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apology apologies were received from Mrs Briggs, Mather, Fielding & Dr. Kennison

Notice The Secretary read the notice concerning the meeting.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

OF THE

MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM,

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Vice-President, MR. A. BURR	"	12
Trustee and Treasurer, MR. G. H. WIGG ..	"	13
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COMMITTEE:

Mr. Masters	attended	9	Mr. Gates	attended	12
Mr. Dillon	"	11	Mr. Upton	"	2
Dr. Kennison	"	9	Rev. Dr. Law	"	9
Mr. Biggs	"	9	Mr. Fielding	"	3
Mr. Lillie	"	12	Mr. Black	"	11
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The statement of accounts submitted herewith must, in the circumstances, be regarded as satisfactory. It will be seen that the gross receipts amounted to £7122/10/4. This is a reduction, on the previous year, of £555/5/8, due to the incidence of the Rent Reduction Act, which came into force on December 24, 1931. Under this the amount received for rent has been reduced by £665/6/7.

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The adverse exchange has also been a heavy drain on the Institution, the sum of £339/1/5 having been paid on this account on purchases of books and magazines from overseas. A certain amount of relief was afforded by the statutory reduction of the rate of interest, the amount paid under this heading being £91/6/4 less than last year.

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The following table shows the progress of the Institution during the last ten years:—

	Subscriptions.	Purchase of Books, etc.	Gross Receipts.
1923 . . .	1882 17 5	1136 9 5	5876 9 5
1924 . . .	2169 6 11	1211 16 0	6266 17 4
1925 . . .	2399 4 3	1404 2 9	6692 15 6
1926 . . .	2690 7 1	1554 3 1	6901 13 1
1927 . . .	2761 11 6	1583 6 8	7305 17 0
1928 . . .	2792 17 0	1719 1 5	7372 18 9
1929 . . .	2937 18 0	1847 9 4	7517 4 8
1930 . . .	2994 15 6	1889 14 2	7620 6 4
1931 . . .	3082 2 0	1849 9 1	7677 16 0
1932 . . .	3163 7 9	1815 14 3	7565 12 1
			<u>7122 10 4</u>

Your Committee records with satisfaction that the Federal Government has removed the Sales Tax and Primage on books and magazines imported for the use of members. The importance of this to the Institution may be gathered from the statement of receipts and expenditure, in which it is shown that £172/2/6 was paid under this heading.

Your Committee also records with satisfaction that its contention that the Institution was exempt from Federal and State Income Tax has been upheld by the Commissioners of Taxation.

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.

A matter which your Committee considers should be brought under the notice of members is the growing tendency to remove books, magazines and papers from the Reading Room and the mutilation of magazines and newspapers. The detection of offenders in these respects is extremely difficult, and your Committee urges members to assist in every way to check the evil. 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. Loughton, Esq., Government Statist.
- The Christian Science Monitor, from First Church of Christ Scientist, Melbourne.
- The Presbyterian Messenger, by Messrs. Arbnuckle, Waddell Pty. Ltd.
- The New Zealand Official Year Book, by the Government of New Zealand.
- The Commonwealth, by the Rev. Dr. Chas. Strong.
- Glimpses of the East—N.Y.K. Official Guide 1929-30, 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. R. W. E. Wilmot.
- The New Church Magazine, by New Church Society.
- The Church of England Messenger, by the Diocese of Melbourne.
- 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 and The Australasian Football Guide, by the Proprietors.
- The Argus and The Australasian Cricket Guide, by the Proprietors.

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 still maintains, and during the year there was a continuous succession of exhibitions. There is not a vacant date for 1933. Exhibitions were held by Messrs. R. G. McCann, Norman McGeorge, E. Buckmaster, Jack Cato, A. D. Colquhoun, W. Rowell, Charles Wheeler, A. E. Newbury, J. Hennessy, Misses Ethel Paterson, Jessie Traill, Sybil Craig, Margery Withers, J. Wilkinson Whyte, Clarice Beckett, Pegg Clarke, The Seven Water Colourists, The Twenty Melbourne Painters, The Melbourne Society of Women Painters, The Australian Art Association and The 1932 Group.

MELBOURNE CHESS CLUB.

The Melbourne Chess Club, which is confined to members of the Institution, continues to progress. During the year your Committee made an arrangement with the club for the exclusive use of the chess-room, to the satisfaction of all concerned. The Melbourne Chess Club is regarded as the controlling body of chess in Victoria.

LECTURES.

The winter lectures, established in 1930, again proved highly successful. The series was well attended and aroused considerable attention. Lectures were given as follow:—

- Professor G. H. Cowling (M.A., Leeds): "Is Poetry Doomed?" (Chairman: The President.)
- Mr. Ian Maxwell, LL.B.: "The True Function of Literature." (Chairman: Mr. L. V. Biggs.)
- Miss Enid Derham: "Women in English Fiction." (Chairman: The Rev. Dr. A. Law.)
- Professor Scott: "The Centenary of Sir Walter Scott." (Chairman: Mr. W. F. Greenwood.)
- Mr. R. H. Croll: "The Open Road." (Chairman: Mr. W. A. Callaway.)

A series of lectures will be arranged for the ensuing winter.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

A suggestion by Judge Beeby, that a dramatic or play-reading society should be established among the members of the Institution, was carried into effect. Your Committee approved of the foundation of the society, provided it be confined to members of the Institution. Several meetings have been held and it is proposed to carry on the society again this year.

BRITISH FILMS.

Your Committee hailed with satisfaction the action of the lessees of the theatre (Frank Talbot Pty. Ltd.) in making The Athenæum the first theatre in the Empire to establish a complete programme of British pictures. The venture was an immediate success, and the connection between British Dominion Films Ltd. and Frank Talbot Pty. Ltd. has enhanced the standing of the theatre, which is regarded as the leading house for high-class pictures in Australia.

THE STAFF.

Your Committee is indebted to the officers and staff for loyal and enthusiastic support in all matters they considered would promote the welfare of the institution. When we remember present community conditions, the increase in the membership is surprising and agreeable, especially when the difficulty of providing materials at increased cost to meet the needs of all our members has had to be met. We again specially acknowledge the efforts of Mr. Wilmot and the Librarian, Mr. De Pledge.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Art Gallery on Friday, January 27, 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."

DONALD A. CAMERON, President.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the Year ended 31st December, 1932.

To Balance	£671 17 4	By Interest	£545 2 7
Subscriptions	£3168 7 9	Salaries	2161 9 0
Rents	3625 3 9	Books, Magazines & Newspapers	£1817 13 3
Sales & Sundries	211 3 11	Less Refund	1 19 0
Railage & Postage Refunds	112 7 10		
Interest	10 7 1	Gas, Electric Light and Power	389 5 11
	7,122 10 4	Repairs, Goods, and Sundries	165 17 3
		Rates and Taxes—	
		Rates & Land Taxes £770 3 2	
		Sales Tax & Primage 172 2 6	
			942 5 8
		Insurance	£774 1 10
		Less paid by Lessee 369 15 0	
			404 6 10
		Binding	152 5 1
		Printing, Stationery, Postage & Petty Cash	307 15 4
		Railage & Postage to Country Subscribers	112 7 10
		Advertising	8 18 11
		Auditors	52 10 0
		Valuations	47 5 0
		Lectures	22 7 4
		Lift Maintenance	41 6 8
		Bank Charges and Exchange	339 1 5
		Improvements	57 13 0
			7565 12 1
		Balance—	
		Bank of Australasia	£213 16 1
		Petty Cash	14 19 6
			228 15 7
			<u>£7,794 7 8</u>

Audited and found correct,

WILSON BISHOP AND HENDERSON, } AUDITORS,
L. N. RAINEY, A.C.A. (Aust.), }
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS (AUSTRALIA).

MELBOURNE, 6th January, 1933.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND 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, 1967)	£80,000 0 0
Value of Lib. and Improvements	3,002 14 0
Library	1,500 0 0
Furniture	500 0 0
Bank Balance	228 15 7
	<u>£85,231 9 7</u>
LIABILITIES.	
Loans under Mortgage, due July 1934, at 6 per cent.	£9,000 0 0
at 7 per cent.	1,750 0 0
Balance (subject to Lease as per contract)	74,481 9 7
	<u>£85,231 9 7</u>

GEO. H. WIGG, TREASURER.

The President in moving the adoption of the annual report & statement of accounts said that the report showed that the institution was carrying out its objects. It was perused in a library atmosphere & though the financial statement was not as good as usual the condition of the institution had never been better. Mr. Mason in seconding the motion explained the figures in the statement of accounts. Though the report showed a falling off that was due to reduction in rents, due to the Rent Reduction Act, of £633 & to the amount paid in Premise Rates Tax £172 which he was glad was, would not be a serious matter. It was gratifying to find subscriptions still increasing. The committee had gone closely into the budget for 1933 & by the elimination of unnecessary items of expenditure & by judicious savings the budget would be believed to be balanced. The motion was carried unanimously. The President announced that there had been only

Elections

Sufficient nominations for the various offices and he therefore declared the following elected

Office	Candidate	Proposer	Seconder
PRESIDENT	D. A. Cameron	Amos Burr	L. V. Biggs
VICE-PRESIDENT	Amos Burr	D. A. Cameron	G. H. Wigg
TREASURER	G. H. Wigg	D. A. Cameron	W. A. Callaway
COMMITTEE	E. E. Dillon	W. H. Gill	B. Lawlor
	W. F. Gates	John James	W. H. Gill
	W. F. Greenwood	L. Evans	F. Napier Parkes
	H. A. Hunt	L. E. Biggs	J. A. Pietzcker
	A. Law	W. H. Gill	G. Lawlor
	Jas. Lillie	John James	W. H. Gill
	J. A. Pietzcker	John James	L. V. Biggs
	E. W. Robinson	G. A. Fielding	W. H. Watson

auditors

Messrs Wilson Parkes & Henderson & Mr L. V. Ramsey were re-elected auditors at the same remuneration on the motion of Mr Henderson Hallaway.

vote of thanks

Mr Evans moved a vote of thanks to the officers & staff. The motion was seconded by Capt McLean & carried by acclamation.

Minutes of meeting of February 3, 1933 of the General Committee

Present

The President Messrs Callaway, Gates, Burr Black, Wigg, Zulmar, Greenwood Pietzcker Reigg, Lillie Maslin, Hunt Robinson & Major Bolton.

apologies

apologies for non attendance were received from Mr Briggs Dr Law, Dr Keenison & Mr Dulton.

welcome

The President welcomed Mr Hunt & Mr Robinson on taking their seats & Mr Greenwood on his return after his absence.

Minutes

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

Finance

The Finance Committee reported having received the Auditors report that they had audited the books & accounts in January & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £ as shown on pages of the Cash book was approved. The Treasurer in moving the adoption of the report gave the comparative statement thereon. The motion was seconded by Mr Fielding & carried.

Finance

The report of the Finance sub-committee as shown on page 76 of the Finance minute book was adopted on the motion of Mr Callaway & Reigg.

Budget

It was decided on the motion of Messrs Callaway & Major Bolton that the Budget be considered at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Library

The report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Callaway & Maslin.

Officers

Messrs Callaway & Briggs were reappointed

as a sub-committee to arrange for lectures during the coming winter.

The following sub-committees were appointed.

<u>FINANCE</u>	<u>LIBRARY</u>	<u>HOUSE</u>
The President	The President	The President
The Treasurer	The Treasurer	The Treasurer
Bolton, W.	Biggs, L. V.	Bolton, W.
Callaway, W. A.	Black, P. J.	Burr, A.
Greenwood, W. F.	Burr, A.	Dillon, E. E.
Lillie, Jas.	Callaway, W. A.	Kennison, J. A.
Masters, A. J.	Gates, W. F.	Lillie, Jas.
Pietzcker, J. A.	Hunt, H. A.	Masters, A. J.
Rigg, Guthbert	Fielding, G. A.	Robinson, E. W.
	Kennison, J. A.	
	Law, A.	

Confirmed 3rd Feb 1933
Donald A Cameron
Chairman

Minutes of meeting of March 3 1933 ~~was~~ of ~~was~~ confirmed the General Committee
Present: Mr Cameron Callaway, Rigg, Lillie, Bolton
Dillon, Rigg, Dillon, Pietzcker, Burr, Black,
Gates, Hunt, O'Keenison & Law & Major
Bolton

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Minutes of meeting of February 3 were read & confirmed.

The Secretary reported that Mr Rigg had been selected chairman of the Finance Committee Mr Callaway selected chairman of the Library Committee & Major Bolton selected chairman of the House Committee.

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for February & had found them correct. The Balance Sheet accounts amounting to £572-4-7 as shown on pages 26 & 27 of the cash book were recommended. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Rigg.

Salaries The Finance Committee reported that it had gone into the question of salaries & recommended that all salaries, except that of the left attendant should be reduced by 10 percent for twelve months from April 1. In the case of the left attendant who was protected by the wages Board award steps should be taken to secure an exemption. The recommendation was agreed to on the motion of Mr Rigg & Major Bolton.

Dramatic Society a request from the Dramatic Society for the use of the Art Gallery for readings on the third July in each month was granted. The secretary's thanks for the assistance given the society was received.

House Committee The House Committee reported that a crack in the western wall of the Art Gallery was being examined. Mr Sydney Smith had the matter in hand & report would be made later. The report was received & adopted.

Library The report of the Library Committee was received & adopted.

Confirmed 7th April 1933
Donald A Cameron
Chairman

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on April 7, 1933.

Present: Mr President Mr Rigg, Greenwood, Pietzcker, Burr, Masters, Robinson, Lillie, Rigg, Callaway, Biggs, Black, Hunt, Gates, O'Keenison & Major Bolton.

apologies were received from Mr Fielding & Bolton.

Minutes of meeting of March 3 were read & confirmed &

accounts

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for 1932 & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £681-5-4 was shown on paper 29³⁰ of the cash book was recommended.

The Treasurer in moving the adoption of the report gave the usual comparative figures. The Motion was seconded by Mr Greenwood & carried.

Insurance

The Secretary reported that a reduction of 3/6 per £100 had been made by the Insurance Companies on the rate of premium. He also provided that the Lessees should pay the difference between the original rate & any new rate caused by anything they did. In the circumstances it was held that all the reduction should go to the Lessees but after discussion with Frank Abbott Esq. he had agreed to share the reduction in the proportion of the amount paid by the Institution & the Lessees. This arrangement was regarded as most satisfactory to the Institution.

Salaries

The Secretary reported that the reduction in Salaries had been made for the current month. The left hand account had secured an exemption from the 20% departmental increases being under the 70% reduction arrangement.

Dramatic Society

A letter from the Dramatic Society, W. Dr. Pegg was discussed & it was decided on the motion of Mr. Petcher & Mr. Callaway that

"The membership of the Society should be confined to members of the Melbourne Athenaeum but that the Society might issue invitations to others than the members of the Institution to attend meetings or visitors. That for this purpose a nominal charge of 10/6 a meeting will be made for the use of the Art Gallery until further notice." It was further decided on the motion of Mr. P.

The Melbourne Athenaeum

188 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE.

May, 1933.

The General Committee is desirous that the membership should be increased and, with that end in view, asks those who are enjoying membership to induce their friends to join the Institution.

The privileges which membership grants are well known to you, but it is desired that others should be informed.

THE LENDING LIBRARY.—This branch of the Institution has been most carefully developed, with the result that there are 20,000 volumes available. The latest books, selected in London, arrive by each mail, and are at once placed in circulation. These books embrace a wide range: FICTION, HISTORY, TRAVEL, BIOGRAPHY, and GENERAL LITERATURE. The representatives of the Institution in London are closely in touch with the requirements of an up-to-date library.

MAGAZINES.—The choice of magazines is very wide, ranging from the more solid reviews to the light publications which are so popular.

READING ROOM.—The spacious, well-lighted READING ROOM is a feature of the Institution. In it may be found innumerable publications, including Australian, British and foreign newspapers, magazines and illustrated papers.

REFERENCE LIBRARY.—A feature of the Library is its REFERENCE SECTION, in which dictionaries, encyclopaedias, etc., are available, and authorities on various subjects may be studied.

P. T. O.

SMOKING ROOM.—A Smoking Room is provided for members, where a busy man, who can snatch an hour for recreation, may enjoy his pipe and read a book or a magazine.

ACCESSORIES.—Connected with the Institution are The Melbourne Chess Club and The Athenaeum Dramatic Society, the membership of each being confined to members of the Institution.

WINTER LECTURES.—Members who have in the last two years enjoyed the series of winter lectures in the Art Gallery, will be pleased to know that the following arrangements have been made for this winter, each lecture beginning at eight o'clock.

Friday, May 26.—Mr. A. S. Kenyon: "The Pastoralists of the Port Phillip Period."

Friday, June 30.—Miss Enid Derham: "The Two Emilies."

Friday, July 28.—Dr. F. R. Mauldon: "Great Economists."

Friday, August 25.—Professor Gunn: "Philosophy and the Search for Truth."

These lectures are free to members of the Institution.

The Committee would be obliged if you would mention the Institution to your friends and suggest to them that they should become members.

R. W. E. WILMOT,
Secretary.

minutes
may

Biggs & Peltzer that permission be granted for the society to use the Board room for a committee meeting once a month but that for rehearsals members must make their own arrangements.

The programme of winter lectures as drawn up & approved by the Library Committee ^{was} approved. The chairman of the Library Committee reported that volume business had been attended to. The secretary had presented to the Library his book "Dependency the Ashes" and was thanked for the gift.

5/4/03

M. Greenwood

Present

Minutes of meeting of the general Committee held on May 5. 1933

Miss Greenwood (Chair) Mrs. Regg, Peltzer, Lulu Dillon, Fielding, Robinson, Maslin, Gales, Megg, Hunt, Dr. Kenyon & Mrs. Bolton. Apologies were received from Mr. Cameron & Mr. Callaway. Burr & Dr. Law

apologies

minutes

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

Finance

The Treasurer reported that the auditors had examined the books & accounts for April & had found them correct. The Finance Committee recommended the payment of accounts amounting to £592.10 as shown on pages 31, 32, 33 of the Cash book. In moving the adoption of the report the Treasurer gave the comparative statement. The motion was seconded by Mr. Maslin & carried.

Talk

The secretary read the letter from Frank Talbot & by him asked for permission to open a doorway between the main & the staff entrance & submitting plans & specifications. After some discussion the application was granted on the motion of Mrs. Fielding & Mrs. Robinson subject to the

approval of the House Committee

Dramatic Society

The Secretary read a letter from the Dramatic Society accepting the terms of the letters of the ad gallery & submitting a list of members. The secretary reported that the sub committee had been requiring further into the question of insurance. The under writer was considering the rates charged it was probable there would be a substantial reduction. The basis of dividing the reduction had been settled with J. Taylor P. H. The report was adopted.

Insurance

The recommendation of the Finance Committee that advertisements should be inserted in The Progress & the page was approved as was the suggestion that a circular should be issued to members asking for the advantages of the institution & asking members to induce new members to join.

Advertisement

Library

The report of the library committee was adopted as was Mr Robinson's suggestion that improvements in the library desk be discussed. This matter was referred to the library & house committees.

referred to the June 1933
Donald A Cameron
Chairman

Minutes of Meeting of the General Committee held on Friday June 9. 1933

Present

The President Mrs Greenwood, Burr, Pictzen Robinson, Briggs, Hunt, Black, Lillie Callaway, J. Kenison, Major Bolton, & Mr Martin

Apologies

apologies were received from Mr Weag & Mr Dutton

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of May 5 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 £644.80 as shown on pages 34-35 of the cash book was recommended.

The comparison for the month having been read the report was adopted on the motion of Mrs Greenwood & Callaway.

Words

An application for reduction of rent was received from S. J. Woods prop & the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the application be not granted was adopted on the motion of Mrs Greenwood & Callaway.

Concess

The recommendation of the Finance Committee that Mr Courts lease be extended for three years at a rental which will provide the institution with the original rent of £15 per week was approved on the motion of Mrs Greenwood & Callaway.

Taylor

The recommendation of the House Committee that the application of Frank Taylor P. H. for permission to make a doorway between the stalls & main entrance with only a strong catch was approved on the motion of Major Bolton & Mr Martin.

Librarian's Desk

The recommendations of the House & library committees that the allocations to the Librarian's Desk

desk - as shown in the plans he carried out was approved at a cost not exceeding \$10 was approved on the motion of Mayor Bolton and Mr Biggs the final approval to be given by the Chairman of the Library & House Committees.

Dinner

The proposal of Mr Biggs that an annual dinner for "the literary and art treasures of Melbourne" be held was recommended by the subcommittee. The details were that the dinner be held on or about November 12 in each year the date on which the Institution was formally established in 1839. The date for this year to be November 11 (Saturday) that there be four tickets The King. The proceeds of all tickets to the Institution; that tickets be 7/6 each, that the dinner be given by the President & committee that tickets be available to members of the Institution each member to be entitled to invite a guest. That there be no expenses to the Institution. The recommendation be approved on the motion of Mr Biggs & Mayor Bolton.

Library

The report of the Library Committee was approved on the motion of Mr Callaway.

Insurance

The report of the Insurance subcommittee was approved subject to minor alterations in detail.

Confirmed
A. Burr V.P.
7/7/33

Minutes of meeting of the General Court of Directors held on Friday July 7. 1933

Present

Mr Brown (Chair) Callaway, Wigg, Briggs Regg, Peltzer, Dilling, Little, Hunt Robinson Peltzer Greenwood & Kenyon

Apologies

apologies were received from Mr Cameron & Bolton & Law & Mayor Bolton

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of June 9 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 £546.10.8 as shown on pages 36 & 37 of the 2nd book was recommended.

Shops

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Wigg who said the comparative statement of Mr Greenwood. The Finance Committee recommended that S. J. Wood be allowed a reduction of his rent to the amount of £1 per week for six months. This recommendation was approved on the motion of Mr Peltzer & Wigg

Insurance

The Finance Committee reported that it had finally adopted the schedule of insurances as approved at the previous meeting with minor alterations as per the schedule presented. A letter protesting against being excluded was received from the Union Assurance Co. Mr Briggs said he thought the Union had cause for complaint & that the matter should be deferred. It was however explained that the whole matter of insurance had been fully discussed at previous meetings & the whole scheme was much in the interests of the Institution & that the Union would get £5000 worth of cover by this insurance. The schedule was adopted on the motion of Mr Greenwood & Wigg & the subcommittee was thanked for its services. It was further decided to reply to

The Union assurance to that its policy had been cancelled owing to the Committee having rearranged the mode of its insurances, but that arrangements would be made to make up the amount by way of reinsurance.

The Insurance and Committee action in not insuring for risk of earthquake was approved.

Library

The Library Committee report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Frastis & Pietzeken.

Confirmed

A. Burr

Vice President

4/8/33

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on August 4. 1933

Present

Miss Burr, Pietzeken, Luke Black, Hunt, Dillon, Frastis, Callaway, Regg & ^{Miss Bolton} McKeenison

apologies

apologies were received from the President, Miss Greenwood, Regg, Robinson, Daldry,

minutes

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

accounts

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for July & had found them correct. Payment of accounts amounting to £382.77 as shown on pages 38 & 39.40 of the cash book was recommended. Mr. Regg moving the adoption of the report & after the comparative figures & Mr. Frastis having seconded the motion the report was adopted.

Centenary

The Secretary was appointed to attend any meeting of property owners in connection with the Centenary.

Library

The report of the Library Committee was adopted.

Sept. 15, 3.

C.1.

Mrs. W. F. Greenwood,
75 Mont Albert Road,
BALWYN, B.7.

Dear Mrs. Greenwood,

I have, by direction of the General Committee,
to forward you the following resolution adopted at its meeting:-

"
The General Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum records with deep regret the death of Mr. W. F. Greenwood. As a member of the General Committee and of the Finance Committee and during his two years as President Mr. Greenwood, by his ripe experience and sound business knowledge and ability, had rendered valuable service to the Institution."

Various members of the Committee spoke in most flattering terms of Mr. Greenwood as a citizen as well as a member of the Committee.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

The Union assurance to that its policy had been cancelled owing to the Committee having rearranged the whole of its insurances, but that arrangements would be made to make up the amount by way of reinsurance. The insurance on committee action in not insuring for risk of earthquake was approved.

Library

The library committee report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Traskis & Pitzcken.

Confirmed
A. Murr
Vice President
4/8/33

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on August 4. 1933

Present

Miss Burr, Pitzcken, Lulu Black, Hunt, Dillon, Traskis, Callaway, Murr & ^{Miss Bolton} D. Kellison

apologies

apologies were received from the President Miss Greenwood, Rigg, Robinson, Dullman,

minutes

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accounts

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Centenary

The secretary was appointed to attend any meeting of property owners in connection with the Centenary.

Library

The report of the library committee was adopted.

House Committee

on the motion of Mr Callaway & Mr Rigg. The report of the House Committee was adopted on the motion of Miss Bolton & Mr Murr.

Confirmed 8th Sept 1933
Donald A Cameron
Chairman

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Sept 8. 1933

Present

The President Miss Robinson, Dillon, Pitzcken, Burr, Rigg, Traskis, Galt, Lulu, Miss Briggs & Miss D. Kellison

apologies

apologies were received from Miss Hunt, Callaway & Black.

Miss Greenwood

The secretary reported the death of Mr. W. F. Greenwood. The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss Burr & Mr Rigg all members standing.

The General Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum records with deep regret the death of Mr. W. F. Greenwood. As a member of the General Committee and of the Finance Committee and during his two years as President Mr. Greenwood, by his ripe experience and sound business knowledge and ability, had rendered valuable service to the Institution.

accounts

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for August & had found them correct - accounts amounting to £601.1.0 as shown on pages 41, 42, 43 of the cash book were recommended for payment. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Rigg who gave the usual comparative statement Mr. Pitzcken.

Miss Sutherland

The Finance Committee reported that it had considered an application for renewal of lease for three years & recommended that the lease be renewed from the due date at a rental which will provide the Institution with the usual rent under the lease with the proviso that a clause be inserted that no part of the

Parliament shall affect the lease. The recommendation was adopted with the exception of the proviso on the motion of Messrs Keller & Briggs.

Declaris

The secretary reported that the last lecture of the series given by Professor Gunn had been better attended than any of the others.

Dinner

It was decided on the motion of Mrs. Briggs that we call the Dinner Committee together on Friday Sept 22 at noon.

Library

The report of the Library Committee was adopted.

Confirmed
A. Burr

Oct 6 1933

minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Oct 6. 1933

Present

Mr Burr (Chair) Callaway, Messrs. Briggs, Galis, Fielding Black, Masters, Litchie, Hunt, Dillon Robinson, Pitzeken Major Bolton & Dr. Kenison

apologies

apologies were received from Mrs. Cameron & Reag & O'Han

minutes

The minutes of meeting of Sept 8 were read & confirmed.

Finance

The finance committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for September and found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £ 835 - 15.7 as shown on passes was voted. The cash book was recommended.

The treasurer having explained the monthly comparative statement moved the adoption of the report. This was seconded by Mr. Bolton & carried.

The finance committee also reported that it had agreed to a new contract for supplying American magazines by

Mr. Galis at a reduced cost & that it had refused an application by S. T. Woods in which he asked the committee to make certain alterations to his show room. The report was adopted.

Dinner

Mr. Biggs reported that so far only nine members of Committee had expressed their willingness to join in, and these, with their guests, accounted for 27 people. The Sub-Committee was of the opinion that unless at least 50 were present the dinner would not be a success. It was recommended that notices directing attention to the dinner should be placed in the Library and Reading Room, asking for applications for tickets by October 20. If by that date the total had reached 50 the Sub-Committee should be authorized to proceed. Mr. Biggs/^{moved} and Major Bolton seconded that the report be adopted. Carried.

Library

The report of the library committee was adopted on the motion of Mrs. Callaway, Briggs.

Confirmed
Donald A. Cameron
3 Nov 1933

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Nov 3 1933

Present Messrs Cameron, Meigs, Poore, Nestor, Dutton, Black, Pitzeker, Callaway, Hunt, Galis, Regg, Briggs & Kenyon & Bolton
apologies were received from Mrs Little, Fuldner & D Law

Minutes The minutes of meeting of Oct 26 were read & confirmed.

Treasurer The Finance Committee reported that the Auditor had audited the books & accounts for October and found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £358.19.4 as shown on pages 47 & 48 of the cash book were recommended.

Mr Meigs moved the adoption of the report & after the usual monthly comparison the motion was seconded by Mr Meigs & carried.

Dinner The Secretary reported that the arrangements for the dinner on Nov 11 ^{could not be completed owing to only 30 tickets being applied for} had failed. Notices in the library, Reading Room & smoking room or special letters written by Mr Briggs had failed to elicit ^{adequate} responses & Mr Cameron & Mr Briggs had met & decided to postpone the dinner to next year.

Mr Briggs in moving that this course be followed expressed regret at the failure of the proposal which in his view would have been to the benefit of the Institution.

Mr Callaway seconded the motion which was carried.

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

Confirmed
A. Burr
8/12/33

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Dec 9 1933

Present Messrs Brun, Chain, Callaway, Briggs, Hunt, Galis, Black, Dutton, Pitzeker, Regg, Meigs, Mrs Little, May, Bolton, D Law & Kenyon

Apologies apologies were received from Mr Cameron & Mr Fuldner

Minutes The minutes of meeting of Nov 3 were read & confirmed

Treasurer The Finance Committee reported that the Auditor had audited the books & accounts for November & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £ 205.05 as shown on pages 49 & 50 of the cash book was ^{recommended} approved. The Committee also produced an statement of receipts & expenditure showing that there was a credit of nearly £200. In view of this the Committee recommended that a bonus of 5% on the reduced salaries amounting to £ 42-13-5 should be granted on the reduced salaries to members of the Staff.

Mr Meigs moved that Mr Bolton seconded the adoption of the report with the addition that the Staff thanked for their services. The motion was carried.

Vice Palace A letter from the Victoria Palace regarding concessions in sleeping dues was read. On the motion of Mr Briggs & Regg the letter was referred to the House Committee.

Annual Meeting The date of the annual meeting was left to the Secretary to arrange with the President or vice President.

Swiss Benefit Society an application by Mr Pitzeker for the use of the board room in the Swiss Benefit Society on a date to be fixed was granted.