion of Mrs Hugg & Masters.

S. J. Woods an application by S. J. Woods P4, L^o for a reduction in rent was considered. The Treasurer said that he & the Secretary had inspected the books of S J Woods & had found they bore out his statement as to loss. The Finance Committee recommended a rebate of rent for 8 1/2 months from April 1 off 2 weeks. The matter was reconsidered in October.

S. O. Clavin an application by S. O. Clavin P10, L^o for a reduction in rent of shop 158 Collins St to transfer them over to J. Court was considered. On the motion of Mrs Hugg & Upton it was decided to agree to the proposal.

subject to the approval of the solicitors to the Institution

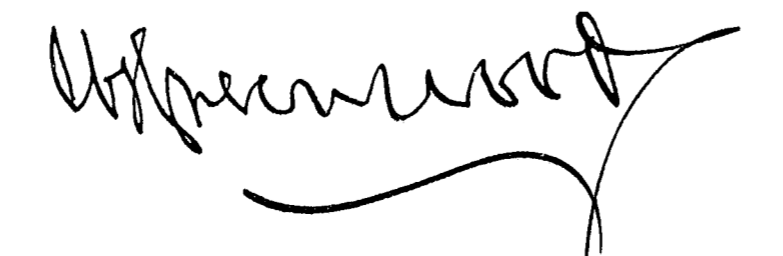
Auzae Day. The secretary reported that owing to a flame in the auzae day observance act such theatres as operated on a theatre license, the license under which the Athenaeum works it was lawful to show films in the theatre on auzae day according to a ruling by Mr. Russick. C. & the ruling of the Commissioner. The license however forbade opening on Auzae Day under penalty of cancellation or suspension. The Institution had hitherto been closed on auzae day. The lessees of the theatre had expressed their intention of opening. It was decided to close the library, reading room & chess room.

Moved by Mayor Bolton seconded by Mr. Huch that the request of the lessee to open on auzae day be not granted the committee refusing to allow the theatre to be opened on auzae day. Carried

Lecture Dr. Ham was appointed chairman of the first of the series of weekly lectures.

Title on the suggestion of Mr. Upton a sub-committee consisting of himself, Mr. Topp, Dillon & Bates was appointed to go into the whole question of the Trust deed.

Flaypole The secretary reported that the painter had refused to paint the flaypole and was unsafe. Sydney Smithoff & Seppell reported that they could see nothing wrong with it but suggested that it be taken down for inspection. Mayor Bolton had inspected the flaypole & had moved to a demonstration to the painter that there was nothing wrong & the pole had been painted.

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 Approved


Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Friday March 1. 1931

Present The President Mr. Callaway, Huch, Wigg, Galis, Topp, Burr, Pielzker, Bates, Dillon, Masters, Little, Upton, & Mayor Bolton

Minutes The minutes of meeting of April 10 were read & confirmed.

apologies apologies were received from Dr. Ham Mr. Cameron & Mr. Smiley.

Mr. Smiley Mr. Smiley wrote tendering his resignation owing to his inability to attend meetings. It was decided to accept the resignation with regret & that Mr. Smiley be thanked for his services.

accounts The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for April & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £480-17-11 as shown on pages 77 & 78 of the cash book was authorized. It was decided that in future the list of accounts for payment should not be read.

Mr. Wigg read the comparative statement & explained the accounts. He moved the adoption of the report which was seconded by Mr. Pielzker & carried.

Auzae Day The secretary reported the result of the investigation regarding auzae day opening of the theatre & explained that finally the lessees had obeyed the instructions of the trustees.

Trustees The Trustees were authorized to sign the authority of the lease to J. Powell & also the agreement with Frank Talbot & Co. regarding the up entrance & the extension of the lease.

advertisers The secretary reported that Union Theatres had intimated a dog show outside the theatre & that the steps he had taken to prevent it & that a most unsatisfactory method of advertising by telegram.

had been initiated

Mr Upton moved & Major Bolton seconded "that the lessees be informed that all alterations in connection with the Theatre must comply with the conditions of the lease." Carried

The secretary reported that Kathz's shop was vacant but that he had hopes of letting it all day. The recommendation that the shop be redecorated was approved. The offer of Walker £10 was accepted.

The report of the library committee was adopted on the motion of Mrs Topp & Gatis

The secretary reported that the first of the series of winter lectures by Mr Howlett Ross had been very well attended. Mr Greenwood was chairman.

It was decided that Mr Gatis would take the Chair at Professor Scott's lecture in May, Mr Greenwood would do so in July, Mr Cameron in June & Mr Briggs in August.

6/6/31

J.P. Greenwood

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on June 6. 1931

Present: The President Mrs Topp, Mrs Callaway, Gatis, Mrs Wigg, Mrash, Upton, Pitzger, Miss Dillon, Burr Briggs, Dr. Law & Kenison & Major Bolton

Minutes: The minutes of meeting of May 1 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 £885-10-2 as shown on pages 79 & 80 of the cash book was recommended.

The Treasurer read the comparative statement &

moved the adoption of the report. Mr Trasher seconded the motion which was carried. The Finance Committee also reported that (a) Shop 186 Collier's had been let to Miss Blanche O'Sullivan for 12 months at £8.0.0 a week with the option of renewal for three years at a rental to be fixed by the landlord & (b) that the rent-man's wages be reduced in accordance with the wages Board decision from £4.10.0 per week to £4.1.0 per week. The report was adopted.

Committee: Mr Trasher & Mr Briggs nominated Mr. Cuthbert Reay for election as a member of the Committee in place of Mr Emery resigned.

Lectures: The secretary reported that the Art Gallery had been crowded for the lecture by Professor Scott at which Mr Cameron had been chairman.

Library: The report of the library committee was adopted on the motion of Mrs Topp & Burr.

3/7/31

J.P. Greenwood

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on July 3. 1931

Present: The President Mrs Callaway, Mrs Wigg, Cameron, Topp, Burr, Trasher, Briggs, Pitzger, Dillon, Gatis, Upton & Dr Kenison.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Mr Bates & Dr. Law. The minutes of meeting of June 6 were read and 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 £702-5-7 as shown on pages 81, 82 & 83 of the cash book was recommended.

The Treasurer in moving the adoption of the report explained the comparative statement. Mr Callaway seconded the motion which was carried.

Committee
vacancies

Mr. Hasler moved & Mr. Briggs seconded that Mr. Culbert Regg be elected to the vacancy on the Committee caused by the resignation of Mr. Emery. The motion was carried & Mr. Regg was appointed to the Finance Committee.

Rent of Art Gallery

The Finance Committee recommended that for the year of 1931 the rent of the Art Gallery be reduced from £10.10.0 to £8.8.0 per week. Mr. Briggs moved & Mr. Topp seconded that the reduction be to the original rate of £7.7.0 per week. The motion was carried.

Victoria Palace

An application from the Victoria Palace Ltd. that permission be granted for two yellow taxi cabs to stand in Sleighs Lane at the North West corner of the Lane. Mr. Callaway moved & Mr. Cameron seconded

That the request of the Victoria Palace Ltd. in letter of June 29 regarding two taxi-cabs be acceded to on condition that the exit from the Theatre and a clear passage to Little Collins Street is maintained and that the Victoria Palace obtain the consent in writing of the City Council and the Public Health Commission to the proposal and further that such ^{approval} permission will be withdrawn if it be found that the free passageway of patrons to and from the Theatre is in any way impeded. *Carried*

Photograph
Exhibition

A letter from Wilson & Mackinnon was received asking for permission to hang photographs on the walls of the Glass Landing to the Art Gallery during the Photograph Exhibition in September. The application was granted subject to the same facilities being accorded to other newspapers. The President to decide on the allocation of space. It was decided that the date of the lecture in September could not be altered. The Secretary was instructed to endeavour to arrange with the Melbourne Cricket Club for another date.

H. C. C.

The Library Committee report was adopted with the exception that on the motion of Messrs. Briggs & Topp it was decided to take Keynes' treatise on money.

Library

Title

Mr. Upton reported that he had been working into the title to the hand of the Trustees of the Institution. He thought the Trustees should be described as Trustees instead of as individuals. He asked for authority to discuss the matter with the Solicitors to the Institution.

Lectures

The Secretary reported that Mrs. Emma Deane's lecture on June 19 on the story of 19th century literature had been unattended. Mr. Cameron was Chairman.

7/8/31

W. Greenwood

Present

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on August 7, 1931.
Mr. Greenwood, Topp, Lush, Callaway, Gales, Regg, Hasler, Upton, Bales, Little, Pebocker, Burr, Regg, ~~Hasler~~ D'Haun & D'Keuson & Mrs. or Bolton.

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of July 3 were read & confirmed.

Mr. Regg

The President welcomed Mr. Regg as a member of the Committee.

Apology
Finance

An apology was received from the Rev. D. A. Culson. The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts in July & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £714.5.9 as shown on pages 84 & 85 of the cash book was recommended.

Admission Roll

The Treasurer in moving the adoption & placing the comparative statement. This motion was seconded by Mr. Pebocker & carried.

Lecture

The Trustees Mr. Lush, Callaway & Regg were approached to represent the Institution on the Admission Roll.

The Secretary reported that Professor Cowling's lecture Shakespeare Problems on July 17 had been unattended. The President was in the chair.

Confirmed Charles A. Topp

4-9-31

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee
held on Friday, Sept 24 1931

Present

Mr Topp (Chair) Lush, Callaway, Briggs, Galt
Wegg, Upton, Masters, Kellie, Petoska, Peeg
Boales, Dillon, Dr Lam & Major Poulton

apologies

apologies were received from Mr Greenwood
& Mr Cameron

Members

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

Finance

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors
had audited the books & accounts for August
& had found them correct. The payment of accounts
amounting to £433.4.8 as shown in pages 86 & 87
of the Cash book was recommended.

The Treasurer explained the accounts & read
the comparative statement. He also reported
having discussed the form of petty cash book
with the auditors who thought a regular
dissection of cheques in columns would be
advisable.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Wegg
& Major Poulton.

lecture

The secretary reported that Mr Maxwell's lecture
on Aug 21 had been well attended Mr Briggs
presided. It was decided that for Mr
McGee's lecture on Sept 18 Mr Callaway
should be the chairman.

Library

The report of the Library Committee was
adopted.

2/10/31

W. F. Greenwood

THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM

WINTER LECTURES, 1931

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The General Committee has arranged a Series
of Lectures on Literary Subjects, to be delivered in
The Art Gallery of the Institution during the Winter
Months, at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The Syllabus is:—

- Friday, April 17— *Dr Lam* (Chair)
Mr. J. HOWLETT ROSS (President Australian Natives' Association)
Subject—"Australian Literature."
- Friday, May 15— *Mr Galt* (Chair)
PROFESSOR ERNEST SCOTT.
Subject—"The Historical Novel."
- Friday, June 19— *Mr Cameron* (Chair)
Miss ENID DERHAM, M.A.
Subject—"The Glory of 19th Century Literature."
- Friday, July 17— *Mr Greenwood* (Chair)
PROFESSOR G. H. COWLING, M.A. (Leeds)
Subject—"Shakespeare Problems—Orthodox and Un-
orthodox."
- Friday, August 21— *Mr Briggs* (Chair)
Mr. IAN MAXWELL, LL.B.
Subject—"The Novel and Modern Life."
- Friday, Sept. 18— *Mr Callaway* (Chair)
Mr. ALFRED E. McMICKEN (Librarian City of Prahran)
Subject—"Jottings from a Librarian's Note Book."

The Committee is anxious that Members should
avail themselves of the opportunity these Lectures will
afford, and trusts that there will be satisfactory attend-
ances. The enclosed Card will serve as a reminder.

Extra Cards of Admittance may be obtained on
application to the Librarian.

W. F. GREENWOOD, President.
R. W. E. WILMOT, Secretary.

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Tuesday Oct 2.

Present - Mr Greenwood, Bush, Galis, Callaway, Regg, Upton, Pietozek, Power, Little, Regg & Keenan
apologies were received from Mrs. McKis, Topp, Dillon, Cameron, Poston Major Bolton & D. Law.

Minutes The minutes of meeting of Sept 4 were read & confirmed.

Finance The report of the Finance Committee that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for September & had found them correct & that accounts amounting to £1051.8.9 is shown on pages 88 & 89 of the cash book. It was approved on the motion of Mrs. Regg Upton. The Finance Committee also reported that it had deferred consideration of two applications for reduction of rent & on 5th Nov 1911 on 10th October.

Salary Tax It was decided to write to the Customs Department asking for reduction of sales tax & to suggest the corporation of Dr. Motony, H.R.

Income Tax It was decided to reply to the question of the Income Tax Commission as to why no income tax form had been lodged that under section 14 sub section 2 of the Federal act & section 21 sub section d of the State act the distribution was exempt.

5/11/31

[Signature]

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Thursday November 5. 1931

Present Mrs Greenwood Lush, Wigg, Burr, Gates, Briggs, Mastis, Upton, Dillon, Cameron, Keller, Pietzker, O'Han, Dr. Kinnison & Major Bolton.

apologies apologies were received from Mrs Regg, Topp, Callaway.

Minutes the minutes of meeting of October 2 were read & confirmed.

accounts The Finance Committee reported that the Auditors had audited the books & accounts for October & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £440.10.10. as shown on pages 90 & 91 of the cash book were recommended.

The Treasurer in moving the adoption of the Report read the comparative statement the motion was seconded by Mr Upton & adopted.

Library The report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Mastis & Burr.

4/17/31

W. Greenwood

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on December 4. 1931

Present Mrs Greenwood, Gates, Callaway, Briggs, Lush, Wigg, Mastis, Cameron, Upton, Keller, Dillon, Pietzker, Burr, O'Han & Dr. Kinnison.

apologies apologies were received from Mr Topp & Major Bolton.

Minutes the minutes of meeting of November 5 were read & confirmed.

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for November & had found them

correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £731.12.6 as shown on pages 92 & 93 of the cash book were recommended.

The Treasurer in moving the adoption of the Report read the comparative statement & estimated that at the end of the financial year there would be a bank credit of about £375 in addition to the £252.10.0 in the State Savings Bank. The motion was seconded by Mr Mastis & carried.

Mr O'Sullivan with a view to a reduction of rent & purchased a copy of the comparative statement & expenditure. It was decided to allow a rebate of rent to the extent of 1/2 a week for three months on condition that the rent was paid on the due date each week, on the motion of Mrs Wigg & Cameron.

Library a suggestion by Judge Bell that a play reading society be established was discussed. The principle was approved & on the suggestion of the Library Committee a sub-committee consisting of Mr Briggs, Callaway & Dr. Law was appointed to discuss the matter with Judge Bell & to report to the next meeting.

Library association The Secretary reported that she had attended the meeting of the Provincial Association on the imposition of sales tax & Primage on books, magazines etc. The Library Association was present & its objections.

Accounts The Treasurer was authorized to sign salary cheques & urgent cheques before the next meeting fixed for Jan 15.

Annual Meeting The date of the annual meeting was fixed for Friday Jan 29.

15/1/32

W. Greenwood