

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Friday January 15. 1937
The President Mr. Martin, Gent, Jelis, Regg
Friedmann, H. J. Roberts, Mills Robinson
Burr, Hunt, the Rev. W. A. Cannon &
Law & Mayor Bolton.

Present

apologies

apologies were received from Mr. C. C. ...
& H. Roberts

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of December 11. 1936
were read & approved.

President
welcome

D. Law expressed to the President the
gratitude of members at his recovery
& begged to take the chair Mr. Regg
responded.

Library
Report

The Secretary reported that Mr. W. C. Ballou
had furnished his Report on the Library.
The President directed attention to the fact
that the report contained no reference to
the suggestion of Mr. Robinson & Mills.
Mayor Bolton moved that he be recorded that
Mr. Ballou had made no expression of opinion
on the suggestion, referred to that
the report be circulated among members of
Committee

Tattoo

The Secretary reported that the work of
alliations by Frank Tattoo etc had been
carried out. There had been a deal of
measures taken to members of the Institution etc
this was inevitable. The work had been carefully
supervised by the Hon. Archibald (the report)

and the Chairman of the Honor Committee
 they had checked the preparations of the
 work & had noted several minor points
 which had yet to be attended to
 Mr Cameron moved & Dr. Lambie seconded
 that the thanks of the Committee be
 accorded to Mayor Bolton Mr. Sappell
 & the secretary for their efforts carried
 The Finance Committee reported that
 the auditors had audited the books
 & accounts for December and found
 them correct. The Balance of accounts
 amounting to £ 815.4.8 as shown
 on page 41 & 42 of the cash book was
 recommended.

The report was adopted on the motion
 of Mr Regg & Maslin.

The Treasurer presented the annual statement
 of accounts and explained that the Finance
 Committee had decided to present the
 accounts in columnar form. His statement
 is shown in full here with

The Treasurer moved that the accounts as
 presented, which had been audited
 be sent on to the annual meeting

Mayor Bolton seconded the motion

The President objected on principle. There
 had been no instruction to the Finance Committee
 to make any change in the form of the accounts
 & a change should not have been made with-
 out instruction. The objection was overruled
 on the point a trading company

Mr Robinson agreed with the President
 Mr. Galis & Mr. Cameron supported the motion
 which when put was carried by 11 votes to 3.

The secretary produced the draft of the
 annual report which was on the motion of

Finance

Statement of
accountsAnnual
Report

The Treasurer's statement

The Form of Accounts.

The Revenue Account is stated as "The Treasurer in account
 current with The Melbourne Athenaeum for the Year ended 31st
 December 1936." and is signed by him as the responsible ^{Chairman} ~~officer~~
 and mouthpiece of the Finance Committee.

He signs cheques during the year for every account passed by
 the Finance Committee and endorsed finally by the General Com-
 mittee. Hence this form of account presented to the Annual
 General Meeting is purely a Revenue account containing no mod-
 ifying Journal entries, and gives information not of very much
 use to those outside of the General Committee and who might
 happen to be interested.

The inclusion this year of two subsidiary columns to the
 Receipt and Expenditure columns usually printed, gives the infor-
 mation to the subscribers that of each item of receipt or expen-
 diture, so much is on account of the Building, and so much on
 account of the Library and Reading Room. The resulting nett
 surplus or deficiency belonging to these departments shows the
 subscriber clearly what the benefits are attaching to member-
 ship in the Melbourne Athenaeum, and the extent to which the
 library and reading room are dependent upon the ^{Revenue} ~~surplus~~ obtain-
 ed from its endowment (the Building).

In the accounts now presented, this endowment revenue was insuffi-
 cient to balance the deficiency of the Library account by
 the amount of £91. 7. 11.

Major Bolton and Mr. Mills was left to the President & secretary for submission to the annual meeting. The President to add a paragraph referring to the work of the secretary & staff.

The secretary reported that he had received an application from the Australian Broadcasting Commission for the use of the art gallery on Sunday nights from 7 to 9 for the purpose of broadcasting a musical programme. The rent would be £3.20 and an allowance 10/- for the caretaker. On the motion of Major Bolton Mr. Cameron it was decided to accept the offer on condition that no one but those connected with the Broadcast be admitted.

An application was received from the Victoria Palace for permission to erect a neon sign at the entrance to St. Pauls Lane. On the motion of Major Bolton Mr. Weston the matter was referred to the House Committee with power to act.

On the motion of Mr. Roberts of which we had given notice was not in order and had not been considered by the Finance Committee. The matter was discussed under the heading of general business.

Mr. Robinson for Mr. Roberts moved "That the salaries & wages of the staff which were reduced by 10 percent from April 1 1935 be restored as from January 1. 1937. The motion was seconded by Dr. Law.

Major Bolton moved Mr. Mills seconded an amendment that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee. The amendment was lost by 9 votes to 5 & the original motion was carried.

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Library
President

by the same majority.
The Library report was adopted on the motion of Mr Gales W. H. H. H.
The President announced that on account of ill health & for business reasons he did not propose to seek reelection as president.
Mr Gales Mr. Robinson urged Mr Biggs to reconsider his decision but Mr Biggs said he could not do so.

Law. J. J.

THE
Melbourne Athenæum.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1936.

President:
L. V. BIGGS, Esq.

Immediate Past President:
A. BURR, Esq.

Vice-President:
REV. DR. A. LAW.

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

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

Committee:

VERY REV. D. A. CAMERON.	MR. G. A. FIELDING.
MR. A. J. MASTERS.	„ H. A. HUNT.
DR. J. A. KENNISON	„ E. W. ROBINSON
MR. JAS. LILLIE.	„ J. B. GRUT.
„ J. A. PIETZCKER.	„ A. C. MILLS.
MAJOR W. BOLTON.	„ W. J. ROBERTS.
MR. G. H. ROBERTS.	„ E. E. KELLY.
„ W. F. GATES.	„ W. J. TREDINNICK

Librarian:
M. DE PLEDGE.

Secretary:
R. W. E. WILMOT.

MELBOURNE:
STILLWELL & STEPHENS PTY. LTD., PRINTERS, 373 LONSDALE STREET.

Minutes of the 98th annual meeting of the Trustees of the Melbourne Athenæum held on Friday January 29. 1937. at 8 p.m.

Present
The President (Mr L. V. Biggs) the President elect (Mr A. Law) Messrs Rigg, Burr, Kelly, Mills, G. H. Roberts, Tredinnick, Gales, Grut and Major Bolton members of Committee and 18 other members.

apologies
apologies were received from Mr Callaway, Wigg, Masters, Mr J. Roberts, Fielding and the very Rev D. A. Cameron.

Minutes
The secretary having read the notice convening the meeting the President moved that the minutes of meeting of January 31. 1936 which had been approved by the Committee at its meeting of Feb 7. 1936 be taken as read & confirmed. Discussion was seconded by Mr. Burr & agreed to.

annual Report & accounts
Mr Rigg moved Mr. Mills seconded that the annual report & statement of accounts be taken as read.

The President in moving the adoption of the annual report & statement of accounts said that the Institution was the cheapest literary club in the Commonwealth. He desired to express on behalf of the Committee their profound regret at the death of Mr. Lillie and at the illness of Mr. Wigg who had been for some many years Treasurer of the Institution. He had at times differed in opinion from Mr. Wigg but he appreciated the tremendous value of Mr. Wigg's ~~work~~ work the pains & great skill which he had shown on behalf of the Institution. Mr. Wigg was being succeeded by such a capable Treasurer as Mr Cuthbert Rigg. The year of 1936 as President was full of incident. At the last annual meeting there had been a divergence of opinion between the

Library

President

by the same majority.

The Library report was adopted on the motion of Mr Gale, Mr. Lane.

The President announced that on account of ill health & for business reasons he did not propose to seek reelection as president.

Mr Gale Mr. Robinson, Messrs Beaggs were considered his decision but Mr Beaggs said he could not do so.

A. Law. J. J.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM.
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1936.

	BUILDING.	LIBRARY.	TOTAL.
			£181 16 7
To Balance at 1/1/36			£2,655 6 6
" Subscriptions			3,861 8 5
" Rents	£3,861 8 5		180 2 11
" Sales			225 0 0
" Sundries	225 0 0		123 8 6
" Rail. & Postage Refunds			123 8 6
			7,045 6 4
	£4,086 8 5	£2,958 17 11	£7,045 6 4
Balance, Library Account,		1,362 13 4	
Deficiency			£4,086 8 5
		£4,321 11 3	

	BUILDING.	LIBRARY.	TOTAL.
By Interest	£462 19 3		£462 19 3
" Salaries and Wages	572 0 8	£1,508 13 5	2,080 14 1
" Books, Magazines, etc.		1,638 4 3	1,638 4 3
" Light, Heat and Power	133 4 1	133 4 0	266 8 1
" Repairs	401 7 6	36 0 6	437 8 0
" Goods and Sundries	34 5 8	34 5 8	68 11 4
" Rates and Taxes	812 2 6		812 2 6
" Insurance	310 5 10	15 12 4	325 18 2
" Binding		107 8 6	107 8 6
" Printing and Stationery		100 14 7	100 14 7
" Postages and Petty Cash		109 6 3	109 6 3
" Rail. & Postage Refunds		123 8 6	123 8 6
" Advertising		60 0 3	60 0 3
" Auditors	13 2 6	39 7 6	52 10 0
" Architect's Fees	28 13 9		28 13 9
" Lectures		14 12 0	14 12 0
" Lift Maintenance	24 2 1	24 2 1	48 4 2
" Bank Charges and Exch.		355 10 6	355 10 6
" Improvements	13 15 0		13 15 0
" Telephone	9 4 2	9 4 2	18 8 4
" Annual Election		11 16 9	11 16 9
" Balance—			
Cash in bank and in hand			90 8 8
	£2,815 3 0	£4,321 11 3	£7,136 14 3
Balance, Building A/c.,			£7,227 2 11
Surplus	1,271 5 5		
	£4,086 8 5	£4,321 11 3	

Audited and found correct,
WILSON, BISHOP & HENDERSON } Auditors.
L. N. RAINEY,
Chartered Accountants (Australia),

January, 14, 1937.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.	
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 Lift and Improvements	3,002 14 0
" " Library	1,500 0 0
" " Furniture	500 0 0
Bank Balance	90 8 8
	£85,093 2 8

LIABILITIES.	
Loans under Mortgage, due July, 1939, at 4½ per cent.	£10,750 0 0
Balance (subject to Lease as per Contra)	74,343 2 8
	£85,093 2 8

CUTHBERT RIGG, Acting Treasurer.

Library

President

by the same majority.

The Library report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gates, W. H. M.

The President announced that on account of ill health & for business reasons he did not propose to seek reelection as president.

Mr. Gates Mr. Robinson urged Mr. Biggs to reconsider his decision but Mr. Biggs said he could not do so.

A. Law. J. J.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
OF THE
MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM,
FOR THE YEAR 1936.

To be submitted to the Members at the General Meeting
Friday, January 29, 1937, at 8 p.m.

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submits its report of the transactions of the year 1936, which is the ninety-seventh since the foundation of the Institution.

The Committee.—There were 12 meetings of the General Committee during the year.

The President, Mr. L. V. BIGGS	attended	9
The Vice-President, Dr A. LAW	"	5
Trustee and Treasurer, Mr. G. H. WIGG	"	5
Trustee and Acting Treasurer, Mr. CUTHBERT BIGG	"	11
Trustee, Mr. W. A. CALLAWAY	"	5
Immediate Past President, Mr. A. BURR	"	12

COMMITTEE

Mr. Masters	attended	12	Mr. Pietzcker	attended	1
Mr. Roberts	"	10	Mr. Gates	"	10
Mr. Fielding	"	2	Mr. Hunt	"	11
Mr. Robinson	"	6	Very Rev. D. A. Cameron	"	8
Mr. Grut	"	11	Mr. A. C. Mills	"	11
Dr. Kennison	"	4	Mr. W. J. Roberts	"	8
Major Bolton	"	12	Mr. E. E. Kelly	"	4
Mr. Lillie	"	8	Mr. Tredinnick	"	2

The Finance Committee, Messrs. Wigg (Chairman), Callaway, Masters, Lillie, Grut, Rigg, W. J. Roberts, Kelly, Major Bolton and the President; the Library Committee, Messrs. Gates (Chairman), Callaway, Biggs, Roberts, Wigg, Hunt, Fielding, Dr. Law, Dr. Kennison and the President; the House Committee, Major Bolton (Chairman), Messrs. Masters, Wigg, 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. Pietzcker, Gates, Hunt, W. J. Roberts, Kelly, Tredinnick, Burr and the Rev. D. A. Cameron.

Mr. G. H. Wigg does not seek re-election as Treasurer.

Dr. A. Law was elected Vice-President on February 7, 1936. The vacancy on the General Committee thus caused was filled on March 6 by the election of Mr. W. J. Roberts, who took his seat on April 3.

Dr. A. J. Kennison, who had been a member of the General Committee since January, 1913, resigned on July 10, 1936. A special minute of appreciation of Dr. Kennison's services to The Institution was recorded. On August 14 Mr. E. Edwards Kelly was elected to the vacancy. Mr. Kelly took his seat on September 11.

Your Committee records with deep regret the sudden death on September 23, 1936, of Mr. James Lillie, who had been a member of the General Committee since January, 1929. Mr. Lillie had given invaluable service to The Institution, especially in placing his experience and professional knowledge of insurance at its disposal. In co-operation with Mr. A. J. Masters, Mr. Lillie

Library

President

by the same majority.

The Library report was adopted on the motion of Mr Gale, TD. L. L. L.

The President announced that on account of ill health & for business reasons he did not propose to seek reelection as president.

Mr Gale Mr. Robinson urged Mr Biggs to reconsider his decision but Mr Biggs said he could not do so.

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reorganised the insurances of The Institution, saving it a considerable sum of money.

The vacancy caused by Mr. Lillie's death was filled on November 13 by the election of Mr. W. H. Tredinnick, who took his seat on December 11.

Your Committee also records with regret the retirement from the office of Treasurer of Mr. George H. Wigg, who succeeded the late Mr. Charles Rennie in June, 1930. Mr. Wigg has been a member of the General Committee since January, 1916, and was appointed a Trustee on July 4, 1930. His careful handling of the finances and his influence on the Finance Committee have been invaluable. Mr. Wigg, who has been in ill-health for some time, was granted leave of absence until the end of the financial year, and Mr. Cuthbert Rigg was appointed Acting Treasurer. Mr. Wigg has announced that he does not intend standing for re-election as Treasurer, but will continue to act as Trustee, and The Institution will thus retain the value of his experience. Your Committee desires to place on record its marked appreciation of Mr. Wigg's services to The Institution.

Your Committee also records with regret that twice during the year your President was forced to apply for leave of absence on account of ill-health. The Committee is pleased to record that the President has completely recovered.

Mr. Pietzcker and Mr. Fielding were granted leave of absence on February 7 until the end of the financial year, to enable them to visit Europe. On the same date Mr. Robinson was granted leave of absence for five months.

HOUSE COMMITTEE.—Under the chairmanship of Major William Bolton, the House Committee carried out the work of renovating and improving the Art Gallery and building a new roof over the main staircase and the

Chess Room. A special vote of thanks was passed by the General Committee to Major Bolton, who, by his practical knowledge and careful attention to detail, saved The Institution a considerable sum of money.

FINANCIAL.—The statement of accounts is shown in new form this year—in columnar form, under the headings of Building and Library.

The gross receipts from all sources amounted to £7,045/6/4, as compared with £6,746/3/8 in 1935.

The gross expenditure amounted to £7,136/14/3, as compared with £7,208/16/7 in 1935.

Starting the year with a credit balance of £181/16/7, there was a credit balance of £90/8/8 at December 31, 1936. In 1935 the expenditure exceeded the receipts by £462/13/4. In 1936 the expenditure exceeded the receipts by only £91/7/11, despite the fact that £415/2/6 was spent on repairs and permanent improvements to the building.

In view of the improved financial position, your Committee was able to restore to the staff half of the reduction of ten per cent. made in salaries and wages. The amount absorbed was £85/8/7.

The Building Account is credited with all rents received. It has charged against it the whole of the Interest (£462/19/3), Rates and Taxes (£812/2/6), Architects' Fees (£28/13/9) and Improvements (£13/15/-). In the other items the charges are divided between the Building and Library Accounts in proportion to the service rendered.

The Library Account is credited with the amount received from Subscriptions (£2,655/6/6) and Sales (£180/2/11), a total of £2,835/9/5, as compared with Subscriptions (£2,708/15/-) and Sales (£135/9/4), a

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total of £2,844/4/4, in 1935. The main charges against the Library are Books, Magazines and Newspapers (£1,638/4/3), Exchange and Bank Charges (£355/10/6), Binding (£107/8/6), Printing and Stationery (£100/14/7), Postages and Petty Cash (£109/6/3), Advertising (£60/0/3), and its proportion of Salaries and Wages (£1,508/13/5).

It will be seen from this statement that the Building Account shows a surplus of £1,271/5/5, and the Library Account shows a deficiency of £1,362/13/4. It will also be seen that nothing has been charged against the Library for rent, estimated at £500 per annum. Apart from this rent, the Building Account surplus means that for each £1 paid by a subscriber he receives benefits costing £1/10/3. If the rent charge were included, the cost of his benefits would be £1/14/-.

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.
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	1829 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	6772 11 4
1935 . . .	2708 15 0	1833 11 4	6746 3 3
1936 . . .	2655 6 6	1638 4 3	7045 6 4

THE LIBRARY.—Although the number of members shows a slight decrease, the popularity of the Library and Reading Room has been by no means lessened. The

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opposition provided by libraries in the suburbs and in commercial houses in the city is still strong and has to be seriously combated. Your Committee believes that the facilities provided in the Library, in its lending and reference branches, and in the Reading Room, are unsurpassed. The privilege of having the Library and Reading Room open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, including Saturdays and on all public holidays, except Christmas Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day, is not available elsewhere and is particularly appreciated by members living in the city and the nearer suburbs.

Your Committee, however, is of the opinion that, in order to make the Library and Reading Room more attractive and to bring them up to modern requirements, a complete survey of the whole Institution should be taken. A special Committee, consisting of the President, the Vice-President, the Trustees and the Chairmen of the Finance, Library and House Committees, was appointed. Various suggestions for improvements were made, and eventually it was decided, on the suggestion of the President, to obtain expert advice. Through the courtesy of the Public Librarian (Mr. Pitt), the skilled services of Mr. W. C. Baud, a senior member of his staff, were made available. This officer made an exhaustive enquiry and inspection, and he has furnished a most valuable report, which will have the earnest consideration of your Committee.

The supply of books, magazines and newspapers has been well maintained. Every opportunity is taken to improve the buying methods, with the result that considerable savings have been made.

Your Committee urges on members the necessity of making the privileges and advantages of The Institution more widely known. It suggests to members that they should do all in their power to enlist new members.

Library

President

by the same report.

The Library report was adopted on the motion of Mr Gale, Mr. L. H. L.

The President announced that on account of ill health & for business reasons he did not propose to seek reelection as president.

Mr Gale Mr. Robinson urged Mr Beag's reconsideration his decision but Mr Beag's said he could not do so.

A. Law. J. J.

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 Local Authority Handbook, 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 Rosicrucian Digest, by the Rosicrucian Order.
- Christian Science Sentinel, by First Church of Christ Scientist, Melbourne.

MELBOURNE CHESS CLUB.—The arrangement with the Melbourne Chess Club, made in 1920, whereby The Institution gave the club accommodation free of charge, on condition that all members of the club were first members of The Institution, was the subject of reconsideration. After a conference between representatives of your Finance Committee and the Chess Club Committee, it was decided to make a new agreement. From April 1, 1937, The Institution will lease to the club the premises it now occupies, at a rental for the first year of £30, payable quarterly in advance. There will be no obligation on members of the Chess Club to become members of The Institution, but it is hoped that the majority will do so and that the new arrangement will be mutually satisfactory to both bodies. Your Committee looks forward with confidence to renewed activity in the Melbourne Chess Club and to a continuation of

the cordial relations which have existed for so long between the two bodies.

PLAY READING SOCIETY.—The Play Reading Society has held regular monthly meetings. The enthusiasm of the devoted band of workers in this society has been unflagging, but it is to be regretted that members have not attended the meetings in as large numbers as was hoped. The meetings, which are held on the evening of the third Friday in each month, are open to members of The Institution, who are cordially invited to attend. Satisfactory reports regarding the interesting readings of this society show that it warrants more support.

ART GALLERY.—The improvements to, and renovation of, the Art Gallery effected early in 1936 made this branch of The Institution more popular than ever. There was an unbroken run of exhibitions from February 10 until December 24. So much is the gallery in demand that there is not a vacant date from February 1 to December 24, 1937, and very few dates are available for 1938.

The renovated gallery was opened on February 7, 1936, by the Shell Company of Australia, with a most interesting display of posters. The opening ceremony was performed by your President.

Art exhibitions were held during the year by Messrs. Max Meldrum, Septimus Power, Adrian Lawlor, Arthur Streeton, William Rowell, John Eldershaw, Charles Bryant, Harley C. Griffiths, A. L. Sutton and Victor Cobb, Misses Gates and Holgate, Hilda Rix Nicholas, Grace Gardiner and D. Whitehead, The Clarice Beckett Memorial, "Group 12," The Victorian Salon of Photography, The New Melbourne Art Club, The Contemporary Art Group, Twenty Melbourne Painters, and The Melbourne Society of Women Painters.

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L. V. Biggs

LECTURES.—A series of lectures on "Modern Science," given in the Art Gallery, proved attractive. The lectures were delivered by Professor Osborne on "Success and Failure in Animal Design" and "A Medical Verdict on the Good Old Times"; by Professor Hartung on "Colour in Nature and Art" and "Life and the Universe," and by Professor Agar on "The Mind of an Animal." The lectures attracted considerable attention, but it is regretted that members did not more largely avail themselves of the privileges supplied for their benefit.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS.—In the last Annual Report it was stated that the General Committee had had under discussion extensive alterations to the building and that further consideration had been postponed for six months. When the matter was further examined, it was found that there were insuperable obstacles and the idea was abandoned.

The lessees of the Theatre (Frank Talbot Proprietary Limited), however, approached your Committee with a proposal that they should be allowed to alter and improve the main entrance and to redecorate the approaches to the Library and the Theatre, and to redecorate and reseat the Theatre. The scheme involved the opening out of the front of the building by making a "crush" entrance, and the erection of new doors to both entrances, as well as new doors at the head of the stairs leading to the Library. The work, which involved the expenditure of several thousand pounds, was carried out by Frank Talbot & Co. Pty. Ltd., under the supervision of the architect, Mr. C. E. Serpell, and the Chairman of the House Committee (Major William Bolton), who took infinite pains in safeguarding the interests of The Institution. With as little inconvenience as possible, the alterations were carried out expeditiously, and the result has been beyond

all expectations. Additional facilities have been afforded for publicity for The Institution. The work attracted considerable attention, and when the Theatre was reopened on December 26, 1936, general approval of the improvements was freely expressed. The relations between your Committee and the lessees were, as has been the case all through, most cordial. Your Committee congratulates the lessees on the high standard of entertainment provided in the theatre, which is still the leading all-British house in Australia.

L. V. BIGGS, President.

R. W. E. WILMOT, Secretary.

SECRETARY AND STAFF.—The Committee desires once more to express its warm appreciation of the work, for all members of The Institution, performed by the Secretary, the Librarian and other members of the staff. Special recognition is due to the labours of the Secretary, not only because the year has been a particularly strenuous one, but because for a period he suffered from ill-health, necessitating very careful treatment. At all times and in all circumstances the Secretary and those associated with him in carrying out the policies and administrative methods devised or sanctioned by the Committee have exhibited a fine loyalty and an enthusiasm which deserves the thanks of all who believe that the Melbourne Athenæum performs an invaluable and indispensable work in the cultural life of this great city.

L. V. BIGGS,
President.

Library
President

by the same majority.
The Library report was adopted on the motion of Mr Gales M.P. & Co.
The President announced that on account of ill health & for business reasons he did not propose to seek reelection as president.
Mr Gales Mr. Robinson, Messrs W. Beaggs & Co. concurred in his decision but Mr Beaggs said he could not do so.

A. Law. J. J.

Magazines & Periodicals Available in the Reading Room.

PAPERS.	South Australia.	Sunday Companion
BRITISH AND FOREIGN.	The Advertiser	Sunday At Home
Belfast Weekly News	The Chronicle	Tablet
British Weekly	Queensland.	Tatler
Christian Science Monitor	Courier-Mail (Brisbane)	Time and Tide
Christian Herald	Queenslander	Truth (London)
Christian World	Western Australia.	Vogue
Church Guardian	The West Australian	Women's Journal
Church Times	Western Mail	American.
Financial News	Tasmania.	Delineator
Glasgow Herald (Weekly)	Mercury (Hobart)	Ladies' Home Journal
Headway	Examiner (Launceston)	Literary Digest
Irish Weekly	New Zealand.	Rosicrucian Digest
Liverpool Weekly Post	Weekly News (Auckland)	Saturday Evening Post
Manchester Guardian	PERIODICALS.	Scientific American
Methodist Recorder	British.	Theosophist
New York Times	Architect	French.
Reynold's	Blue Peter	Je Sais Tout
Time and Tide	Britannia and Eve	L'illustration
Times (London)	British Australasian	Australasian.
Times Literary Supplement	Bystander	A.B.M. Review
Times' Weekly	Country Life	Adam and Eve
Travel Bulletin	Dublin Review	Australasian Insurance and Banking Record (Melb.)
Weekly Scotsman	Economist	Australasian Manufacturer (Sydney)
White Star Magazine	English Mechanic	Australasian Traveller
AUSTRALASIAN.	Field	Australian Banker
Victoria—Melbourne.	Harper's Bazaar	Australian Brewing and Wine Journal (Melb.)
Age	Illustrated London News	Australian Christian World (Sydney)
Argus	Inquirer	Australian Museum
Herald	Jewish Chronicle	Australian Stamp Monthly
Australasian	John O'London's Weekly	Building Construction
Leader	Lancet	Church of England Messenger (Melb.)
Presbyterian Messenger	Landmark	Government Gazette of Victoria
Spectator	London Punch	Home Beautiful
Sun News Pictorial	Mercantile Guardian	Industrial Australian and Mining Standard (Melb.)
Table Talk	Mining Journal	Jobson's Investment Digest
Weekly Times	Nation and Athenaeum	Leather Journal
Victoria—Provincial.	Nature	Presbyterian Messenger
Ararat Advertiser	New Statesman	Spectator (Melbourne)
Ballarat Courier	Public Opinion	The Bookseller and Stationer's Journal
Bendigo Advertiser	Queen	The Commonweal
Geelong Advertiser	Saturday Review	White Star Magazine
Ovens and Murray Advertiser	Science Progress	Woman's World
Rutherglen Sun	Sketch	
Stawell News	Spectator	
Wangaratta Chronicle	Sphere	
Warrnambool Standard	Sporting and Dramatic News	
New South Wales.	Studio	
Bulletin		
Referee		
Smith's Weekly		
Sydney Mail		
Sydney Morning Herald		
Sun		
Sunday Sun and Guardian		
Telegraph Pictorial		

Magazines for Circulation in the Library.

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

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Library

President

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A. Law. J. J.

LECTURES.—A series of lectures on "Modern Science," given in the Art Gallery, proved attractive. The lectures were delivered by Professor Osborne on "Success and Failure in Animal Design" and "A Medical Verdict on the Good Old Times"; by Professor Hartung on "Colour in Nature and Art" and "Life and the Universe," and by Professor Agar on "The Mind of an Animal." The lectures attracted considerable attention, but it is regretted that members did not more largely avail themselves of the privileges supplied for their benefit.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS.—In the last Annual Report it was stated that the General Committee had had under discussion extensive alterations to the building and that further consideration had been postponed for six months. When the matter was further examined, it was found that there were insuperable obstacles and the idea was abandoned.

The lessees of the Theatre (Frank Talbot Proprietary Limited), however, approached your Committee with a proposal that they should be allowed to alter and improve the main entrance and to redecorate the approaches to the Library and the Theatre, and to redecorate and rescat the Theatre. The scheme involved the opening out of the front of the building by making a "crush" entrance, and the erection of new doors to both entrances, as well as new doors at the head of the stairs leading to the Library. The work, which involved the expenditure of several thousand pounds, was carried out by Frank Talbot & Co. Pty. Ltd., under the supervision of the architect, Mr. C. E. Serpell, and the Chairman of the House Committee (Major William Bolton), who took infinite pains in safeguarding the interests of The Institution. With as little inconvenience as possible, the alterations were carried out expeditiously, and the result has been beyond

all expectations. Additional facilities have been afforded for publicity for The Institution. The work attracted considerable attention, and when the Theatre was reopened on December 26, 1936, general approval of the improvements was freely expressed. The relations between your Committee and the lessees were, as has been the case all through, most cordial. Your Committee congratulates the lessees on the high standard of entertainment provided in the theatre, which is still the leading all-British house in Australia.

L. V. BIGGS, President.

R. W. E. WILMOT, Secretary.

SECRETARY AND STAFF.—The Committee desires once more to express its warm appreciation of the work, for all members of The Institution, performed by the Secretary, the Librarian and other members of the staff. Special recognition is due to the labours of the Secretary, not only because the year has been a particularly strenuous one, but because for a period he suffered from ill-health, necessitating very careful treatment. At all times and in all circumstances the Secretary and those associated with him in carrying out the policies and administrative methods devised or sanctioned by the Committee have exhibited a fine loyalty and an enthusiasm which deserves the thanks of all who believe that the Melbourne Athenæum performs an invaluable and indispensable work in the cultural life of this great city.

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Magazines & Periodicals Available in the Reading Room.

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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	The Advertiser The Chronicle	Courier-Mail (Brisbane) Queenslander	The West Australian Western Mail	Mercury (Hobart) Examiner (Launceston)	Weekly News (Auckland)	Architect Blue Peter Britannia and Eve British Australasian Bystander Country Life Dublin Review Economist English Mechanic Field Harper's Bazaar Illustrated London News Inquirer Jewish Chronicle John o'London's Weekly Lancet Landmark London Punch Mercantile Guardian Mining Journal Nation and Athenaeum Nature New Statesman Public Opinion Queen Saturday Review Science Progress Sketch Spectator Sphere Sporting and Dramatic Studio	Sunday Companion Sunday At Home Tablet Tatler Time and Tide Truth (London) Vogue Women's Journal	Delineator Ladies' Home Journal Literary Digest Rosierucian Digest Saturday Evening Post Scientific American Theosophist	Je Sais Tout L'illustration	National Review New Criterion Quarterly Nineteenth Century Pearson's Quarterly Review Round Table Strand Wide World Windsor World Review	Je Sais Tout L'illustration

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

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Institution and a section of the members who formed the Chess Club. It was decided early in the year on his suggestion that there should be a conference between the Finance Committee & representatives of the Chess Club. The conference was very successful & by agreement the Chess Club consented to become tenants of the Institution for the quarters assigned to them rather than for their members to be compulsory members of the Athenaeum. It was noted that many members of the Chess Club would retain their membership of the Institution. This satisfactory settlement was largely due to the efforts of Mr. Wigg who presided over the conference. There was a source of congratulation to members & Frank Talbot particularly with regard to the improvement to the Entrance to the Athenaeum Library & Theatre in regard to that work members owe a debt of gratitude to the Chairman of the House Committee (Major Bolton) & the Secretary (Mr. Belmont) whose constant oversight has safeguarded the interests of the members of the Institution. The improvements reflected great credit on every one concerned. The improvements should benefit the Theatre and of the increased facilities the library should have. He had had visions of a complete rebuilding of the facade to Colonnade but it had been found that this was impossible owing to the Theatre lease. The only way in which this could be effected was in conjunction with the lessees. During the year the Committee had arranged with the Public Librarian for a report by his senior assistant on the library. This report had

THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

The following nominations have been received:-

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
<u>PRESIDENT</u>	REV. DR. A. LAW	Cuthbert P. Rigg	A. J. Masters
<u>VICE-PRESIDENT</u>	MAJOR WILLIAM BOLTON	W. A. Callaway	W. F. Gates
<u>TREASURER</u>	MR. CUTHBERT RIGG	L. V. Biggs	A. J. Masters
<u>COMMITTEE</u>	MR. AMOS BURR	A. J. Masters	W. F. Gates
	VERY REV. D. A. CAMERON	Cuthbert Rigg	William Bolton
	MR. W. F. GATES	A. J. Masters	Amos Burr
	MR. H. A. HUNT	Amos Burr	A. J. Masters
	MR. S. EDWARDS KELLY	William Bolton	A. J. Masters
	MR. J. A. PIETZCKER	L. V. Biggs	Wm. F. Gates
	MR. W. J. ROBERTS	William Bolton	A. J. Masters
	MR. W. H. TREDINICK	William Bolton	A. J. Masters

As the number nominated for any position does not exceed the number of vacancies, those nominated will be declared duly elected by the chairman of the annual meeting.

R. N. S. Wigg
Secretary.

Jan. 21, 1937.

just been received & would be considered by
 the Finance Library & General Committee
 He regretted that on account of ill health
 he could not continue as President for
 another year but he hoped by bye to again
 submit himself as President but he would
 continue to support the Institution as a
 Committeeman. It was one of the most
 wonderful institutions. There was no other
 Institution in the world which for a Guinea
 conferred such personal service benefits
 on its members & (applause)
 Mr Culbert Riggs in recommending the
 motion said the accounts informed the
 members that the net income was from
 subscriptions from members & from Rent of
 the buildings and also to what extent the
 buildings assisted the Institution to finance
 the Library & Readers Room. Subscribers
 would realize that they were receiving a great
 deal more than their Guinea subscription
 provided. The report referred to the fact that
 as conditions were today this was with prospect
 of adding to the existing structure & value of
 the building. It was to be hoped that in
 years to come some scheme would be formed
 to increase the benefits of subscribers.
 The motion was adopted unanimously.
 The President declared the result of the
 elections. There had been only sufficient
 nominations for the vacancies and therefore
 declared those shown on the accompanying
 sheet - elected

election

Mr President

Dr. Law on taking the Chair & received
 news that the retiring President had felt
 obliged not to seek reelection. He hoped
 that when Mr Biggs had the leisure to do so

(Faint, mostly illegible text, possibly a list or minutes from a meeting. Some words like "committee", "motion", "subscriptions" are visible.)

he would again seek office as President.
 Librarians of the more serious type such as the
 Athenaeum had suffered from what might
 be called the Commercial Librarian. It was
 not for them to make a success of the library
 as a purveyor of delectable games but expected
 for an ideal. While it was not exactly "high
 brow" the great purpose of the library
 was educational and in lessening up the
 intellectual character of the community.
 He appealed to members to keep in furthering
 that ideal.

auditors
 Mr Redenwick moved Mr Mills seconded
 that Mr Wm Bishop Anderson &
 Mr L. N. Rainey Chartered accountants
 be selected auditors at the same fee
 carried.

Vote of Thanks
 Mr. Allen Evans moved that a vote of
 thanks be recorded to the retiring office
 bearers & staff remarked that members
 received a wonderful general work
 Mr John Jolly in seconding the
 motion remarked that the reading room
 was badly in need of further accommodation
 The motion was carried by acclamation.

Attest
 Chairman
 President 28th January 1938

Minutes of meeting of the General
 Committee held on Feb 12. 1937
 The President Mr Cudworth, Riggs, Galtie
 G. H. Roberts, W. J. Roberts, Martin Fielding
 Grant, Kelly, Redinick, Barr, Robinson
 & Major Bolton

Present

Minutes

apologies

Mr Fielding
& Mr Lane

Library
Report

Victoria
Palace

The minutes of meeting of January 15 were
 read & confirmed

The apology of Mr Hunt for nonattendance
 was received and also apologies from
 Mr Pletzker & Briggs

Mr Riggs on behalf of the Committee
 welcomed Mr Lane on taking his seat
 as president who in reply welcomed Mr
 Fielding on his return from abroad. Mr
 Fielding in thanking members said he
 had seen much of interest. It was decided
 to ask Mr Fielding to give an account
 of his experiences at the next meeting.

It was decided on the motion of Major
 Bolton & Mr Robinson to refer the report on
 the library to a joint meeting of the library
 & House Committee Mr Galtie to be
 chairman & convenor.

The Secretary reported that he had written
 to the Victoria Palace: regarding its
 application to place a neon sign at
 the corner of Sleigh Lane & Leith Street.
 He had had a request from Mr Buller
 Chairman of Directors of the Victoria Palace
 that the undertaking asked for should
 be given by the tenant who was to erect the
 sign. on the motion of Major Bolton Mr
 Redinick it was decided to reply that
 the undertaking must be given by the Victoria
 Palace.

The Secretary reported that the show came at

the head of the building would be ready in a few days.
 The chairman of the House Committee reported that he had had to insist on the contractor for the alterations complying with the specifications in relation to water supply tanks. He read the correspondence. It was decided on the motion of Mr. Bourne & Gates that the Chairman's action be endorsed.

Chairman

The Finance Committee reported that a draft had been prepared for the church but the committee considered it was not necessary & that instead a letter, setting forth the agreement come to at the conference on July 31, 1936 & embodying its decisions, should be prepared. Mr. Biggs moved & Mr. Tredinnick seconded that this procedure be adopted.

Accounts

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for January & had found them correct. The Balance Sheet as shown on pages 43 & 44 of the cash book & amounting to £402.137 was recommended. The Treasurer gave the comparative statement & moved the adoption of his report & motion seconded.

Sub-committees The following sub-committees were appointed

FINANCE	LIBRARY	HOUSE	LECTURES
The President	The President	The President	The President
The Treasurer	The Treasurer	The Treasurer	Mr. Biggs
Major Bolton	Mr. Biggs	Major Bolton	Mr. Hunt
Mr. Burr	Mr. Callaway	Mr. Cameron	Mr. Kelly
Mr. Callaway	Mr. Fielding	Mr. Hunt	
Mr. Grut	Mr. Gates	Mr. Pitzcher	
Mr. Kelly	Mr. Hunt	Mr. Tredinnick	
Mr. Masters	Mr. Mills		
Mr. W. J. Roberts	Mr. G. H. Roberts		
	Mr. Robinson		
	Mr. Tredinnick		

annual 1936/37 It was decided to ask The President to approve

of the minutes of the annual meeting.
 The report of the House Committee was approved on the motion of Major Bolton & Gates.
 The report of the Finance Committee that a new type should be purchased was approved. The Secretary to make the arrangements.
 Mr. Robinson suggested that the day of meeting be changed from Friday. After some discussion Mr. Fielding said would that at the next meeting he would move that meetings of committee be fixed for the second Friday in the month as an hour to be fixed.

William Bolton V.C.
 12-3/37

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on March 12, 1937
 Present: Major Bolton (Chair), Mr. Masters Burr, W. J. Roberts, Genl Kelly, Robinson Fielding, Mrs G. H. Roberts Callaway, Tredinnick Pitzcher, Cameron Hunt & Gates

apologies apologies were received from Mr. President & Mr. Biggs

Mr. Bolton was appointed chairman. Mr. Pitzcher was welcomed by the chairman. Mr. Pitzcher responded

minutes the minutes of meeting of February 12 were read & confirmed.

condominium The Victoria Palace accepted the conditions imposed regarding the new sign. The letter was received

The Victoria Palace asked for permission to put in some unimproved drains in Sleight's Lane to carry off storm water. on the motion of

Atkins & Co

Patrick [unclear]

Notes of [unclear]

Accounts

Mr. [unclear]

Mr W. J. Roberts & Fielding the application was granted without prejudice to the rights of the Trustees under the agreement and at the victor's own risk.

The secretary reported that the City Council had agreed to the change of name of Sleight Lane to Rhenodunum Place. The report was received.

The chairman reported that a chairman of the House Committee had had to visit on the specifications in regard to the alterations in connection with the water supply tanks. He had had correspondence & interviews with the architect & contractor & the work would now be done. The chairman's action was approved & he was thanked for his services on the motion of Mr. Burr & Gates.

It was decided to defer consideration of Mr. Fielding's motion regarding the terms of meetings & in the mean time the Secretary should obtain the views of members in writing on the subject.

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for February & had found them correct. Accounts amounting to £618.78 as shown on pages 45 & 47 of the cash book was recommended. Mr. Rigg on moving the adoption of the report said the Comptroller's statement in 'Callaway's records' & that it was advised.

Mr. Fielding said that he would defer his general observations till next month. The secretary was instructed to bring up the letter from the Trust Book Club & his reply.

Karlberg The Secular reported that Mr. Karlberg tenant of shop 186 Colburn St. with a 10 term on which a longer renewal of lease would be granted on the motion of Mr. Rigg & Mr. Callaway it was decided that a new lease would be granted at a rental of £8.10. The unexpired portion of the present lease & on for two years from December 1 at £11. a week.

Quarterly rent The offer of John Browning to W. P. at £10 for advertising in the quarterly list was accepted on the motion of Mr. Burr & Gates.

Charitable on the motion of Mr. Fielding & Mr. Fielding it was decided to leave the settlement of the case to Mr. Fielding & Mr. Burr & Gates representing the chess club to settle.

Letters The secretary of letters produced was approved on the motion of Mr. Kelly & Mr. Burr.

Letters The report of the house committee was approved on the motion of Mr. Kelly & Mr. Burr.

Secretary The secretary was granted three weeks absence leave on the motion of Mr. Fielding & Mr. Rigg to be replaced by acting secretary. The leave to be from August 10.

9.437. Confirmed. Attest. Secy.

Minutes of meetings of the General Committee held on Friday 9 August 1837.

Present Dr. Law Mr. Gates, Robinson Fielding Heat Roberts, Mills Rigg's Fielding, Kelly Burr Burr Rigg & [unclear] Mr. J. R. [unclear] Peltzer Rev. Dr. Curran & Mrs. Bolton.

The minutes of meeting of March 12 were read & confirmed.

Mr Pitts

a valuable book on Australian Churches was presented to the Institution by Mr Pitts who was personally thanked by the President and was decided that the book should be placed in a special glass case.

an enlarged photograph of Mr Marcus Clarke a former member of the committee was presented by his son. The gift was accepted with thanks and it was decided to thank Mr Clarke for the gift.

Time of meeting

It was decided on the motion of Mr Fielding & Major Bollen that in future the General Committee should meet at 3.30 p.m. on the second Friday in the month but that the next meeting should be on May 7.

It was decided on the motion of Major Bollen & Mr Greal that the Finance Committee should meet at 2.30 p.m. on the same day as the General Committee

It was decided that the Library Committee should choose its own time of meeting. The Secretary reported that the agreement between the Institution was being decided by Mr Radinick & Mr Allen (a member of the Chess Club) Their report was received

Chess Club

The Secretary reported that the City Council had approved of the change of the name of Sleight Lane to Athenæum Place. The report was received.

Sleight Lane

Mr Fielding moved
Mr Briggs seconded

That this meeting place in record its appreciation of the services of Mr Barr in bringing about the change of name from Sleight Lane to Athenæum Place"

Finance

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

The Melbourne Athenæum.

NOMINATION PAPER.

We hereby Nominate Mrs Barr
for the position of Trustee
Edward Pigg Proposer.
Edward Kelly Seconder.

I HEREBY ACCEPT THE ABOVE NOMINATION,

Mrs Barr

Resolution on the death of Mr. W. A. Callaway adopted by the
General Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum.

The General Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum records with deep regret the death of the senior Trustee, Mr. W. A. Callaway. He joined the Institution in 1873 and thus had an unbroken period of membership of 64 years. He was elected to the Committee in 1891 and was appointed a Trustee in 1912.

During the 46 years he was on the Committee Mr. Callaway had been an enthusiastic worker for the Institution. His wide experience and sound judgment were highly appreciated, and his colleagues mourn the loss of a wise counsellor. His genial temperament and his ready wit will be missed by them, and they deplore the loss the Institution has sustained.

The Committee directs that this resolution be incorporated in the minutes and that a copy of it be forwarded to Mrs. Callaway with an expression of deep sympathy.

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City of Melbourne.

(37/292)

Town Hall,

6th April, 1937.

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of 19th January last, requesting that the name of Sleight's Lane be changed to Athenaeum Place, I have to inform you that the City Council, at a meeting held on 22nd ultimo, decided to rename the lane accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

Town Clerk.

The Secretary,
The Melbourne Athenaeum,
188 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE. C.1.

FH/RC

for March that found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £612.5.3 was shown on pages 48/50 of the cash book was recommended.

our Book Club

It was decided on the motion of Mrs. Gales & Frederick that the letter from the Times Book Club be referred to a special meeting of the Library Committee to be held on Tuesday April 15 at 3.45 p.m.

Lecture

(This meeting was subsequently changed to April 22 by the chairman of the Library Committee) Major Bolton was appointed chairman of the first lecture to be delivered by Mr. John Walker on April 30.

9. May 1937

Alan D.D. Chairman

Present

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Friday May 9. 1937
The President Mrs. Kelly, Burr, Galt, Martin, Regg, W. Roberts, Gales, Robinson, Hunt-Cameron & Major Bolton

apologies

apologies were received from Mrs. Fielding Pitzelke, Frederick & G. W. Roberts

Minutes

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

McCallum

The Secretary reported the death of Mr. Callaway the Senior Trustee.

The President read a resolution as shown hereunder & expressed the regret of the Committee at the loss of such a valued old member. He moved that the resolution be adopted. Mr. Martin seconded Mr. Regg supported the resolution which was carried.

New Trustees

Mr. Regg moved & Mr. Kelly seconded that Mr. Amos Burr be elected a trustee vice Mr. Callaway. The motion was carried & Mr. Burr returned thanks.