

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.

Hours of
Meetings

The secretary reported that the Library
Committee had fixed 1.30 p.m. on
the second Friday in the month for its
meetings. The Finance Committee would
meet at 2.30 p.m. & the General
Committee at 3.30 p.m. The report was
received.

Chess Club

The secretary reported that the Chess Club
agreement was shown the names of
Mr Tedderrick & Mr Owen. The matter
was left over till the next meeting.

Times Book
Club

The secretary reported that a letter had
been sent to the Times Book Club asking
for further particulars. The letter is shown hereunder.

Finance

The Finance Committee reported that the
auditors had audited the books & accounts
for April & had found them correct. Payment
of accounts amounting to £527.14.5 as
shown on pages 57/53 of the cash book was
recommended.

Mr Rigg on moving the adoption gave the
Comparative figures. Mr Trevelin seconded
the motion which was adopted.

Lecture

Major Boston reported that the 7th lecture
for the year delivered by Mr J. P. W. Wilkin
Chief Officer of the Fire Brigade had been
most interesting & instructive. The attendance
about 60 was small but appreciative.
It would that Mr Wilkin be thanked for
his lecture & elected an honorary member
for the year & Mr Bruce seconded the motion
which was adopted.

Mr Gates was appointed chairman for
the next lecture on May 28.

Library
committee

The report of the Library Committee was
adopted on the motion of Mr. Gates and
Mr. Hunt.

May 7,

7.

Victoria,
AUSTRALIA.

RESOLUTION OF LOYALTY

The following Resolution of Loyalty was adopted at a
meeting of the General Committee of The Melbourne Athenaeum
on May 7, 1937:-

On behalf of the members of The Melbourne
Athenaeum (established in 1839), the Com-
mittee expresses loyal devotion to the
Throne and to His Majesty King George VI
and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, with
every sincere regard for their reign,
praying that it may be long and glorious,
and a blessing to the Empire and all the
nations of the world.

C.1. May 4, 7.

The Manager,
The Times Book Club,
42 Wigmore Street,
LONDON, W.1.

Dear Sir,

The Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum has discussed in greater detail your letter of 1st October of last year, having the advantage of the presence of Mr. Geo. Fielding, the member who interviewed you.

At the outset we would mention that consideration of the matter has admittedly been prolonged through the unforeseen circumstance of Mr. Fielding's return having been delayed for some considerable time through the Watersiders' Strike in America.

The Committee is agreed that your suggestions have possibilities, and to enable you to analyse our present ordering, buying and despatch arrangements we are supplying all information possible at present; and so that you may have some idea of our Library (which is both lending and reference) and its needs we are sending you-

- (a) a brochure showing the activities of the Institution and giving its history which dates back to 1839,
- (b) a copy of the Report and Balance Sheet for the year 1936.

The Athenaeum has a freehold title and its building is situate next to the Melbourne Town Hall in Collins Street.

Class of Books. This is dealt with in the brochure in some detail.

- (c) We send the last four of our quarterly lists, the latest of which is dated April 1937. A careful reading of the brochure, the Annual Report and these lists will give a fair understanding of our requirements.

Purchases are at present made through the London Publishers as per list (d) and locally.

Forwarding of supplies is important, for our Committee does not favour the suggestion of monthly consignments. At present we

The Times Book Club,

May 4, 1937.

receive our books weekly - the service by Mail Steamers enabling this to be done readily.

Secondhand books and remainders. Could the secondhand books reach us before they are stale? To buy books for which there is a demand cheaply and in good condition would interest us. We should like to hear more of your suggestion in this regard: could you advise us how soon after publication they would be likely to reach us and in what condition and at what reduction in price?

Number of books required must of necessity be with the judgment of our buyers, and we give approximations as a rather rough and ready guide:-

General books- 1 each as a rule, with exceptions such as Inside Europe (12), San Michele (12), Halliburton (8), Jellicoe (2). Purchases vary from 75 to 100 per month.

Fiction- 2 to 4 copies each, with the exception of such authors as Philip Gibbs (18), Cecil Roberts (18), Buchan (12). Approximately 200 volumes per month are bought.

Prices. Details of present costs of books to our Institution can be summarised as follows: Trade terms, i.e. Colonial Fiction 3/3d London, General Books less 33-1/3% and 50%.

Catalogue. We note you would send us regularly your catalogues. Taking one, No. 373, at random we notice that you have about 18 special catalogues. A few copies of each would be of great assistance to us especially if sent regularly. Would you give us the right to reproduce so much of the annotations as we select to print in our published list?

Transport. The Mail Steamers of the P. & O. and Orient, which leave during alternate weeks, constitute probably the quickest means of transport. At present we receive all books by post. You may possibly be able to suggest a method as speedy and less expensive.

Method of Payment. This is a matter which could be adjusted readily to meet the circumstances. Probably settlement monthly by draft on London would be the most satisfactory. Our Bankers are the Bank of Australasia, whose London chief office is at No.4 Threadneedle Street: you may make any reference you wish to the Bank.

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Galathea. We hope you would send us regularly your catalogues. Taking one, No. 373, at random we notice that you have about 12 special catalogues. A few copies of each would be of great assistance to us especially if sent regularly. Would you give us the right to reproduce so much of the annotations as we select to print in our published list?

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May we conclude by conveying our thanks for your letter and assuring you that your reply will have the prompt consideration of our Committee.

This letter is being sent by Airmail to expedite matters.

Yours faithfully,

Librarian and Acting Secretary.

LONDON PUBLISHERS

Philip Allan
 Allen & Unwin
 Appleton
 Archer
 Arrowsmith
 Barker
 Batsford
 Bell
 Benn
 Black
 Blackie
 Blackwell
 Bles
 Boriswood
 Cambridge Press
 Jonathan Cape
 Chapman & Hall
 Chatto & Windus
 Cobden Sanderson
 Collins
 Constable
 Cresset Press
 Peter Davies
 Dent
 Duckworth
 Eldon Press
 Eyre & Spottiswoode
 Faber & Faber
 Victor Gollancz
 Grayson & Grayson
 Robert Hale
 Hamish Hamilton
 John Hamilton
 Harper's
 Harrop
 Heinemann
 Hedder & Stoughton
 Hogarth Press
 Hurst & Blackett
 Hutchinson
 Jarrolds
 Herbert Jenkins
 John Lane
 T. Werner Laurie
 Michael Joseph
 Lawrence & Wishart
 John Long
 Longmans Green
 Levat Dickson
 Sampson Low, Marston & Co.
 Alex. Maclehose
 Macmillan
 Melrose
 Methuen

Mills & Boon
 Muller
 Murray
 Nelson
 Newnes
 Nisbet
 Iver Nicholson
 Oxford Press
 Stanley Paul
 Putnam
 Rich & Cowan
 Rider
 R. T. S.
 Routledge
 Richards
 Secker & Warburg
 Selwyn & Blount
 Skeffington
 Simpkin, Marshall
 Thornton Butterworth
 Ward Lock & Co.
 Watts
 Williams & Norgate
 Wright & Brown.

May 4, 1937.

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Skellington
Selwyn & Bland
Secker & Warburg
Richards
Kouledge
R. T. S.
Rider
Rich & Cowan
Ingram
Stanley Paul
Oxford Press
Ivor Nicholson
Maber
Newnes
Nelson
Murray
Muller
Kilgill & Bohn

Melbourn
Melrose
Macmillan
Alex. Macpherson
Sampson Low, Marston & Co.
Lovat Dickson
Longmans Green
John Long
Lawrence & Wishart
Michael Joseph
T. Werner Laurie
John Lane
Herbert Jenkins
Jarvis
Hutchinson
Hurt & Blackett
Hogarth Press
Hodder & Stoughton
Heinemann
Harrop
Harper's
John Hamilton
Hamilton Hamilton
Robert Hale
Grayson & Grayson
Victor Gollancz
Faber & Faber
Lyre & Spottiswoode
Edgon Press
Duckworth
Dent
Peter Davies
Cresset Press
Constable
Collins
Cobden Sanderson
Chatto & Windus
Chapman & Hall
Jonathan Cape
Cambridge Press
Boriswood
Sles
Blackwell
Blackie
Black
Bain
Bell
Barstow
Barker
Arrowsmith
Archer
Appleton
Allen & Unwin
Philip Allan

Received
Noted
21.5.37
21.6.37

The Melbourne Athenæum.

NOMINATION PAPER.

We hereby Nominate J. W. Bainbridge
for the position of a member of the committee
G. H. Roberts Proposer.
W. Hamilton-Johnson Seconder.

I HEREBY ACCEPT THE ABOVE NOMINATION,

J. W. Bainbridge

Resolution
of loyalty

Mr W. J. Rodas suggested that a resolution of loyalty be sent to the excellent The Governor for submission to his Majesty the King & that the wording of the message be left to the chairman. Mr Burr seconded the motion which was adopted.

12.6.37. Confirmed A. Law J.D. Chairman

Present

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on May 11. 1937
O-Law Mr J.W. Rodas, Hunt, Burr, Fred Regg, Pitzcher Kelly, G. H. Rodas, Galis, Teddie Mackie, Peags Mackie & Trator Bolton.

apologies

apologies were received from Mr Callaghan Rodman & Fielding.

Minutes

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

Correspondence

Letter was received from the official secretary to the Governor, Mr Callaghan, the Play Reading Society, & Mr. Wilkins a letter from the Chess Club asking for the Chess room to be redecorated was referred to the House Committee with Power to act on the motion of Mr Rodman & Mr Burr.

Trustee

The Secretary reported that the Secretary was making arrangements for Mr. Burr to be appointed as trustee. The report was received.

Committee

Mr. Bonbridge commenced by Mr G. H. Rodas & Mr. Teddie Mackie was elected as a member of committee with the vacancy caused by the appointment of Mr Burr as trustee.

Chess Club

Mr Teddie Mackie reported that the agreement with the Chess Club had been completed & was with the Chess Club in signature.

Timber Box Club

The Secretary reported the correspondence with the

accounts

Times Book Club as shown in the Library Committee minutes
The Finance Committee reported having received the report of the auditors that they had audited the books & accounts for May & had found them correct & they recommended payment of accounts amounting to £ 471.9.4 as shown on page 54/56 of the cash book.

Library

The report was received on the motion of Mr Regg who gave the comparative statement of Major Bolton.
The library committee reported that it had adopted the recommendations of a sub committee regarding furnishing of the Reading room & ladies corner as shown in its minutes. The report was adopted & referred to the House Committee on the motion of Major Bolton & Mr Kelly.

Library Report

The Secretary stated that the library committee had arranged for a special meeting to discuss a report regarding a survey of the library by himself the Librarian & the assistant Librarian. The Finance Committee had authorized the suggested alterations in respect of magazines provided there was a reduction in cost. The report was received & Major Bolton suggested that it would be a grateful act if the committee could admit members of the League of Angus & Athians at a reduced cost. On Mr Redmond pointing out that such a concession was not possible under the rules the suggestion was withdrawn.

League of Angus

The Secretary reported that the store room had been cleared out & old books & volumes had been sold at a total of 23/. The Librarian had taken out of the library volumes not required

Wash Books

& these were now available for inspection. The library committee recommended that these should be sold. The Public Library to be offered first refusal of all or any of the books. That after the Public Library had made its choice the balance should be made available for members & then the remainder should be offered to the public. The report was adopted.

Mr Regg

Mr Regg directed attention to the fact that a resolution regarding information to be supplied to the library committee proposed by him on Sept 23 1936 had not been carried out. It was decided that the information should be supplied.

16-7-37

Conferred at Hand & Co. Common

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on 16 July 1937.

Present

Mr President Mr Regg Mr Kelly, Mr Pitts Mr Bamberger Mr Hunt and Major Bolton

apologies

Miss Gates, Fulmer & J. H. Roberts for absence

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of June 12. 1937 were read & confirmed

Mr Bamberger

Mr J. H. Bamberger was welcomed by the President

Mr Pitts

A letter was read from Mr Pitts thanking his resignation. Major Bolton moved that Mr Regg should thank the resignation & record the report & Mr Pitts thanked for his services.

Chess Club

The Secretary reported that the lease with the Chess Club had been signed

accounts

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

Conced. The Payment of Accounts amounting to £687-11-10 as shown on pages 57/59 of the cash book was recommended

The Treasurer in moving the adoption of the report gave the comparative statement for the first six months of the year. His motion was seconded by Mr. Maslin moved.

House Committee

The House Committee reported that the chess club room had been redecorated. It had gone into the question of alterations to the heating of the library & other tables in the Reading room as suggested by the library committee. It recommended that consideration of the heating question be held over until January next year & that it was not advisable to alter the tables. Prices were being obtained for chairs in the Ladies room. The report was adopted on the motion of Mrs. A. B. Bolton moved.

Library Com.

The library committee reported that it had dealt with the librarians suggestions as shown in the library committee minutes. In reference to the decision of the House Committee regarding tables & heating, it asked in a conference with the House Committee on the motion of Mrs. A. B. Bolton moved it was decided to defer consideration of the request.

Chess Club

The President of the chess club asked for increased facilities for practice in the club in the form of a hall. The matter was deferred for Mr. Briggs's attendance. It was decided to grant the use of the Board Room on Saturday in an special opening of the chess club room.

William Bolton
13/8/37.

Pres

apptd

Chair
Mem

Comm

Received & posted
22.7.37

The Melbourne Athenæum.

NOMINATION PAPER.

We hereby Nominate Mr. Cyril Richard Rigg
for the position of Member of committee

Proposer.
Seconded.

I HEREBY ACCEPT THE ABOVE NOMINATION.

C. Rigg

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Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on August 13. 1937
Present Mayor Bolton in the chair Mrs ^{Carlton} Regg W. J. Roberts
Gert Kelly Burr Pitzke Cameron G H Roberts Redemick Gates Master Robinson Hunt Fieldney

apologies apologies were received from the President & Mr. Baunbridge

Chairman Mayor Bolton presided
Minutes The minutes of meeting of July 16 were read & confirmed

Committee Mr. C. R. Regg was elected a member of committee on the motion of Mr. Burr & Mr. W. J. Roberts
Mr. Baunbridge & Mr. C. R. Regg were appointed to the Finance Committee on the motion of Mr. Gert & Mrs. G. H. Roberts

as out of the minutes It was decided on the motion of Mr. Gates & Mr. Masters that a conference be held between the members of the Home Committee & Mrs. Gates Regg & Robinson representing the Library Committee regarding alterations to tables in the Reading room, magazine shelves in library and the matter of chairs in the Reading Room &

The secretary reported that the President of the Richmond Chess Club (Mr. L. V. Beegs) had asked for permission to have the name of his club inscribed on the wall on the Library landing, on the wall outside the Chess Room & Smoking Room door on the door itself. The Chess Club would pay the cost. Permission was granted on the motion of Mr. Redemick & Mrs. G. H. Roberts

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for July & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £367.38 as shown on pass ^{book} of the cashbook was recommended

The Report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Regg & Mr. Masters. In answer to a question by Mr. Fieldney Mr. Regg

Library

Tca

Underlook to supply figures showing how the increase in receipts & the decrease in expenditure was made up.

The Report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Gales & Mr G. H Roberts at the conclusion of the meeting. Major Bolton substantiated members at afternoon tea on the motion of Mr G. H Roberts & Mr Bourne. Major Bolton was thanked for his hospitality.

A. Law. D.D. Chairman 10.9.37.

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on September 10. 1937

Present

The President, Messrs Eustace Reag, Bourne, Masles, W. J. Roberts, Kelly, Grant, Pitzelka, G. H Roberts, Gales, Tudmuck, Hunt, C. R. Reag, Rev D A Cannon & Major Bolton

Welcome

The President welcomed Mr C. R. Reag who responded

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of August 13 were read & confirmed

Minutes of Finance

The Secretary reported the result of the Conference between the Library & the House Committee. The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for August & had found them correct. The payments of accounts amounting to £501-15-4 as shown on page 62/64 of the cash book was recommended. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Eustace Reag & Masles.

Library Committee

The Library Committee reported that it had adopted the recommendations of the Conference with the House Committee

- 1. That the magazine table shelves in the library be altered as recommended by the Librarian

This was carried on the motion of Messrs Gales & G. H Roberts

2. That four chairs (a The Ladies corner be procured at a cost of £2 each (8 couple hammock) from John Lewis. This was carried on the motion of Mrs Gales & Hunt

3. Reading Room Table. The Committee recommended that the large table be cut down & rebuilt to be in conformity with the pyramidal shaped table.

Mr Grant asked if this alteration had been the result of any requests by members. On being informed that no such request had been made he moved

"That no action be taken". The motion was seconded

by Major Bolton. Mr Eustace Reag moved & Mr Cannon seconded that the matter be postponed until the November meeting.

The amendment was adopted & presented as a substantive motion was carried.

The Report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Gales & G. H Roberts

The President was appointed Chairman for Mr Parlett's loss Section on September 24

8.10.37. A. Law. D.D. Chairman

Library Committee Lecture

Minutes

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on October 8, 1937

Present The President Mrs. Wigg, C.P. Regg Hunt - Gatis Pletzku Bourr G.H. Roberts Fielding Brambridge Grant, Robinson, Redmanck & Major Bolton

apologies were received from Mrs. Gatis Richard Regg & G.H. Roberts the Rev. D. Cameron

Minutes The minutes of meeting of September 10 were read & approved

Lectures Mr. Grant suggested that steps should be taken to ensure more satisfactory attendances at lectures & that the subjects should be made more popular. On the suggestion of Major Bolton Mr. Pletzku Mr. Grant was appointed to the lecture committee. Major Bolton was appointed chairman for Mr. Clapps lecture on October 29.

Reading Room table The Secretary reported that the library committee asked that the question of alterations deferred to the November meeting should be reserved & the matter recommitted. Mr. Robinson moved & Mr. Fielding seconded that the matter be recommitted & discussed. After some discussion the motion was withdrawn.

Times Book Club The library committee reported that a letter had been received from the Times Book Club expressing the opinion that the Institution was "buying on the most favorable terms obtainable from Publishers" offering cordial cooperation. The library committee recommended that the Times Book Club be thanked for its letter of offer. The library committee also reported that the secretary & the librarian would prepare a scheme to make the quarters yet more attractive.

accounts The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for September & had found them correct & in payment.

accounts amounting to £797.7.8 is shown on pages 65, 66 & 67 of the cash book was recommended. The Report was adopted on the motion of Mrs. Regg & Pletzku.

The Treasurer produced a statement of the accounts for nine months with a comparison with the same period of 1936. He explained it in detail & the statement was received & approved.

The secretary reported that there had been two sudden fires in the lockers & what had been done with the damage had been done. It was decided to order the fire extinguishers which would be under the control & inspection of the fire brigade. 12.11.37 Confirmed. Howard D. Chairman

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on 12th November 1937

Present The President Mrs. G.H. Roberts Cathbert Regg Boggs, Masler, Gatis, Kelly, Brambridge G.H. Roberts Bourr, Grant Pletzku Hunt The Rev. D. Cameron, & Major Bolton

apologies were received from Mrs. C.R. Regg Redmanck Fielding & Robinson

Minutes The minutes of meeting of October 6 were read & approved.

answers out of members The discussion regarding the alteration to the timetable in the Reading room was deferred at the request of Mr. Robinson who was unable to attend.

shop 186 a letter from Mr. Karberg head of Shop 186 Collins St was received. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee it was decided on the motion of Major Bolton & Mr. Gatis to inform him that tenders for a four years lease would close on November 26 at noon.

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had

audited the books & accounts for October & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £385-9-0 as shown on pages 68/70 was recommended. The Treasurer in moving the adoption of the report gave comparative figures for the first ten months of 1936 & 1937. Major Bolton seconded the motion which was carried.

Library
lecture

The report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Walsh & Mr Biggs. The secretary reported that Mr Clapp's lecture had been well attended about 750 being present. Mr Biggs was appointed to act as chairman at the final lecture of the year which will be held by Mr G. J. Jones on November 26.

Comptrolr A. Law. F.D. Chairman
10th December 1937.

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on December 10. 1937

Present

The President Mr Gals Begg's M.P. Roberts, Markes, Robinson, Redinick, Grant Hunt, Bour, Pietzker, G.H. Roberts, Kelly, Brambridge C.P. Reag, Mr R. D. Cannon & Major Bolton.

apology

an apology was received from Mr C. R. Begg. The minutes of meeting of November 12 were read & confirmed.

minutes

Treasurer

The Treasurer reported on behalf of the Finance Committee that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for November & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £808.2.6 as shown on pages 71/73 of the cash book. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Begg & Mr Markes. The Treasurer also read a statement showing the expected

Reading Room table

receipts & expenditure for December for the year & the recommendation of a conference between the House Committee & the Library Committee regarding alterations to the large table in the Reading Room was considered. Mr Robinson moved & Mr Begg seconded that the recommendations of the Conference be adopted. The motion was lost by 14 votes to 3. An application was received from the Librarian asking that his 1937 & 1938 holidays should be amalgamated & that he should be given an extra two or three weeks to enable him to take an extended holiday in the winter. Mr Walsh moved & Mr Redinick seconded

Librarian

"that the general committee cordially agrees to Mr Redinick's application and grants him three months leave of absence on full salary".

Staff/Holiday

The secretary presented a list showing the proposed arrangements for staff holidays. Mr Begg's moved & Mr Brambridge seconded that with this exception that all members of the clerical staff who had been four years in the continuous service of the Institution be granted three weeks annual leave.

Mr Redinick

an application by the tenant of Shop 184 to be allowed to erect a neon sign on the face of his shop was granted subject to the work being done in accordance with regulations with the consent of the Fire Authorities as provided in the supervision of the Hon architect. Word by Mr Bolton & Mr Markes & Mr E. E. Kelly was thanked for his gift of an electric fan to the library.

Gift

Library

T. Col

The report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Gals & Mr Begg's. Members were entertained after work by the president.

William Bolton
14-12-38. act. of chairman