

Minutes of meeting of January 10. 1936 of the General Committee

Present Mrs Burr Gales, Briggs, Hunt, Cannon, Nestus, Lillie, Hegg, Robinson Grant Black Regg Dr. Kemerson & Major Bolton.

apologies Apologies were received from Mrs. Kellogg & Fielding owing to illness Dr. L. am & Mr. Dillon.

Minutes The minutes of meeting of December 4 were read & with some emendations were compared.

accounts The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for December and found them correct. The Payment of accounts amounting to £ as shown on pages of the cashbook was recommended & the committee asked for authority for the Chairman to sign a cheque or cheques for the contractor in connection with the renovation of the Art Gallery, on the architect's certificate.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hegg & Mr. Lillie.

Balance sheet The statement of accounts duly audited was presented by the Treasurer who after explaining the various items & comparing the figures with those of last year moved that the statement be approved & read on to the annual meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cannon & carried.

Chin club The Finance Committee recommended that "as existing arrangement between the Institution & the T. Bell owned chin club be revised & put on a business basis. That in order to effect this a licence agreement be made whereby the Chin Club pays an annual rental with no obligation on

Chin club members to be members of the Institution" Mr. Hegg moved & Mr. Grant seconded that the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted.

Mr. Briggs moved & Mr. Gales seconded as an amendment

"That discussion on the recommendation be deferred until the next meeting of the Finance Committee & that the proposal be communicated to the Chin Club for its consideration"

The amendment was carried by seven votes to six & on it being put as a motion was adopted the voting being the same as before.

Annual Report The draft of the annual report was submitted by the Secretary, after the most important paragraphs had been read & approved it was decided to leave the final settlement to the President & Secretary.

House Committee The report of the House Committee was presented by the Chairman. Since the meeting of the House Committee on Dec 12 various matters had cropped up & after consultation with the architect & had approval of the installation of new lights in the Art Gallery at a cost of £8.5.0 providing new switches £2/10 & extra papering instead of Calsonnet 4/10/0. These were essential on the motion of Mr. Hegg & Mr. Grant the report of the House Committee was adopted & the action of the Chairman endorsed.

annual Meeting The date of the annual meeting was fixed for Friday January 31 at 8 p.m. Notice to be posted on Jan 14 nominations to close on January 23 & the election if any on February 3. In the event of an election the Secretary to arrange for certifying officer Mr. Pullman & preside.

Victoria Palace

The President reported that he had interviewed Mr. Duncan the Solicitor & with him had had a conference with Dr. Saunders. Several points had been settled satisfactorily & the final draft had been sent to the Solicitor to the Victoria

Library

The Report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Lewis & Mr. Wigg.

7/7/36 Roberts President.

THE ASSOCIATION'S NOMINATION

MEMBERS

The following nominations have been received:

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(List to be elected)

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In accordance with the Rules, as the nominations for the General Committee exceed the number of vacancies, an election by ballot will be held in the City of London on...

THE ASSOCIATION'S NOMINATION

The poll will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

W. V. V. V.

Secretary

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

The following nominations have been received:-

PRESIDENT

Candidate	Nominator	Seconder
L. V. BIGGS	Andrew Dall	Martin Green

VICE PRESIDENT

No nomination.

TREASURER

G. H. WIGG	J. B. Grut	Cuthbert Rigg
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GENERAL COMMITTEE

(Eight to be elected)

WILLIAM BOLTON	A. F. Hiskens	Geo. H. Wigg
G. A. FIELDING	E. Ward Thomas	A. J. Masters
J. B. GRUT	James Lillie	Cuthbert Rigg
G. R. HILLMAN	E. J. Fletcher	M. Green
J. B. HOWIE	G. R. Hillman	A. Dall
J. A. KENNISON	James Lillie	Cuthbert Rigg
A. J. MASTERS	James Lillie	Cuthbert Rigg
CECIL MILLS	J. B. Grut	Cuthbert Rigg
G. P. O'DAY	L. Oliver	Thos. Tasker
G. H. ROBERTS	E. Ward Thomas	A. J. Masters
E. W. ROBINSON	E. Ward Thomas	A. J. Masters

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd.

The poll will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

*R. W. E. McLeod*

Secretary.

THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM

MEMBERSHIP LIST

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# THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM

## ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Art Gallery on

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31st,**

at eight p.m. Members are requested to attend.

In accordance with the Rules, as the nominations for the General Committee exceed the number of vacancies, an Election by ballot will be held in the Art Gallery on

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd.**

The poll will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Only members whose subscriptions are paid up to the day of the election are eligible to vote.

A ballot paper is void if it retain MORE or FEWER names than there are candidates to be elected.

The candidates are:—

### FOR GENERAL COMMITTEE. (EIGHT to be elected)

Candidate.	Nominator.	Secunder.
*Major William Bolton	A. F. Hiskens	Geo. H. Wigg
*Mr. G. A. Fielding	E. Ward Thomas	A. J. Masters
*Mr. J. B. Grut	James Lillie	Cuthbert Rigg
Mr. G. R. Hillman	E. J. Fletcher	M. Green
Mr. J. B. Howie	G. R. Hillman	A. Dall
*Dr. J. A. Kennison	James Lillie	Cuthbert Rigg
*Mr. A. J. Masters	James Lillie	Cuthbert Rigg
Mr. Cecil Mills	J. B. Grut	Cuthbert Rigg
Dr. G. P. O'Day	L. Oliver	Thos. Tasker
*Mr. G. H. Roberts	E. Ward Thomas	A. J. Masters
*Mr. E. W. Robinson	E. Ward Thomas	A. J. Masters

Retiring members seeking re-election are marked with a star.

R. W. E. WILMOT, Secretary.

23rd January, 1936.

## The Melbourne Athenaeum.

### ELECTION FOR GENERAL COMMITTEE.

For the NINE vacancies on the General Committee there are thirteen candidates. An election by ballot will be held in the Art Gallery of the Institution on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

The poll will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Only members whose subscriptions are paid up to the day of the election are eligible to vote.

A ballot paper is void if it retain MORE or FEWER names than there are candidates to be elected.

The candidates are:—

Candidate.	Nominator.	Seconder.
*Mr. W. E. Bates.	W. F. Greenwood.	W. A. Callaway.
Mr. P. J. Black.	J. Pearse.	D. Bain.
*Mr. Amos Burr.	Samuel Moody.	P. N. Stewart.
*Mr. E. E. Dillon.	W. F. Greenwood.	W. A. Callaway.
Mr. W. F. Gates.	W. F. Greenwood.	Geo. H. Wigg.
The Rev. Dr. A. Law.	W. F. Greenwood.	A. J. Masters.
*Mr. James Lillie.	W. F. Greenwood.	W. A. Callaway.
Mr. Marshall Lyle.	J. Van Cooth.	H. F. Elms.
Mr. John Pearse.	D. Bain.	J. Van Cooth.
*Mr. J. A. Pietzcker.	G. Gundersen.	W. F. Greenwood.
Mr. A. E. Testro.	M. F. Chester.	H. E. Grant.
*Mr. C. A. Topp.	W. F. Greenwood.	W. A. Callaway.
Mr. Henry Upton.	W. A. Callaway.	E. E. Dillon.

Retiring members seeking re-election are marked with a star.

R. W. E. WILMOT,  
Secretary.

Present

Minutes of 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting held in the Art Gallery on January 31. 1936  
The President (Mr. A. Barr) M<sup>rs</sup> G. H. Wigg  
(Treasurer) Cathbert Rigg (Trustee) L. V. Beiggs  
(President elect) Lillie, Roberts, Fiddling Hills  
Robinson, Grant, Gates, Pietzcker, Black, Law  
Bolton (members of committee) and 55 other members.

Apologies

apologies were received from M<sup>rs</sup> Callaway  
Hastie, Cameron, & Keenison.

King George V

at the opening of the meeting The President  
moved the following resolution

"The members of the Melbourne Athenaeum  
the oldest public institution in Victoria  
assembled at its 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
express with profound grief their deep  
sense of loss in the death of His most  
Gracious Majesty King George V. With  
sincere & deep respect they convey to  
His Majesty King Edward VIII Queen  
Mary and the members of the Royal  
Family their sympathy in the great  
sorrow which has afflicted them and the  
whole Empire. They revive the memory  
of an illustrious Sovereign and reaffirm  
their loyalty to the Crown and their fealty  
to the Person of His Majesty."

Notice

Minutes

The resolution was adopted in silence and standing  
The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting  
The minutes of the Annual meeting held on  
January 30 1935 were read & confirmed

Annual

Report

The annual report & statement of accounts  
were taken over on the motion of Mr. Bolton  
& Mr. M. Ruddle

The President in moving the adoption of the  
Report & statement of accounts said that  
members would notice that revenue had become  
stable. During the year considerable improvements

had been effected & the expenditure had been £462 more than the receipts, all the standard charges had been about the same as in the previous year. Several items however could be reduced. More than £250 more had been expended on books, magazines, papers, binding & printing. Should an increase of more than £100 advertising was £60 ahead of last year. Architects fees had exceeded £180. The credit balance was £181.16.7 & though there had been a loss in the year working the Institution was in a good financial position. Though subscriptions showed a fall of £54 this was much below the figures for 1924 when the receipts had gone back more than £100. as long as the revenue kept up the position was not unsatisfactory & there would be an increase in subscribers with more attractions provided.

The Treasurer in explaining the motion referred to the figures quoted by the President said the mortgage of £10,750 to the A.M.P. had not been reduced since 1931. The architect's fees had been incurred in connection with three plans referred to in the report. The last for the building a new room with laboratory accommodation for the exclusive use of chess members was approved & tenders were called for. The Finance Committee however after mature consideration recommended the General Committee not to accept the tender as it considered that under present circumstances was being given to a small section of members less than 5% of the total subscribers. Finally it was agreed to postpone any action for six months. The members of the Finance Committee held that chess playing was not one of the objects of the Institution & that the proper method

Questions

should be for the Chess club to be the beneficiary of the Institution. Major Bolton asked if the subscriptions amounted to £2708.15 & the expenditure on salaries & books to £3895.15.4 was it a fact that the net of the Institution had to bear the expense. The Treasurer replied that that was so. Major Bolton said it would be desirable to increase the mortgage unless there was an added return. The Treasurer said it might be necessary to have the Institution registered under the Companies Act.

Mr Robinson. The question is is the Institution to develop on the open basis. The proposed expenditure would provide a smoking room & lavatory for members in addition to a chess room.

Mr Petzker the chief gallery officer in revenue is the result of the rent reduction. The rent from the Theatre alone had been reduced by £240 a year. The Committee had at one stage approved of the principle of spending £10,000 on the development of the building. Mr Serase - Progress is essential what is £15,000 on such a property?

Mr. Building Progress has been stayed for six months. The main object of the Institution was the library & reading room & improvements were granted. They wanted to see the Institution go ahead. The Chess club had nothing to do with it. The improvement scheme.

Mr. Holsthal thought the Trustees should not hold executive office. The Committee should hold progress in view.

Mr. Reig said the library building accounts should be kept separate any business undertaken

done. The trustees had to take instructions from the committee. It was not wise or sound policy to enter into a building scheme when involved patching an old building. It was too great a risk. A sound business man would pull the whole building down & erect an up to date building. They did not know what the present foundations would carry & nothing but rebuilding would enable the institution to use the site to the best advantage.

Mr Kefford thought there was a great deal in Mr. Beag's contention. The library cost £18 a week & since he thought the committee was too large it should be of five members who should meet often. They would have to improve the library & reading room if the institution was to hold its position. The furniture was out of date & general reorganisation was necessary.

The report was adopted. The President declared Mr. V. Beag's returned unopposed as President & Mr. Beag returned unopposed as Treasurer. There was no nomination for vice president or committee (regis. vacancies). There were 11 candidates. The election would be on Feb 3.

Mr J. H. Cowley (returning officer) & Mr C. H. Gardum & G. A. D. Day (secretaries) were appointed for the election. The President then installed Mr Beag as president. Mr Beag on taking the chair thanked members for his election. He felt that this was one of the institutions in Melbourne in which one could do real service to his fellow citizens.

8/11/36  
2/11

February 3, 1936.

The President,  
The Melbourne Athenaeum,  
188 Collins St.,  
MELBOURNE.

Sir,

I beg to report that at an election held in the Board Room of the Institution on Monday, 3rd February, 1936, for the purpose of electing eight members on the General Committee, the following votes were recorded for the respective candidates:-

Fielding, G. A.	233
Kennison, J. A.	226
Mills, Cecil	223
Roberts, G. H.	220
Robinson, E. W.	210
Masters, A. J.	195
Grut, J. B.	189
Bolton, William	175
Hillman, G. R.	97
Howie, J. B.	97
O'Day, G. P.	63

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I hereby declare Messrs. Fielding, Kennison, Mills, Roberts, Robinson, Masters, Grut and Bolton duly elected. There were two informal votes.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. Cowley  
Returning Officer

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the Year ended 31st December, 1935.

Income .. .. .	£644 9 11	By Interest .. .. .	£456 17 8
Subscriptions .. .. .	£2708 15 0	Salaries .. .. .	2052 4 0
Donations .. .. .	3592 12 0	Books, Magazines & Newspapers .. .. .	1833 11 4
Grants & Sundries .. .. .	308 9 10	Gas, Electric Light and Power .. .. .	276 3 10
Repairs & Postage Refunds .. .. .	136 6 5	Repairs, Goods, and Sundries .. .. .	155 4 7
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		Insurance .. .. .	£439 15 11
		Less paid by Lessee 119 11 6	320 4 5
		Binding .. .. .	171 15 5
		Printing, Stationery, Postage & Petty Cash .. .. .	281 8 9
		Railage & Postage to Country Subscribers .. .. .	136 6 5
		Advertising .. .. .	75 19 8
		Auditors .. .. .	52 10 0
		Architects' Fees .. .. .	182 1 6
		Lectures .. .. .	10 10 0
		Lift Maintenance .. .. .	41 6 8
		Bank Charges and Exchange .. .. .	324 13 9
		Improvements .. .. .	9 2 6
		Telephone .. .. .	23 6 11
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		Balance—	
		Bank of Australasia .. .. .	£181 3 9
		Petty Cash .. .. .	0 12 10
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Audited and found correct.

MELBOURNE, 9th January, 1936

Wilson Bishop Henderson } AUDITORS.  
 L. W. Rainey }  
 Chartered Accountants (Australia)

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THE  
**Melbourne Athenæum.**

**ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1935**

**President:**  
 A BURR, Esq.

**Vice-President:**  
 CUTHBERT RIGG, Esq.

**Hon. Treasurer:**  
 G. H. WIGG, Esq.

**Trustees:**  
 MESSRS. W. A. CALLAWAY, G. H. WIGG,  
 CUTHBERT RIGG.

**Committee:**

VERY REV. D. A. CAMERON.	MR. W. F. GATES.
MR. A. J. MASTERS.	REV. DR. A. LAW.
DR. J. A. KENNISON	MR. P. J. BLACK.
MR. JAS. LILLIE.	"   G. A. FIELDING.
"   J. A. PIETZCKER.	"   H. A. HUNT.
"   L. V. BIGGS.	"   E. W. ROBINSON.
MAJOR W. BOLTON.	"   J. B. GRUT.
MR. G. H. ROBERTS.	"   E. E. DILLON.

**Librarian:**  
 M. DE PLEDGE.

**Secretary:**  
 R. W. E. WILMOT.

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# THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the Year ended 31st December, 1935.

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WILSON, BISHOP AND HENDERSON, }  
T. N. BRAINER. } AUDITORS.

MELBOURNE, 9th January, 1936.

## APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

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GEO. H. WIGG, TREASURER.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
**MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM,**  
FOR THE YEAR 1935.

*To be submitted to the Members at the General Meeting,  
Friday, January 31, 1936, at 8 p.m.*

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submits its report of the transactions of the year 1935, which is the ninety-sixth since the foundation of the Institution.

The Committee.—There have been 13 meetings of the General Committee.

The President, MR. A. BURR .. .. .	attended	13
Trustee and Vice-President, MR. CUTHBERT RIGG .. .. .	,,	12
Trustee and Treasurer, MR. G. H. WIGG .. .. .	,,	9
Trustee, MR. W. A. CALLAWAY .. .. .	,,	8

COMMITTEE

Very Rev. D. A. Cameron attended 9	Rev. Dr. Law .. attended 6
Mr. Masters .. .. . 10	Mr. Fielding .. .. . 8
Dr. Kennison .. .. . 10	Mr. Black .. .. . 8
Mr. Biggs .. .. . 10	Mr. Hunt .. .. . 12
Mr. Lillie .. .. . 3	Mr. Robinson .. .. . 7
Mr. Pietzcker .. .. . 9	Mr. Roberts .. .. . 10
Major Bolton .. .. . 13	Mr. Grut .. .. . 11
Mr. Gates .. .. . 12	Mr. Dillon .. .. . 4

The Treasurer (Mr. Wigg) was absent on leave, on account of ill-health, from July 5 to September 6.

Mr. Lillie was absent on leave, owing to his being in England, from February 8 to November 8.

Mr. Dillon was absent on leave, owing to ill-health, from September 6 to December 4.

The Finance Committee, Messrs. Wigg (Chairman), Callaway, Masters, Lillie, Grut, Rigg, Major Bolton and the President; the Library Committee, Messrs. Gates (Chairman), Callaway, Biggs, Roberts, Wigg, Black, Hunt, Fielding, Dr. Law, Dr. Kennison and the President; the House Committee, Major Bolton (Chairman), Messrs. Masters, Wigg, Dillon, Lillie, Pietzcker, Robinson, Dr. Kennison, the Very Rev. D. A. Cameron and the President, held the usual meetings, and thus attended regularly to the various departments of The Institution.

RETIRING MEMBERS.—The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following members of the General Committee, who are eligible for re-election, retire from office by effluxion of time:—Messrs. Masters, Biggs, Roberts, Fielding, Robinson, Grut, Dr. Kennison and Major Bolton.

Messrs. E. E. Dillon and P. J. Black, who also retire, do not seek re-election.

FINANCIAL.—The statement of accounts submitted herewith shows a loss on the year's workings of £462/13/4. This is mainly due to increased expenditure on books, magazines and newspapers amounting to £250/4/9, the consequent increase of £64/19/8 in exchange, and the also consequent increase in binding and treatment of books of £57/6/10. These three items account for £372/11/3. Members will thus realise that the increased expenditure has been increased in order to provide them with greater facilities and to give extra service.

Another large item of expenditure is £182/1/6, paid as architects' fees in connection with proposed alterations, to which reference is made in the next paragraph.

During the year your Committee has taken into serious consideration the necessity of improving the property of The Institution. On February 15 the following resolution was adopted:—

“That the Committee affirms the principle of structural expansion and alterations, with a view to the improvement of The Institution, at a capital cost not to exceed £10,000.”

Messrs. Sydney Smith, Ogg and Serpell, and Messrs. Hughes and Orme, architects in conjunction, prepared elaborate plans, which showed that the extra accommodation desired could not be obtained for £10,000, but they submitted plans, at an estimated cost of £15,000, which would bring The Institution up to date and would give considerable extra accommodation.

Your Committee examined these plans most thoroughly and went into the financial aspect. After mature consideration, it was felt that, allowing for extra furnishing, architects' fees, etc., it was probable that the total expenditure would exceed £18,000, and that the scheme was not financially attractive. Your Committee reluctantly decided to take no further action.

Subsequently a scheme to provide a new Chess Room and a Smoking Room was propounded, and plans were accepted. A tender was received for £2,183, but, in view of the falling off in revenue, it was decided to postpone further action for six months.

Your Committee is alive to the necessity of keeping The Institution up to date, but the members of the Finance Committee have taken particular pains to study the financial position, and do not feel justified in expending large sums of money at the present juncture unless they can see the possibility of an adequate return. Consequently the General Committee approved of the

postponement of consideration for six months, in the hope that further discussion may lead to the discovery of a more attractive and satisfactory plan.

PROGRESS OF THE INSTITUTION.—The following table shows the progress of The Institution during the last ten years:—

	Subscriptions.	Purchase of Books, etc.	Gross Receipts.
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	7122 10 4
1933 . . .	3092 8 6	1676 10 7	7073 17 5
1934 . . .	2763 9 3	1583 6 7	6560 2 4
1935 . . .	2708 15 0	1833 11 4	6746 3 3

THE LIBRARY.—The Library and Reading Room still continue to be most attractive, and, though there is a slight falling off in membership, the serious drift of the previous three years has been materially checked. Notwithstanding the opposition provided by suburban libraries, it is evident that the Library and Reading Room appeal to a very large section of the community, and your Committee urges on members the desirability of making known to their friends the advantages which membership confers.

Although fiction is the most popular branch of the Library, your Committee has taken special care, during the year, to maintain the standard of books on history, travel, biography and general literature. The list of magazines will show the wide range of reading provided, and additions to this branch are being made systematically and regularly.

One very valuable branch of The Institution is the Reference Library, in which may be found the latest dictionaries and encyclopædias, "Whittaker's Almanac" and "Who's Who," books of quotations and similar publications.

A particularly attractive feature of The Institution is that the Library and Reading Room are open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, except Sundays, and that they are open on all holidays except Christmas Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day. This extra service is highly appreciated. The Athenæum is the only library in Melbourne which is open on Saturdays and holidays.

The Melbourne Chess Club and Play Reading Society are valuable adjuncts. They are exclusively for members of The Institution.

The following donations of works have been kindly made:—

- The Australian Stamp Monthly, by A. A. Rosenblum, Esq.
- Headway, by Miss Colville.
- 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 Commonwealth, by the Rev. Dr. Chas. Strong.
- The Australian Board of Missions Review, by A.B.M. Society.
- The Landmark, by Mrs. R. W. E. Wilmot.
- The Church of England Messenger, by the Diocese of Melbourne.
- The Theosophist, by the Theosophical Society.
- The Rationalist, by the Rationalist Society.
- Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria, by Stillwell and Stephens Pty. Ltd.
- New Zealand Parliamentary Papers, by the Government of New Zealand.
- The Rosierucian Digest, by the Rosierucian Order.
- The Justice of the Peace, by Major W. Bolton.
- Die Brucke, by J. A. Pietzcker, Esq.
- Die Schwerz, by J. A. Pietzcker, Esq.
- Christian Science Sentinel, by First Church of Christ Scientist, Melbourne.

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

**BROCHURE.**—Early in the year a brochure, prepared by the Secretary, was issued and was very well received. It contained much valuable information and had a wide circulation. A few copies are still available.

**ART GALLERY.**—The Art Gallery still maintains its popularity, and during the year there was a continuance of exhibitions. There is not a vacant date for 1936. The Gallery has just been thoroughly renovated and improved. In arranging the details, your Committee had the benefit of the advice of several leading artists, to whom The Institution is indebted for some valuable suggestions.

Exhibitions were held by Miss Asquith Baker, Miss Jo. Sweatman, Mr. John Eldershaw, The Executors of the late Mr. Bernard Hall, Mr. Arthur Streeton, Mr. A. E. Newbury, Miss J. Wilkinson Whyte, Mr. Norman McGeorge, Mr. Alfred Coleman, Mr. A. D. Colquhoun, Miss Bale, Mr. Miles Evergood, The Seven Water Colorists, The Melbourne Society of Women Painters, "Group 12," The Contemporary Art Group, The New Melbourne Art Club and The Twenty Melbourne Painters.

**THE VICTORIA PALACE LTD.**—For very many years an agreement has existed between The Institution and the Victoria Palace Ltd. for privileges enjoyed by the company over the lane running from the rear of your buildings to Little Collins Street, of which your Trustees hold the fee simple. This agreement expired recently and, after several conferences, a new agreement has been entered into, which is highly satisfactory to both parties.

**LECTURES.**—The series of winter lectures again attracted considerable attention, though it is to be regretted that more members do not avail themselves of the oppor-

tunities afforded by this means. The lectures were delivered by Professor G. H. Cowling: "Shakespeare's Idea of Humour." Mr. James McRae (Director of Education): "Charles Dickens and His Works." The Rev. William Bottomley: "Robert Louis Stevenson." Mr. W. A. Tainsh: "The World and the Open Road in Literature." Mr. R. W. E. Wilmot: "Melbourne's Oldest Institution, The Melbourne Athenæum."

Your Committee will, at an early date, announce its syllabus of lectures for this year.

**MELBOURNE CHESS CLUB.**—The membership of the Chess Club, which is confined to members of The Institution, has declined somewhat during the year. This is due to various causes, and it is hoped that in the near future an improvement will be shown. The Melbourne Chess Club is the centre of chess in Victoria, and it is hoped that all chess lovers and players will support The Institution.

**PLAY READING SOCIETY.**—Your Committee is pleased to know that, though The Play Reading Society has not shown any increase in membership, it has carried on its activities steadily and has done good work. Its Committee recently issued a circular to members, setting forth the benefits of the Society, and it is hoped that members will show their appreciation of the efforts of those enthusiasts who have done so much valuable work by according the Society more liberal patronage. In order to facilitate the work of the Society, your Committee has enlarged the platform in the Art Gallery, with satisfactory results.

## Magazines & Periodicals Available in the Reading Room.

### PAPERS.

#### BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Belfast Weekly News  
British Weekly  
Christian Science Monitor  
Christian Herald  
Christian World  
Church Guardian  
Church Times  
Financial News  
Glasgow Herald (Weekly)  
Headway  
Irish Weekly  
Liverpool Weekly Post  
Manchester Guardian  
Methodist Recorder  
New York Times  
Reynold's  
Time and Tide  
Times (London)  
Times Literary Supplement  
Times' Weekly  
Travel Bulletin  
Weekly Scotsman  
White Star Magazine

#### AUSTRALASIAN.

##### Victoria—Melbourne.

Age  
Argus  
Herald  
Australasian  
Graphic  
Leader  
Presbyterian Messenger  
Spectator  
Star  
Sun News Pictorial  
Table Talk  
Weekly Times

##### Victoria—Provincial.

Ararat Advertiser  
Ballarat Courier  
Bendigo Advertiser  
Geelong Advertiser  
Ovens and Murray Advertiser  
Rutherglen Sun  
Stawell News  
Wangaratta Chronicle  
Warrnambool Standard

##### New South Wales.

Bulletin  
Referee  
Smith's Weekly  
Sydney Mail  
Sydney Morning Herald  
Sun  
Sunday Sun and Guardian  
Telegraph Pictorial

#### South Australia.

The Advertiser  
The Observer  
The Chronicle

#### Queensland.

Courier-Mail (Brisbane)  
Queenslander

#### Western Australia.

The West Australian  
Western Mail

#### Tasmania.

Mercury (Hobart)  
Examiner (Launceston)

#### New Zealand.

Weekly News (Auckland)

### PERIODICALS.

#### British.

Architect  
British Australasian  
British Museum Quarterly  
Blue Peter  
Bystander  
Country Life  
Dublin Review  
Economist  
Engineer  
English Mechanic  
Field  
Illustrated London News  
Inquirer  
Jewish Chronicle  
John o'London's Weekly  
Lancet  
Landmark  
London Punch  
Mercantile Guardian  
Mining Journal  
Nation and Athenæum  
Nature  
New Statesman  
Notes and Queries  
Public Opinion  
Queen  
Saturday Review  
Science Progress  
Sketch  
Spectator  
Sphere  
Sporting and Dramatic News  
Studio

#### Sunday Companion

Sunday At Home  
Tablet  
Tatler  
Time and Tide  
Truth (London)  
Vogue  
Woman's Journal

#### American.

Delineator  
Ladies' Home Journal  
Literary Digest  
Rosicrucian Digest  
Saturday Evening Post  
Scientific American  
Theosophist

#### French.

Je Sais Tout  
L'Illustration

#### Australasian.

A.B.M. Review  
Adam and Eve  
Australasian Insurance and Banking Record (Melb.)  
Australasian Manufacturer (Sydney)  
Australasian Traveller  
Australian Banker  
Australian Brewing and Wine Journal (Melb.)  
Australian Christian World (Sydney)  
Australian Museum  
Australian Stamp Monthly  
Building Construction  
Church of England Messenger (Melb.)  
Government Gazette of Victoria  
Home Beautiful  
Industrial Australian and Mining Standard (Melb.)  
Jobson's Investment Digest  
Justice of the Peace  
Leather Journal  
Presbyterian Messenger  
Spectator (Melbourne)  
The Bookseller and Stationer's Journal  
The Commonwealth  
White Star Magazine  
Woman's World

## Magazines for Circulation in the Library.

PERIODICALS.		
British.		
Adelphi	National Review	Good Housekeeping
Argosy	New Criterion Quarterly	Harper's
Blackwood's	Nineteenth Century	Judge
Chambers' Journal	Pearson's	Life
Contemporary Review	Quarterly Review	National Geographical
Cornhill	Review of Reviews	North American Review
Discovery	Round Table	Photo-Play
English Review	Strand	Physical Culture
Fortnightly Review	Wide World	Popular Mechanics
Gramophone	Windsor	Popular Science
Grand		Readers Digest
Hibbert Journal		Red Book
Mercury	American.	Review of Reviews
Modern Wireless	Adventure	Scribner's
Musical Times	American Mercury	
Nash's	Atlantic Monthly	French.
	Blue Book	Revue des Deux Mondes
	Complete Stories	Revue de Paris
	Cosmopolitan	
	Current History	Australasian.
	Etude	
	Forum	Life
		Oceania
		To-day

## MEMBERSHIP.

Members have the right to the use of the Lending and Reference Library, the Reading and Smoking Rooms, and to borrow a book and a magazine as often as necessary.

The Subscription Rates are:—

	Quarterly	Half-yearly	Yearly
1 Volume and Magazine ..	0 7 6	0 12 6	1 1 0
2 Volumes and Magazine	0 12 6	1 0 0	1 11 6
3 Volumes and Magazine	0 16 0	1 7 6	2 2 0

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It was found that the institution would with the times  
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 from rents & subscriptions. It was not a trading  
 body or a trustee company. Some rents & it  
 received should be used for the development  
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 of useful knowledge. The property was  
 valued at £80,000 & he could not under-  
 stand what was the basis of the reasoning of  
 those who feared increasing the small  
 mortgage of £10,000. His proposal for a  
 new room had not come from the chess  
 club & chess players but was part of a  
 general progressive plan made by the  
 secretary. He hoped that during the  
 year the committee would survey the  
 whole position & develop the library  
 reading room & generally provide  
 better facilities for all members.  
 Mr Wilson Bishop & Henderson & Mr L. N.  
 Rainey were appointed auditors at the  
 same remuneration.  
 The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to  
 the retiring officers because of the staff.

auditors

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on February 7. 1936

**Present** L.V. Briggs (President) Lulu Fielding Grant, Ronald Hunt, Master Reig, Burr Callaway Pitzker Robinson Mills  
Major Bolton Dr. Keenan Dr. Lam

**apology** an apology was received from Mr. Gates.

**Minutes** The minutes of meeting of January 10 were read & confirmed

The minutes of the annual meeting were read with some verbal alterations being approved.

**welcome** The President welcomed Mr. Mills on taking his seat. Mr. Mills replied

**Correspondence** The President read a letter from Mr. Pitzker who applied for 12 months leave of absence.

Mr. Reig moved Mr. Robinson seconded that the leave of absence asked for be granted & that Mr. Pitzker be wished bon voyage. Carried

Mr. Robinson applied for four months leave of absence. This was granted on the motion of Dr. Lam & Mr. Mills who wished Mr. Robinson a good holiday

**Finance** The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the 1935 accounts for January & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £ as shown on paper of the Cash book were recommended.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Reig & Major Bolton.

**Chess Club** a letter inserted herewith was read from the Chess Club & the President also read a letter from Mr. Pitzker on the subject. The President asked that the proposal to place

HISTORY OF THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM ART GALLERY

Early in the year 1910 the secretary of the Athenaeum, anxious to see the upper Hall used to the best advantage, endeavoured to arrange for exhibitions of pictures. The Hall was then lighted only by five windows facing Collins Street. The Secretary had interested several artists and the first art exhibition was held in May 1910 by The Yarra Sculptors. Then followed exhibitions of pictures by the late Bernard Hall, Director of the National Gallery, and the late Walter Withers. During these exhibitions discussions ensued as to the possibility of turning the Hall into a Gallery by putting in top lighting. Eventually a conference between Messrs. Fred McCubbin, Walter Withers and John Mather and the Secretary led to a proposition that, if a lantern light were erected, the Victorian Artists would undertake to rent the Gallery for eight weeks in the year for four years at £6 per week.

A formal proposal was made to the General Committee on May 6, 1910; a month later tenders were called and on June 27, 1910, at a special meeting a tender was accepted. The work, which cost £359.10.0, was completed by the end of August and the first exhibition was opened by Mr. Bernard Hall.

From the outset the Gallery became popular, but though its walls broken by pilasters were architecturally beautiful they were not eminently suitable for the display of pictures. In August 1911 Mr. Rupert Bunny held an exhibition and used a hessian curtain which provided an artistic background. At the conclusion of his exhibition the curtain was purchased by the Committee.



HISTORY OF THE AUSTRALIAN GALLERY

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188 COLLINS ST. MELBOURNE.

20th. January

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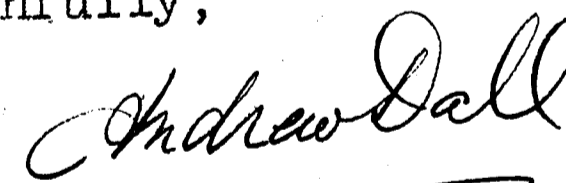
The Secretary,  
Melbourne Athenaeum,

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of 10th. inst., I am directed to state that the members of the Chess Club value very highly their membership of the Melbourne Athenaeum, and desire that the present arrangement between the Athenaeum and its chess playing members, which has its exact counterpart in many places in the Mother Country and in other Australian cities and towns, be permitted to continue.

As some members of your Committee may be unaware of the facts put forward in my previous letter, my Committee desires me to repeat that the poor repair of that portion of the building used by the Chess Club is a serious detriment to an increase in its membership, which, of course, reacts upon the membership of the Institution as a whole.

Yours faithfully,



Hon. Secretary.

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188 COLLINS ST. MELBOURNE

Melbourne, 7th February, 1936.

The President,  
The Melbourne Athenaeum,  
188 Collins Street,  
Melbourne C.I.

Dear Sir,

As I shall be leaving Melbourne at the end of the month on an extended holiday, I beg to ask you and your Committee for leave of absence for this period.

Should it however be considered desirable, that my position should be filled, I am of course quite prepared to tender my resignation.

I should like to add a few remarks on the subject of the last controversy.

On the occasion of the annual meeting some remarks were made by speakers which, to the minds of members not fully seized with the facts of the case, would make it appear, as if the Chess Club were an entirely foreign body, and we were told that it should be treated like any ordinary tenant.

May I point out first of all, that all members of the Chess Club are first of all members of the Institution, and that the continuance and increase of the Chess Club's activities means therefore a proportionate increase in the membership of the institution.

Being members of the institution, the Chess Club members have also the right of being considered and being provided for adequately the same as lady members, or smokers, or members of the Dramatic Society.

The Chess Club has been provided with accommodation for about 24 people, yet the membership increased until it reached about 140, and it is a matter for regret, that on account of the insufficient accommodation, and the general

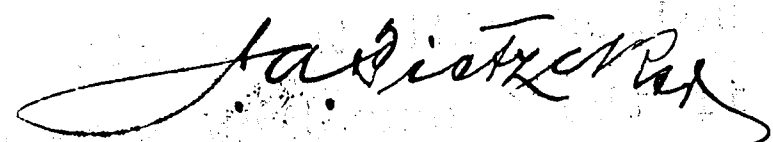
nature of it, this number decreased to about 80, showing a clear loss of at least 50 to 60 guineas a year to the parent institution.

May I express the hope, therefore, Mr. President, that any scheme decided upon for the general advancement of the institution will also embody decent and adequate accomodation for those members who are devotees of the game of chess, and I should like to express the opinion, that such additional accomodation should provide for at least 60 people. With this facility provided, the membership of the Chess Club would again increase, and with it also the number of subscribers and the receipts of the institution.

May I finally express to you Mr. President my very sincere wish for a very successful term of office, during wich the advancement of the institution may be continuous from the point of finance as well as from the aspect of its intellectual activities.

Believe me, Mr. President,

Yours faithfully,



THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM

VACANCY FOR VICE-PRESIDENT.

The following nominations have been received for the position of Vice-President in accordance with Rule 9:-

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Nominator</u>	<u>Seconder</u>
WILLIAM BOLTON	A. F. Hiskens	Cuthbert Rigg
ARCHIBALD LAW	Geo. A. Fielding	E. W. Robinson

Jan. 24, 1936.

Secretary.

the Chancellor in the problem of his and he  
withdrawn. Mr. Wieg who had moved the  
motion said his only reason for bringing  
the matter up was that it was wrong in  
principle to single out one section of members  
for special consideration.

Mr. Duldrey suggested that until the whole  
question of the development of the institution  
had been considered the motion should be  
deferred. He moved that

Consideration of the matter be postponed  
for two months  
which seconded the motion which was  
carried unanimously.

President

The secretary reported that on the day of the  
closing of nominations for the annual  
elections there was no nomination for the  
position of Vice President. on the following  
day he had received two nominations  
William Bolton proposed by R.F. Hoskins & C.P. Rigg  
archibald Law .. Ed Duldrey & E. W. R. Mason  
In accordance with rule 9 these nominations  
had been posted in the Reading room of the  
17th day.

Adjournment

A ballot was taken on the motion of Mr. Duldrey  
Hoskins & D. Law was elected by 8 votes to 6.

Apologies

The meeting was then adjourned until  
February 28 at 2.15 p.m.  
At the adjourned meeting on February 28 there  
were present The President Mr. Wieg Gates  
Grant Hester G. F. Hoskins Duldrey Willie Rigg  
Cameron Barr Hunt & Wm Bolton  
apologies were received from D. Law & Callaway  
& Dubs & J. Keenan.

The composition of the various sub committees  
was discussed & the following appointments  
were made

SUB-COMMITTEES for 1936

FINANCE

The President  
The Treasurer  
Major Bolton  
Mr. Callaway  
Mr. Grut  
Mr. Lillie  
Mr. Masters  
Mr. Rigg  
Mr. BURR

LIBRARY

The President  
The Treasurer  
Mr. Callaway  
Mr. Fielding  
Mr. Gates  
Mr. Hunt  
Dr. Kennison  
Dr. Law  
Mr. Mills  
Mr. G. H. Roberts

HOUSE

The President  
The Treasurer  
Major Bolton  
Mr. Cameron  
Mr. Hunt  
Dr. Kennison  
Mr. Pietscher  
Mr. Robins on  
Mr. Lillie

LECTURES

The President  
Dr. Law  
Mr. Hunt

Lectures

The President said that he thought that the lectures for 1936 should be on "Modern Science" & had discussed the matter with Professor Osborne & Mr Thompson of the Workers Educational Assn on the motion of Mr Cameron & Mr Fielding it was decided to adopt the President's suggestion & to ask the Lecture Sub Committee to make the necessary arrangements

Library

The Report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Gates & Mr Masters  
The House Committee reported that the work of renovating the old gallery had been completed & had given universal satisfaction. The report was adopted on the motion of Major Bolton & Mr Grut.

House

Secretary's annual leave

The Secretary applied for his annual leave this week from March 7. The application was granted on the motion of Mr Grut & Mr Burr & it was decided to appoint Mr de Pledge acting Secretary with authority to sign any documents & to work with the Board of Australasia.

Chess Club

The correspondence with the Melbourne Chess Club was read the Secretary reported having had a conference with Mr. Dall (Secretary) & Mr Stuart Brown Treasurer. The list of Chess members had been checked & a new list of members had been furnished. The Chess Club

)))))) MELBOURNE CHESS CLUB. ))))))))

- NO GOLDMAN. A. C. Post Office, Shepparton. Occasional visitor only
- NO TABART. F. G. 6 Eshalla Grove, Hawthorn. E.2. Dec 21/36 to 2/36 Dead
- BROWN. JOHN. 195 Stawell Street, Burnley. } Left long ago
- CAMPBELL. N. M. Parade Hotel, Victoria Pde, Fitzroy. } Resigned
- STEPHENS. G. L. Parade Hotel, Victoria Pde, Fitzroy. } Resigned
- DECK. A. L. Elm Avenue, Elsternwick. } Resigned
- NO CARR. J. W. 55 Park Street, Parkville. 17 Fitzgibbon-st. Parkville. } Never seen now
- NO HIRST. A. W. 135 Swan Street, Richmond. } " " "
- NO JAMES. A. Post Office, The Basin. } " " "
- NO LUND. B. 17 Chomley Street, Prahran. } " " "
- NO GREEN. MAX. 27 Crimea Street, St. Kilda (Wind. 1948)
- NO SPINKS. L. 20a Ross Street, Toorak.
- NO VARKER. J. H. High Street, North Waverly.
- 15/11/36 ERSKINE. J. A. Stock Exchange Club, Bank Place. Melbourne. visitor only
- 9/12/36 WHEELER. C. S. Adelaide. Resigned
- WINGROVE. E. J. 11 Victoria Street, Melbourne. C.1. Resigned
- ADAM. H. R. 17 Clovelly Court, Hawthorn. (Haw 2082). Resigned
- 29/11/36 BAILEY. J. S. 40 Barkers Road, Hawthorn. E.2. Resigned
- NO BELOW. A. Post Office, Ivanhoe.
- NO GOLDSTEIN. N. E. 327 Collins Street, Melbourne. C.1. Resigned 26/5/35
- NO JONES. R. H. 20 Bringa Avenue, Camberwell. Resigned
- NO PEBSON. E. A. 368 Kooyong Road, Caulfield. Resigned some
- NO RICHES. C. 4 Findon Street, Hawthorn. E. 2. Resigned
- NO SMARTT. A. W. c/- Angliss and Co., Bourke Street, Melbourne.

as been member continuously since Dec 1933

spends most of time in country  
Drops in to Club once in 3 mths.

time ago intends to rejoin. and has I believe joined Athenaeum in preparation.

22  
1800  
2000  
3000  
4000

Put in membership

REPORT re CHESS MEMBERS, 28.2.26.

On Feb. 25, '36, I met Messrs. Dall (Secretary) and J. Stuart Brown (Treasurer), representing the Melbourne Chess Club, and checked through their members' roll. As a result I now have a complete list showing the due dates of members of the Athenaeum who are Chess members.

The list of members of the Chess Club of whom there was doubt, submitted at last meeting, has been thoroughly checked. It contained 22 names. Of these

- 1 R. H. Jones resigned from Athenaeum and Chess Club on 26.8.35.
- 3 A. C. Goldman, C. S. Wheeler and A. W. Smartt were occasional visitors.
- 8 H. M. Campbell, G. L. Stephens, A. James, B. Lund, C. S. Wingrove, J. S. Bailey, S. Bigelow and A. W. Hirst were members of Chess Club and have resigned. I have no record of them in Athenaeum rolls.
- 1 E. A. Pearson (wrongly spelt Person on list) is dead. He paid to 4.7.35.
- 1 J. A. Erskine paid to 3.1.36 has since resigned.
- 1 J. W. Carr's subscription ran out on Dec. 1, 1934, and we know nothing of him since.
- 4 J. H. Varker (in our book H. G. Varker) paid to 15.7.36.  
H. R. Adam paid to 29.9.36.  
C. Riches (rejoined) paid to 31.1.37.  
F. G. Tabart paid to 21.2.36.
- 3 Max Green discontinued 16/9/34.  
L. Spinks " 11/9/33.  
M. E. Goldstein has not been a member.

Total 22.

Neither Mr. Spinks nor Mr. Green has replied to my letter of Feb. 10. Mr. Goldstein replied on Feb. 26 enclosing £1.1.0.

On Feb. 27 I received a long list of 108 members of the Chess Club. This list includes several names not on the previous list supplied, and of the 108 there are 14 who are not members of the Institution. Messrs. Dall and Brown inform me that definite instructions have been given by the Committee of the Chess Club that its Treasurer is not to accept any subscription unless he has documentary evidence that the member's subscription has been paid to the Athenaeum.

*R.W.H.*

Secretary.





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Feb. 16, 1936

Mr. A. Hall,  
Hon. Secretary,  
MELBOURNE CHESS CLUB

Dear Sir,

I am desirous of directing your attention to the fact that the annual subscription list for the Melbourne Chess Club is now being prepared and that the names of the members of the Club for the year 1934-1935 are being entered. It is requested that you will check the list and advise me if there are any corrections to be made. The list is being prepared in accordance with the regulations of the Club and it is hoped that it will be found correct.

- Wingrove, E. J.
- Edwards, E. G.
- Spinks, E. J.
- Smartt, A. W.
- Person, E. A.
- Jones, S. H.
- Hirst, A. W.
- Green, Max.
- Goldstein, M. E.
- Erskine, E. A.
- Carr, J. W.
- Bigelow, A.
- Bailey, E. S.

The President asks me to say the announcement of this list at last Friday's meeting of the General Committee of the Athenaeum was a shock and surprise to him and his colleagues. He trusts you will take steps in consultation with your President to remind each of the persons named in my list of their obligations. Their compliance by Feb. 27 with official reminders, which will be posted to their last known address to-day, will have no option but to recommend to the General Committee of the Athenaeum that their names be struck off the list of members forthwith and that they be denied admission to the premises of the Institution which, of course, include the room used by the Melbourne Chess Club. By the President's direction a copy of this letter is being sent to your President and each of the Vice-presidents.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary

# MELBOURNE CHESS CLUB,

C/o Melbourne Athenaeum, 188 Collins Street,

Melbourne, 27th. February 1936

Mr. R.W.E. Wilmot,  
Secretary,  
MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM.

Dear Sir,

I have to advise that all the persons named in the list supplied by you in your letter of 10th. inst. have been notified and reminded of their obligation to the Melbourne Athenaeum, and that my Committee will do all in its power to see that the said obligation is met.

Bailey (Aug. 1934-Aug. 1935), Bigelow (Aug. '34- Aug. '35), Carr (Aug. '33- Aug. '34), Hirst (Feb. '34- Aug. '34) and Wingrove (Aug. '34- Feb. '35) were members of the Club for the terms shown but have resigned; Erskine has been a member of the Institution for many years, and his subscription is overdue owing to his absence in New Zealand, where he regularly spends six months of the year; Smartt is a country visitor only, and, as such, is exempt from the usual provision. Tabart has, since the issue of your notice, squared his account with the Athenaeum.

H.R. Jones and E.A. Person should be read as F.H. Jones and E.A. Pearson. It is understood that these people are financial members of the Athenaeum.

L. Spinks claims to have been a member of the Athenaeum for thirteen years ( He has been a member of the Club for five) and, though he admits the fact of his being unfinancial at present, maintains that his subscription was current in 1934.

Max Green was on our membership list from Aug. '33-'34, lapsed from '34-'35 and rejoined in Aug. 1935.

M.E. Goldstein informs us that, since the date of your letter, he has paid his arrears back to the date of his joining the Club (Dec. 1933). We do not know if this is so or not.

My Committee regrets the evident laxity; and, in order to prevent a recurrence of the position, has passed the following direction for the hon. treasurer's future guidance:-

"That no subscription, new or renewal, be accepted unless a current receipt from the Melbourne Athenaeum, or other proof of membership of that Institution be produced."

Yours faithfully,



Hon. Secretary.

had instructed its Secretary & Treasurer that  
"no subscription is ~~accepted~~ accepted unless  
a current receipt from the Treasurer ~~is~~ is  
was produced"

Major Bolton moved

Mr. Grel seconded

That the General Committee of the ~~Trustees~~  
Athletic Union with satisfaction the decision  
of the Treasurer chess club as stated in its  
letter of February 27, 1936 looks forward  
to satisfactory working" Carried

The Secretary explained that he had arranged  
with the officials of the chess club for close  
cooperation with change of lists of members.

The Secretary produced letter from ~~the~~  
Athletic Union together with a plan showing the  
various privileges granted in Sleigh House. It  
was decided to approve the plan if figures showing  
the actual positions & dimensions were supplied.

Major Bolton moved

Mr. Roberts seconded

That the sub-committee consisting of the ~~President~~  
The Trustees & the chairmen of the various ~~sub~~  
committees be appointed with a view to considering  
the whole question of ~~renewal~~ facilities in the  
Athletic Union the best use of the site and the financial  
aspect of both matters" Carried.

Victoria  
Palace

Special  
Committee

6/3/36  
A. B. King  
President