

Present

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on January 14, 1938  
Major Bolton (Chair) Mrs Judding Kelly Grant Robinson, Gates, Hunt; Bourne, Pitzscker, Bannbridge, Maslin, Beaggs, C. R. Beag, C. P. Beag, W. J. Roberts - G. H. Roberts & Mrs A. Cameron

Apology minutes

an apology was received from Mr. President. The minutes of meeting of December 10 were read & approved.

Accounts

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts (of December) and found them correct. The report included the passing of accounts amounting to £96. 18. 7 as shown on pages 74/75 of the Cash Book. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Treasurer, Mr. Bourne.

Balance Sheet

The Treasurer produced the draft balance sheet & explained various items. On the motion of Mr. Cameron & Mr. W. J. Roberts it was decided to send the balance sheet on to the auditors & then to submit it to the annual meeting.

Report

The annual report was left to the President & Secretary, W. J. Roberts.

Elections

The date of the annual meeting was approved as for January 28. Nominations to close on January 20 & if necessary for an election such election to be held on February 1. The Secretary was asked with Mr. Pullman to set arrangements open.

President

After a long discussion on the question of re-electing a President for a second year it was decided on the motion of Mr. G. H. Roberts & Mr. C. P. Beag  
"That this Committee approves the principle of the President being elected for one year only except in special circumstances"

Libraries

The report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. G. H. Roberts. The Secretary's application for leave of absence on annual holiday from Feb 5 for three weeks was granted on the motion of Mrs Beaggs & Hunt. Mr. Beaggs was acting Secretary. Mr. Bolton to be duly notified.

Secretary's leave

Mr Pitzscker

Mr. Pitzscker announced his resignation as a member of Committee owing to pressure of business. The resignation was accepted on the motion of Mrs Beaggs & Judding & it was decided to record the appreciation of Mr. Pitzscker's services & trust at his resignation.

Mr Law

Mr C. P. Beag moved & Mr. Hunt seconded "that the Committee express its pleasure & appreciation at Mr. Law's services as chairman during her term of office" the motion was supported by Mr. G. H. Roberts & Mr. Beaggs. The chairman entertained members at afternoon tea.

Chairman

William Bolton  
11/2/38

Minutes of the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting held  
on January 28. 1938

Present: The returning President (Dr. Thoms) in the chair  
Major Bolton (President elect) Mrs. Beags Galtie  
Tredinnick, G. H. Roberts, A. Burr, M. F. Burke  
and 20 members

apologies were received from Mrs. Cuthbert Rigg  
Robinson, Fielding, Genl. Wigg Masters  
J. W. Roberts & the Rev. D. A. Cameron

Work: The Secretary read the notice convening the  
meeting

Minutes: The minutes of Annual meeting of January  
29 1937 having been approved by the  
General Committee were on the motion  
of the Chairman Roberts taken and  
approved.

Annual Report: The annual report & balance sheet were taken  
as read on the motion of the Chairman &  
Mr. Tredinnick.

The Chairman moved & Mr. Tredinnick seconded  
that the annual Report & Balance Sheet be  
adopted. The Chairman said that the Institution  
should be congratulated on the satisfactory Report  
& Balance Sheet. The Committee had done  
admirable work. It was a fine thing to see busy  
men giving up their time & attention & then painstaking  
care to all the details of the work.

Mr. Tredinnick in the absence through illness  
of Mr. Cuthbert Rigg the Treasurer in handing  
the description compared the figures with those  
of the previous year. The Institution gave members  
very much more than a guinea's service for  
the subscription & the Committee was glad to accept  
in giving so much.

Mr. Beags in supporting the motion thought some  
means should be devised to bring the President &  
Committee into closer touch with members. The

THE  
**Melbourne Athenæum.**

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1937.

**President:**  
THE REV. DR. A. LAW

**Immediate Past President:**  
L. V. BIGGS, Esq.

**Vice-President:**  
MAJOR WILLIAM BOLTON

**Hon. Treasurer:**  
CUTHBERT P. RIGG, Esq.

**Trustees:**  
MESSRS. G. H. WIGG, CUTHBERT P. RIGG,  
AMOS BURR.

**Committee:**

VERY REV. D. A. CAMERON.	MR. E. W. ROBINSON
MR. A. J. MASTERS.	" J. B. GRUT.
" J. A. PIETZCKER.	" W. J. ROBERTS.
" G. H. ROBERTS.	" E. E. KELLY.
" W. F. GATES.	" W. J. TREDINNICK
" G. A. FIELDING.	" J. W. BAINBRIDGE
" H. A. HUNT.	" C. R. RIGG

**Librarian:**  
M. DE PLEDGE.

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

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

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED

WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM.  
31st DECEMBER, 1937.

	BUILDING.			LIBRARY.			TOTAL.					
							£90 8 8					
To Balance at 1/1/37				£2,648	4	9	£2,648	4	9			
„ Subscriptions							3,966	14	6			
„ Rents	£3,966	14	6	156	4	2	156	4	2			
„ Sales							225	0	0			
„ Sundries	225	0	0	118	3	2	118	3	2	7,114	6	7
„ Rail. & Postage Refunds												

„ Balance, Library Account,	£4,191	14	6	£2,922	12	1	£7,114	6	7	£7,204	15	3
Deficiency				1,447	8	2						
	£4,191	14	6	£4,370	0	3						

January 17, 1938.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT

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
Value of Library	1,500	0 0
Value of Furniture	500	0 0
Bank Balance	324	11 6
	£85,327	5 6

	BUILDING.			LIBRARY.			TOTAL.					
By Interest	£458	10	2				£458	10	2			
„ Salaries and Wages	585	0	2	£1,565	3	4	2,150	3	6			
„ Books, Magazines, etc.				1,617	9	0	1,617	9	0			
„ Light, Heat and Power	128	12	9	128	12	10	257	5	7			
„ Repairs	58	18	0	23	2	5	82	0	5			
„ Goods and Sundries	71	9	5	71	9	5	142	18	10			
„ Rates and Taxes	809	2	9				809	2	9			
„ Insurance	291	4	4	15	10	4	306	14	8			
„ Binding				159	16	9	159	16	9			
„ Printing and Stationery				114	3	8	114	3	8			
„ Postages and Petty Cash	25	0	0	75	2	0	100	2	0			
„ Rail. & Postage Refunds				118	3	2	118	3	2			
„ Advertising				70	10	6	70	10	6			
„ Auditors	13	2	6	39	7	6	52	10	0			
„ Law Costs	39	5	7				39	5	7			
„ Lift Maintenance	20	13	4	20	13	4	41	6	8			
„ Bank Charges and Exch.				307	19	1	307	19	1			
„ Furniture and Equipment				33	12	6	33	12	6			
„ Telephone	9	4	6	9	4	5	18	8	11			
„ Balance—												
Cash in Bank and in Hand										324	11	6
„ Balance, Building A/c., Surplus	£2,510	3	6	£4,370	0	3	£6,880	3	9	£7,204	15	3
	1,681	11	0									
	£4,191	14	6	£4,370	0	3						

Audited and found correct.

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

OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

LIABILITIES.		
Loans under Mortgage, due July, 1939, at 4½ per cent.	£10,750	0 0
Balance (subject to Lease as per Contra)	74,577	5 6
	£85,327	5 6

CUTHBERT RIGG, Treasurer.

# The Melbourne Athenæum.



188 COLLINS STREET, MELBOURNE

January 13, 1938.

NOTICE is hereby given that—

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Institution will be held in the Art Gallery, on **Friday, January 28,** at **Eight p.m.**

Your attendance is requested.

BUSINESS.—Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

General.

R. W. E. WILMOT, *Secretary.*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

OF THE

# MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM,

FOR THE YEAR 1937.

To be submitted to the Members at the General Meeting,  
Friday, January 28, 1938, at 8 p.m.

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submits its report of the transactions of the year 1937, which is the ninety-eighth since the foundation of the Institution.

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

The President, DR. A. LAW .. .. .	attended	9
The Vice-President, MAJOR BOLTON .. .. .	"	12
Trustee, MR. G. H. WIGG .. .. .	"	1
Trustee and Treasurer, MR. CUTHBERT RIGG .. .. .	"	12
Trustee, MR. W. A. CALLAWAY .. .. .	"	2
Immediate Past President, MR. L. V. BIGGS .. .. .	"	5

COMMITTEE					
Mr. Masters .. .. .	attended	11	Mr. Hunt .. .. .	attended	12
Mr. G. H. Roberts .. .. .	"	9	Very Rev. D. A. Cameron .. .. .	"	9
Mr. Fielding .. .. .	"	6	Mr. A. C. Mills .. .. .	"	2
Mr. Robinson .. .. .	"	8	Mr. W. J. Roberts .. .. .	"	10
Mr. Grut .. .. .	"	12	Mr. Kelly .. .. .	"	11
Mr. Pietzcker .. .. .	"	4	Mr. Tredinnick .. .. .	"	8
Mr. Gates .. .. .	"	11	Mr. Bainbridge .. .. .	"	4
			Mr. C. R. Rigg .. .. .	"	2

The Finance Committee, Messrs. Rigg (Chairman), Masters, Grut, Wigg, W. J. Roberts, Kelly, Burr, C. R. Rigg, Bainbridge, Major Bolton and the President; the Library Committee, Messrs. Gates (Chairman), Biggs, G. H.

Roberts, Hunt, Fielding, Robinson, Tredinnick, the President and the Treasurer; the House Committee, Major Bolton (Chairman), Messrs. Hunt, Tredinnick, the Very Rev. D. A. Cameron, the President and the Treasurer, 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, G. H. Roberts, Fielding, Robinson, Grut, C. R. Rigg and J. W. Bainbridge.

Your Committee records with deep regret the death of Mr. W. A. Callaway, the Senior Trustee of The Institution. Mr. Callaway had been a member since 1873, and thus had an unbroken record of membership of 64 years. He was elected to the Committee in 1891, and he was appointed a Trustee in 1912. He had been an enthusiastic worker for The Institution for 46 years. His wide experience and sound judgment were highly appreciated, and his colleagues mourn the loss of a wise counsellor.

Mr. Amos Burr was elected to the vacant Trusteeship on May 9, 1937.

Mr. J. W. Bainbridge was elected to the vacancy on the Committee caused by the appointment of Mr. Burr as Trustee on June 11, 1937.

Mr. A. C. Mills resigned from the Committee on July 16, on account of pressure of business, and was thanked for his services.

Mr. C. R. Rigg was appointed to the vacancy on August 13.

Mr. J. A. Pietzcker resigned from the Committee on January 14, 1938, and was thanked for his services, extending over nine years.

FINANCIAL.—The statement of accounts is again shown in columnar form, under the headings of Building and Library. The main object of this is to enable members to realise the value of the service they receive.

The gross receipts from all sources amounted to £7,114/6/7, an increase of £69/0/3 on the amount received in 1936 (£7,045/6/4).

The gross expenditure amounted to £6,880/3/9, a reduction of £256/10/6 on the figures of 1936 (£7,136/14/3).

Commencing the year with a credit balance of £90/8/8, there was a credit balance of £324/11/6 at December 31, 1937.

In view of the improved financial position, the Committee was able to restore to the staff the reduction of 10 per cent. made in salaries and wages.

The Building Account is credited with all rents received. It has charged against it Interest (£458/10/2), Rates and Taxes (£809/2/9) and Law Costs (£39/5/7). In the other items the charges are divided between the Building and Library Accounts in proportion to the services rendered.

The Library Account is credited with the amount received from subscriptions (£2,648/4/9) and Sales (£156/4/2). The main charges against the Library are Books, Magazines and Newspapers (£1,617/9/-), Exchange and Bank Charges (£307/19/1), and Salaries and Wages (proportion, £1,565/3/4).

It will be seen from the statement that the Building Account shows a surplus of £1,681/11/-, and the Library Account shows a deficiency of £1,447/8/2.

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.
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
1937 . . .	2648 4 9	1617 9 0	7114 6 7

**THE LIBRARY.**—Although the amount received in subscriptions shows a slight decrease, the popularity of the Library and Reading Room has by no means lessened. The competition of libraries in the suburbs and in city commercial houses is still strong and has to be seriously combatted. 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.

Early in the year your Committee considered the report of Mr. W. C. Baud, a senior member of the staff of the Public Library, regarding the reclassification and rearrangement of the Library. Mr. Baud's recommendations were adopted and the work, which entailed a deal of skill and labour, was carried out by the Librarian and his staff. The result was satisfactory, for the pressure on shelf space was immediately reduced and enabled the books to be more easily reached. The Library has never been in better condition than it is at present, and under the new arrangements the comfort of members, as well as the rendering of more efficient service to them, have been carefully considered.

The supply of books, magazines and newspapers has been increased, but improved buying methods have resulted in considerable reduction of cost.

Your Committee feels that the advantages provided by the Library should be more widely known, and it urges members to do all in their power to enlist new members. The quarterly lists of books added to the Library provide much information, and members are invited to distribute these among their friends.

Your Committee acknowledges with thanks the gift by Mr. E. E. Kelly of an electric fan for the Library.

The following donations of works have been kindly made:—

- The Australian Chivalry, by J. A. Pietzeker, Esq.
- For the Term of His Natural Life, by Filmore Clarke, Esq.
- The Australian Stamp Monthly, by A. A. Rosenblum, Esq.
- Headway, by Miss Colville.
- The Australian Board of Missions Review, by A.B.M. Society.
- The Church of England Messenger, by the Diocese of Melbourne.
- The Theosophist, by the Theosophical Society.
- The Presbyterian Messenger, by Messrs. Arbuckle, Waddell Pty. Ltd.
- The Christian Science Monitor and Sentinel, from First Church of Christ Scientist, Melbourne.
- The Commonwealth, by the Rev. Dr. Chas. Strong.
- The New Zealand Local Authority Handbook, by the Government of New Zealand.
- 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.

**MELBOURNE CHESS CLUB.**—The new agreement with the Melbourne Chess Club, whereby it becomes the tenant of The Institution, came into force on April 1, 1937. The new arrangement is working satisfactorily, and your Committee looks forward to the club making great progress. The Chess Club had a formal opening of its rooms on August 21, 1937, when Sir Isaac Isaacs performed the ceremony. The President of the Club, Mr. L. V. Biggs, entertained a large company at afternoon tea. The club is increasing steadily.

**PLAY READING SOCIETY.**—The Play Reading Society has held regular monthly meetings. The enthusiasm of its executive has not, however, been adequately supported. Your Committee urges members to support the society by their attendance. The meetings, which are held on the third Friday in each month, are open to members of The Institution, who are cordially invited to attend. The section in the Library which is devoted to plays is very popular, and those members who attend the meetings of the Play Reading Society derive much benefit therefrom.

**ART GALLERY.**—The Art Gallery continues to be most popular, and some notable exhibitions were held during the year.

Art exhibitions were held by Messrs. John Sefton, H. Septimus Power, Max Meldrum, W. Hunter, John Farmer, John W. Elescher (sculptor), Miles Evergood, Charles Wheeler, Harley C. Griffiths, John Gardner, John Eldershaw and Sir Arthur Streeton; Misses Alma Figuerola, Jo Sweatman and Cumbrae Stewart. Combined exhibitions were also held by "Group 12," The New Melbourne Art Club, The Contemporary Art Group, Twenty Melbourne Painters, Melbourne Society of Women Painters, The Victorian Salon of Photography and The New Group.

That the gallery still retains its position as the best in Melbourne is shown by the continued support it receives from artists and the general public, and by the fact that there are no vacant dates and a waiting list has had to be established.

**LECTURES.**—A series of lectures held during the year on "Public Utilities" proved popular, and the attendances showed a marked increase on previous years.

The lectures were:—"From the Fire Brigade Watch Tower," Mr. John Wilkins, Chief Officer, Metropolitan Fire Brigade (Chairman, Major William Bolton); "Some Sidelights on the Board of Works," Mr. F. L. King, Secretary, Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works (Chairman, Mr. W. F. Gates); "The Romance of the Post Office," Mr. R. N. Partington, Deputy Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Melbourne (Chairman, the President, the Rev. Dr. A. Law); "Railways Far and Wide," Mr. Harold Clapp, Chairman, Victorian Railways Commissioners (Chairman, Major William Bolton); "The Service Behind the Switch," Mr. G. G. Jobbins, Engineer and Manager, Electricity Supply Department, State Electricity Commission (Chairman, Mr. L. V. Biggs).

The thanks of The Institution are due to the lecturers for their services.

A. LAW, President.

R. W. E. WILMOT, Secretary.

## 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  
Leader  
Presbyterian Messenger  
Spectator  
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 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  
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 News  
Studio

#### Sunday Companion

Sunday At Home  
Tablet  
Tatler  
Time and Tide  
Truth (London)  
Vogue  
Women'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  
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.		
<b>British.</b>	Nineteenth Century	Judge
Adelphi	Pearson's	Magazine Digest
Argosy	Quarterly Review	Modern Mechanix
Blackwood's	Round Table	National Geographical
Chambers' Journal	Strand	New Yorker
Contemporary Review	Wide World	North American Review
Cornhill	Windsor	Photo-Play
Discovery	World Review	Physical Culture
English Review	<b>American.</b>	Popular Mechanics
Fortnightly Review	Adventure	Popular Science
Geographical Magazine	American Mercury	Psychology Digest
Gramophone	Atlantic Monthly	Readers Digest
Grand	Blue Book	Red Book
Hibbert Journal	Book Digest	Review of Reviews
Mercury	Collier's	Saturday Evening Post
Musical Times	Complete Stories	Science Digest
Nash's	Coronet	Scribner's
National Review	Cosmopolitan	Time
New Criterion Quarterly	Current History	World Digest
	Esquire	<b>French.</b>
	Etude	Revue des Deux Mondes
	Forum	Revue de Paris
	Good Housekeeping	<b>Australasian.</b>
	Harper's	Life

## 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

The Library and Reading Room are open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, except Sundays, Christmas Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day.

Institution should be the head quarters of all the literary & cultural societies in Melbourne. They might offer a purse of say £100 for the best portrait of the year painted by an Australian an annual dinner for the writers of Melbourne & the artists would bring the Institution into closer relationship with the literary & artistic world & Mr R O Kifford supported Mr Biggs & said he thought members should be encouraged regarding the annual meeting & so secure a larger attendance Mr Bates thought the small attendance was due to general apathy Mr Roche thought that so few attended the annual meeting because members were satisfied with the management. Personally he thought there should be more smoking room accommodation The motion was carried &

The chairman announced that there had been only sufficient nominations for the various positions & declared the following elected &

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
<u>PRESIDENT</u>	MAJOR WM. BOLTON, J.P.	A. Law, D.D.	G. H. Roberts
<u>VICE-PRESIDENT</u>	MR. GEORGE FIELDING	L. V. Biggs	E. W. Robinson
<u>TREASURER</u>	MR. CUTHBERT RIGG	W. J. Roberts	William Bolton
<u>COMMITTEE</u>	MR. J. W. BAINBRIDGE	Cuthbert Rigg	William Bolton
	MR. L. V. BIGGS	A. Burr	E. Edwards Kelly
	MR. M. F. BURKE	Cuthbert Rigg	Edmund F. Shapley
	MR. J. B. GRUT	William Bolton	E. E. Kelly
	MR. A. J. MASTERS	Cuthbert Rigg	William Bolton
	MR. C. R. RIGG	A. Burr	William Bolton
	MR. G. H. ROBERTS	A. Burr	W. J. Roberts
	MR. E. W. ROBINSON	W. J. Roberts	William Bolton

Mr Law then retired from the Chair & in his stead Mr Major Bolton congratulated him. Major Bolton had done the Institution great service as chairman of the House





No 186 Wm Roberts h<sup>o</sup> as a floor stocking shop was granted on the motion of Mr Boulton & H Roberts the following sub committees were appointed for the year

<u>FINANCE</u>	<u>LIBRARY</u>	<u>HOUSE</u>	<u>LECTURES</u>
The President	The President	The President	The President
The Treasurer	The Treasurer	The Treasurer	The Treasurer
Bainbridge, Mr. J. W.	Biggs, Mr. L. V.	Cameron, <sup>Very</sup> Rev. D. A.	Biggs, Mr. L. V.
Burke, Mr. M. F.	Fielding, Mr. Geo. A.	Grut, Mr. J. B.	Grut, Mr. J. B.
Burr, Mr. A.	Gates, Mr. W. F.	Hunt, Mr. H. A.	Hunt, Mr. H. A.
Grut, Mr. J. B.	Hunt, Mr. H. A.	Tredinnick, Mr. W. H.	Kelly, Mr. E. E.
Kelly, Mr. E. E.	Roberts, Mr. G. H.		Law, Rev. Dr. A.
Masters, Mr. A. J.	Robinson, Mr. E. W.		
Roberts, Mr. W. J.	Tredinnick, Mr. W. H.		
Wigg, Mr. G. H.	LAW Rev D. A.		
Rigg, Mr. C. R.			

Left wall The secretary reported that that day a large piece of concrete had fallen in the left wall & had crushed through the roof of the lift. Fortunately no one was in the lift at the moment. He had at once sent for Mr. Suptell (the architect) & Mr. Probert (Edmundson & Co. civil & lift contractors) It was found that some loose concrete had been left on the top of the wall of the lift & the piece which had been destroyed by vibration & the top of the wall had now been cleared & Mr Suptell had reported that all was now safe &

Library The Report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Gates & Mr Roberts. It was decided to ask Mr Suptell for a report on the condition of the front of the building & to call a meeting of the House Committee to discuss the work that should be done &

The President entertained members & staff upon the

William Bolton 11/3/38

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on March 11. 1938

Present: Mason Boulton (Chair) Wm Biggs, Delaney, Hunt, W J Roberts, H Roberts, Redinwick, Kelly, G. H. Hunt, Bainbridge, Boulton, Culbert Rigg, C. R. Rigg, Rigg, Trasher, Burr, Rigg, & Cannon. Apologies were received from W Ham & W. R. Mason.

Minutes of meeting of February 11 were read & confirmed.

Mr French a letter of resignation was received from Mr A. French who had been a member of the Institution since 1881. It was decided on the motion of Mr. Grut & Mr. H Roberts to accept the resignation with regret & to thank Mr French for his letter & to wish him to use the Reading room whenever he so desired.

It was decided on the motion of Mr Biggs & Mr. Redinwick that a sub-committee consisting of the President, the Vice President & the Secretary, with the mover be appointed to meet the Representatives of the Pleas Reading Society & the Red Cross Society, upon an application from the Red Cross Society, upon permission to use the Theatre on a Sunday night & the Secretary read a letter from Mr. Redinwick setting forth his views as to the legal position & also gave an account of his interview with Mr. Deane (the Solicitor). The matter was referred to the House Committee with power to act &

Mr Boulton an application to Dr. G. T. G. for permission to erect advertising signs over the entrance was referred to the House Committee with power to act &

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the Auditors had audited the books & accounts for February & had found them correct & the Balance of accounts amounting to £654 - 18. 3 as shown on page 78/80 of the Cash book was recommended. The Treasurer in moving the adoption of the report

gave the usual comparative reports. The motion was seconded by Mr Grant & carried.

Chairmen

The secretary reported that the various committees had elected their chairmen thus

Finance Mr Culbert Pegg

Library Mr Fielding

House Mrs Broton

Lecture Mr Pegg

The President saluted members at afternoon tea & was thanked for his hospitality by Mr Grant

tea

William Bolton 7/4/38.

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on 8th April 1938

Present (Mrs Broton (Chair) Mr C.P. Pegg, Burr, Grant Bourke, Mr Roberts, G. H. Roberts, Pegg, Kelly, Redman, Hunt, Baulbridge & others

apologies were received from Mrs Cannon, Pegg, Mastin, Robinson, C.P. Pegg

The minutes of March 11 were read & approved. A letter from Frank Pegg L<sup>o</sup> regarding repairs in bond of the building was presented to the House Committee with power to act.

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for March that found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £ 503-9-2 as shown on pages 81/2 of the cash book was recommended.

The Treasurer in moving the adoption of the report gave the comparative statement Mr Pegg seconded the adoption of was carried.

It was decided to elect a deputation from the Play Reading Society before the next meeting on a date to be fixed by the President.

The list of lectures arranged was presented & adopted on the motion of Mr Grant & Mr Pegg & Mr Law.

Play Reading

lectures

was appointed Chairman for the next lecture to be given by Mrs Stephanie Taylor.

Gashealer

The Gas Company reported that the heater would be installed immediately & they would give an undertaking regarding premises having no delinquency affect.

Mr Fielding

Mr Fielding asked that his leave be deferred to the present as his D<sup>o</sup> did not want him to go away at present.

Mr Pegg

The date of the next meeting was fixed for May 20. At the conclusion of the meeting Mr Pegg saluted members at afternoon tea.

William Bolton 20/5/38. Pres.

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on May 20 1938

Present Mrs Broton (Chair) C.P. Pegg, Burr, W.F. Roberts, G. H. Roberts, Grant Bourke, Mastin, Redman, Baulbridge, Kelly, Pegg, Hunt;

apologies were received from Mr Law, Mr Fielding, Robinson, C.P. Pegg & the Rev D.A. Cannon

The minutes of meeting of April 8 were read & approved.

The application by Frank Pegg L<sup>o</sup> was allowed to install a neon sign in the words "The Athenaeum Library & Theatre" in the same position as the sign at present was granted on the motion of Mr Grant & Mr Baulbridge on condition that the cost of installation & running be borne by Frank Pegg L<sup>o</sup> for a term concurrent with the contract to be entered into by them with the Neon Co. to be recommended to the work to be carried out to the satisfaction of the City Council.

Branch of Health & Fireman units and of the Honorary audited.

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for April that found them correct. Personal accounts amounting to £ 629/9/8 as shown on pages 83/5 of the cash book was approved on the motion of Mr Pegg & Mr Pegg.

The Treasurer giving the usual comparative statement &

accounts

Play Reading Society

The report of the deputation of the Play Reading Society as shown hereunder was read by the Secretary Mr. Biggs explained what had happened. The secretary suggested that a special evening should be set apart for a meeting of the Play Reading Society, should be held at which a play should be read & an address of interest to Play Readers should be given, that for this meeting a circular should be prepared & sent without known to interested that invitations should also be issued. If the Committee approved the principle the details might be worked out by him with reference to the Secretary of the Play Reading Society - subject to the President's approval the necessary arrangements should be made. This suggestion was adopted on the motion of Mr. Tadeusz or Mr. Brambridge.

Secretary

The secretary reported that his Stephen Taylor lecture had been well attended about 150 being present & that was appreciated chairman for Mr. Tadeusz or Mr. Brambridge.

Mr. Pitts

on the motion of Mr. Brambridge it was decided to appoint Mr. Pitts an honorary member in recognition of services rendered to the Institution.

President

The President reported that during his visit to Oxford & Durham he had visited various libraries & had been most courteously received. His inspection had convinced him that none of these except the Council the British Library are superior to the Arthurian. He had visited the Mitchell Library, Sydney Municipal Library, the Reference Library, the School of Arts in Sydney & the Reference Library, School of Arts in Brisbane. The President was thanked for his report & the secretary was instructed to write to the various libraries thanking them for the courtesies shown & offering appreciation.

William Bolton

10/6/38

PLAY-READING SOCIETY

The deputation from the Play-Reading Society asked for by its President, Mr. Wolskel, met the Sub-Committee Major Bolton and Mr. Biggs on Thursday, May 19 (Mr. Fielding was unavoidably absent).

Mr. Scott Murphy propounded a scheme whereby he thought fresh interest would be aroused. The Society found itself hampered by lack of members and money. He thought that membership of the Society should be thrown open to all members of the Institution and that the Committee should make a grant to the Society. They would like to have associate members who would pay say 5/- to the Society but need not be members of the Institution. Play-Reading was definitely a branch of culture and as such should be encouraged. He thought that the Committee had power under its constitution to help the Society, and referred particularly to Rule 43. The rules of the Institution were bald and should be extended if power did not already exist. Rule 2 provided for "the establishment of classes", and he thought Play-Reading could reasonably come under that heading.

Mr. Shaw supported Mr. Murphy.

Mrs. McLeod (Hon. Secretary) said the Society could not afford to buy plays to read, and a special grant for this and for publicity would help to put the Society on a firm basis. As it was, there were so few members that they could not get along. If the Committee would help by circularising members, she thought that many interested could be enlisted: otherwise the Society would have to go on as it was. She thought the assistance asked for would induce new members to join the Institution. The publicity and expense of Lectures had helped the Institution.

The deputation from the Play-Reading Society asked for by the President, Mr. Walsby, and the sub-committee (Mr. Bolton and Mr. Higgs on Thursday, May 19) (Mr. Walsby was unavoidably absent). Mr. Scott Murphy proposed a scheme whereby the Society should be interested in the play-reading movement. The Society should be interested by lack of members and money. He thought that membership of the Society should be thrown open to all members of the Institution and that the Committee should make a grant to the Society. They would like to have associate members who would pay say 2/- to the Society but need not be members of the Institution. Play-reading was definitely a branch of culture and as such should be encouraged. He thought that the Committee had power under its constitution to help the Society, and referred particularly to rule 23. The rules of the Institution were laid and should be extended if power did not already exist. Rule 2 provided for the establishment of classes, and he thought play-reading could reasonably come under that heading. Mr. Shaw supported Mr. Murphy. Mrs. Mead (Hon. Secretary) said the Society could not afford to buy plays to read, and a special grant for this and for publicity would help to put the Society on a firm basis. As it was, there were so few members that they could not get along. If the Committee would help by circulating members, she thought that many interested could be enlisted. Otherwise the Society would have to look on as it was. She thought the assistance asked for would induce new members to join the Institution. The publicity and expense of lectures had helped the Institution.

Mr. Biggs thought something on the lines suggested could be done but the "associates" proposal might not be possible. Mr. Murphy said that a grant of £10 might suffice and would be very acceptable.

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on June 10 1938

Present - Major Proctor (chair) Mrs E.P. Rigg, E.R. Rigg Hunt Progers Wigg W.J. Roberts, G.H. Roberts, Burr, Guel Robinson, Burke, Redinick, Fiddings, Galis, Bambridge & W.D.A. Cameron

apology an apology was received from Mr Proctor & accepted

Minutes The minutes of meeting of May 20 were read & confirmed. The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts & had found them correct. The balance of accounts amounting to £681. 10 10 as shown on pages 86/88 of the cash book was recommended. The Treasurer in moving the adoption of the report gave the half year statement. The motion was seconded by Mr Wigg & adopted.

Library The library report was adopted on the motion of Mr Fiddings & Mr Hunt.

Let Well The secretary reported that there had been a case of water in the library. There had been considerable discussion as to the cause in order to settle the question an independent plumber had been employed. The result of his investigations had shown that the main cause was a leaking pipe from Shop 192 William St. This had been repaired. The water which had collected was the cause of the unpleasant smell Mr Guel reported that the lecture by Mr McDonald at which he had been chairman was very well attended nearly 200 being present.

lecture

Mr Pritzker The secretary read a letter from Mr Pritzker thanking the Committee for having made him an Honorary member. Mr Galis said that Mr Pritzker had a very interesting film 'The Magic of the Jungfrau' & he thought Mr Pritzker would show it if requested. The secretary was instructed to make enquiries.

Play Reading Society The secretary reported that he had had several interviews with Mr MacLeod the Hon Sec of the Play Reading Society & all arrangements for the special evening of the Society had been

Play Reading Society

Completed & the date was fixed for Friday, June 17  
 a paper on the Irish Theatre would be read by Miss  
 Rose McCarthy and Irish actors such as Lilla  
 McCarthy (Lady Keble) and scenes from  
 Clemence Dane's play Granite would be read  
 He suggested that the President Major Bolton  
 should be in the chair for the opening address & that he should then ask  
 the Chairman of the Play Reading Society  
 (Mr Wolskel) to take the chair. The report &  
 the suggestion were adopted.

Mr Depledge

The President entertained members at luncheon  
 on Monday the opportunity of bidding bon voyage  
 to Mr Depledge. The President was supported  
 by the Rev D. A. Cameron & Mr Fielding Biggs  
 G. H. Roberts & Gates.

William Bolton  
 8/7/38.

Present

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee  
 held on Friday July 8. 1938  
 Major Bolton (Chair), Miss Gates, Burr, Kelly & J  
 Roberts, Burke, Grut, Hunt, Frederick Robinson  
 Braubridge C. P. Biggs Biggs Fielding, the Rev D. A. Cameron  
 an apology was received from the Rev D. A. Cameron  
 Mr Roberts & Mr. C. R. Biggs

Apologies

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of June 10 were read & confirmed  
 a letter was read from the Librarian of the  
 Mitchell Library acknowledging the letter thanking  
 him for attention shown to the President and in saying

Correspondence

Summary of minutes

The Secretary reported that he had written to Mr Ritzken  
 conveying to him the resolution that he should be an  
 Honorary member. A letter of thanks was received  
 & Mr Ritzken had agreed to show the film "The  
 Yamahani". The date next suitable was Aug 15  
 The film would take about two hours & there would be

R. W. E. WILMOT,  
SECRETARY.

188 Collins Street,

Melbourne, July 6, 1938.

THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM  
PLAY-READING SOCIETY.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Special Meeting of the Play-Reading Society was held in the  
 Art Gallery on Friday, June 17, when about 60 people were present,  
 most of whom were non-members.

In order to give the meeting due publicity, circulars and 150  
 invitations were issued. Most of these were posted and a supply  
 was left in the Library but very few of these were taken. The  
 night was cold and wet and this may have militated against the  
 attendance. Among those present were the following members of the  
 General Committee:- Major Bolton, Messrs. Biggs, Burr, Grut and Burke.

The President of the Institution, Major Bolton, who was in the  
 chair, opened the meeting and, after welcoming those present, asked  
 Mr. Wolskel, the Chairman of the Society, to take charge.

Miss Rose McCarthy read a most interesting paper on The Irish  
 Theatre, and on its conclusion was heartily thanked.

Scenes from Clemence Dane's play "Granite" were read by Messrs.  
 Lance Nicholls, John Reid, David Reid, Will Clarkson, and Misses  
 Shirley McLeod and Margaret Reid. This was interesting and well  
 received.

At the conclusion, Mr. Wolskel and Mr. Biggs spoke of the object

PLAY-READING SOCIETY

of the meeting and I asked those present, either members or non-members, who were interested, to notify me or Mrs. McLeod, the honorary secretary of the Play-Reading Society.

So far no application has been made to me but Mrs. McLeod has had applications from two members and two non-members.

As far as I can ascertain, there are 12 members of the Play-Reading Society-

- Mr. A. Wolskel (Chairman)
- Mrs. McLeod (Hon. Secretary)
- Mr. A. Burr
- Mr. & Mrs. L. V. Biggs
- Mrs. Gardner
- Miss C. Biggs
- Mr. Howie
- Mr. G. R. Hillman
- Mr. F. J. Shaw
- Mr. R. L. Scott-Murphy
- Mr. F. Norris.

All of these are members of the Institution.

Of those who took part in the reading, Miss McLeod is the daughter of Mrs. McLeod, honorary secretary of the Society, Mr. David Reid is a member of the Institution, Mr. John Reid is his brother, Miss Reid his sister and Mr. Nicholls is his brother-in-law. Mr. Clarkson is his friend and all have engagements in connection with broadcasting.

The cost of the evening paid by the Institution was-

Stillwell & Stephens- Printing & Envelopes	2.12.0
Writing of Posters and Cards	11.6
Postages	12.6
	<u>£3.16.0</u>

The question I would like the General Committee to decide is the position of those who take part in the readings. Should they be members or are they to be regarded as artists who give their services to entertain members?



a cheque for expenses £1.5.0 on the motion of Mr  
Bourke & Mr Galt it was decided to accept the offer  
& to thank Mr Kelly for it.

The secretary reported that the work had been completed  
in the area adjoining the mill race & the leakage of water  
stopped. The area had dried out & was unpleasant  
smell had been checked

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors  
had audited the books & accounts for June  
They found them correct. The payment of  
accounts amounting to £ 631.4.2 as shown on  
page 29/30 of the cashbook was recommended.

The Treasurer in moving the adoption & vote the  
Comparative Income for the year. His motion  
was seconded by Mr Kelly & adopted

The Secretary read a report on the meeting of  
the Pear Reading Society as shown in minutes &  
Mr Briggs explained what had happened. It  
was decided on the motion of Mr Tedinock & Mr  
Galt that further consideration of the report be deferred  
until the Pear Reading Society had held a meeting.

The report of the Library Committee was adopted  
on the motion of Mr Briggs & Mr Cameron

Mr Bourne produced a copy of the Weather Bureau  
report for Victoria it was decided on the motion of  
Mr P. Rega & Mr Bourne to ask for copies from each State

The secretary reported that a member had suggested  
that an exha lecture should be given the subject  
of the C. J. Dennis & his work. on the motion of  
Mr Briggs & Mr Dickson the matter was referred to  
the Lecture Committee &

William Polton  
12-8-38.

Mr Kelly

maner

Mr Reading  
Society

Library  
Committee  
Weather Bureau  
report

C. J. Dennis

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Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Friday August 12, 1938  
Present - Messrs C.P. Regg, C. R. Regg W.J. Roberts, G. H. Roberts, Pomphrey, Ernt, G. H. Burr, Kelly Wagg Fulham Robinson  
Bourke & Regg

Present

apologies were received from Mr. Charles & Mr. Cameron  
The minutes of the meeting of July 8 were read & confirmed.

apologies

minutes

late to meeting

The Finance Committee reported that it had considered the question of the appointment of late members under rule 10 & thought the rule should be reviewed. Mr. C.P. Regg & Mr. Bourke moved & seconded that the rule be altered so as to provide for notice of motion & Mr. Fulham & Wagg moved that such notice be fixed at one month. It was decided that no action be taken in the meanwhile but that the matter be further considered.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. Law tendering his resignation as he could not attend the meetings. Mr. C.P. Regg moved & Mr. Robinson seconded that the resignation be received with regret & that Mr. Law be thanked for his services. Carried.

Mr. Law

The Finance Committee reported that the Auditors had audited the books & accounts in July & had found them correct. The Balance of accounts amounting to £434-15-7 as shown on pages 91/93 of the cash book was recommended.

Finance

Mr. Regg moved the adoption of the report & gave the usual comparative statement & Mr. Kelly seconded the motion which was adopted.

The Secretary produced copies of "Presentall Narrations" for the Commonwealth presented by the Commonwealth Melbourne & the Mining & Geological Journal presented

Presentations

NOTE—To ensure enrolment, this form must be returned to the Town Clerk, duly completed, before 31st August. In order to facilitate the preparation of the Rolls, it is requested that the form be returned as early as possible prior to that date.

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Collector's Signature } \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF MELBOURNE

ENROLMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF CORPORATIONS

Local Government Act 1891, Section 23.

(a) Postal Address. 188 Collins Street,  
MELBOURNE, C.I.  
August 12, 19 38.

To the Town Clerk,  
Melbourne.

(b) Name of Corporation. The (b) Melbourne Athenaeum

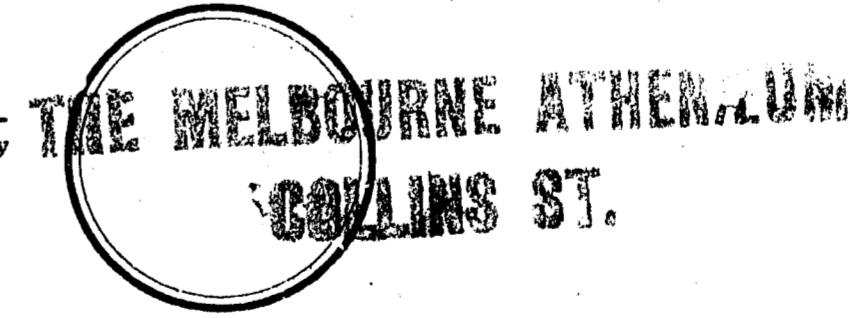
(c) "Occupier" or "Owner" of the Freehold. being the (c) Owner

(d) Set out situation of premises. of Premises known as No. (d) 184/192 Collins Street

hereby appoints the following persons to be enrolled in the place of such Corporation on the Citizen Roll for Latrobe Ward of the City of Melbourne.

- 1 George Herbert Wigg,  
75 Bamba Road, Caulfield, SE7,  
Gentleman.
- 2 Cuthbert Parker Rigg,  
23 Crimea Street, St. Kilda, S2,  
Public Accountant.
- 3 Ames Burr,  
28 Southey Street, St. Kilda, S3,  
Retired Officer of Parliament.

Seal of the Corporation to be duly affixed hereto.



Handwritten signature

NOTE—THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PARTICULARS MUST, IN EVERY CASE, BE GIVEN IN FULL.

by the main department of Victoria  
These publications were accepted on the motion  
of Mr Bourne & it was decided to thank  
the donors &

of names  
books  
articles

a letter was received from the Plum Reading  
Society on the suggestion of Mr Beags the  
matter was referred to the library committee.  
An entry referred to the matter of leaving  
papers in the library. The matter was  
referred to the chairman in report &

William Polton.  
9-9-38. Theo.

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held  
on September 9, 1938

Present

Major Polton C. P. Beag & J. H. Roberts  
Bourne Kelly, Grant Brambridge Beags Hunt Fielding  
Robinson, McQuinn & R. A. Cameron.  
apologies were received from Mrs C. Beag & Mrs  
P. Bourke

proceedings

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

minutes

accounts

The Finance Committee reported that the  
auditors had audited the books & accounts  
for August & had found them correct. The  
payment of accounts amounting to £467.1.9  
as shown on pages 94/96 of the Cashbook was  
recommended. The report was adopted on the  
motion of Mr C. P. Beag who gave the monthly  
comparison of receipts & expenditure & Mr Robinson  
The Finance Committee recommended that in  
connection with the appointment of Honorary  
members under Rule 10 no such appointment should  
be made unless notice of motion had been given.  
Mr Beags moved Mr C. P. Beag seconded "That in all appointments  
of Honorary members notice of the nomination should be given

Rule 10

Play Reading Society

Library Committee Lecture

at one meeting of the Committee and discussed and awarded at the next such women were included in the business paper carried. The secretary read the correspondence with the Play Reading Society and it was decided on the suggestion of the Library Committee on the motion of Mrs Fielding & Burr that "while sympathetic with the formation of any organization which will increase interest and assist in carrying out the objects of the Institution any further action be deferred until the next time a general circular is being issued to members when an expression of opinion on the subject of a Play reading and/or literary society will be asked for"

The report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Mrs Fielding & Burr. The secretary reported that the lecture C. J. Dennis The Poet & the Man had been given by Mr J. F. Ral the former Director of Education on August 26 Mr W. J. Roberts had been chairman & the lecture had been well attended. Mr Roberts was thanked for acting as chairman. Mr Fielding was appointed chairman for Professor Stokes lecture "The amazing Human body"

William Polton  
14/10/38.

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on October 14 1938

**Present** Mayor Prodon Mr Fielding Hunt Gates Robinson Kelly Grant Redinnek, G. Roberts Burr, Burke C. P. Reeg C. P. Reeg Mrs A. Cameron

**Apologies** Mrs W. J. Roberts, Miss Bournebridge & Hastie apologized for non attendance

**Minutes** The minutes of meeting of September 9 were read & confirmed

**Correspondence** Letters from the D. Bourne Women Pauline & Mr John Russell were read regarding the use of the lift for the carriage of goods. After discussion it was decided on the motion of Mr Kelly & Robinson that all heavy goods on the bulk of them can be brought up by the lift before 10.9.44 & after 5 p.m.

A letter from Mr L. S. A. Wake regarding the library was deferred pending a report from the library committee. The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for September & had found them correct. The balance of accounts amounted to £788.8.1 as shown on pages 97/99 of the cash book was recommended.

The Treasurer who gave the usual comparative Statement made the caption of the Report. This motion was seconded by Mr Burr & carried.

The Treasurer reported that the Finance Committee had considered the question of a Remuneration to Mr Roman for special services rendered during the absence of Mr de Please recommended that a sum of £10.10.0 be voted. The Finance Committee was also discussing further matters regarding the management of the Institution. This report was adopted on the motion of the Treasurer & Mr Burr.

**House Committee** The report of the House Committee was adopted on the motion of Mrs Kelly & Gates.

Library Committee

The report of the library committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Fielding & Mr Redmund

Lecture

The secretary reported that Professor Osborne's lecture on "The Amazing Human Body" was well attended. In the unavoidable absence of Mr Fielding Mr Burke had presided. Mr Burke was thanked for his services & the report adopted on the motion of Mr G. M. The R. D. A. Cameron  
Mr Briggs was appointed chairman for St. Vincent's lecture.

William Bolton 11/11/38

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on November 11, 1938

Present

Major Bolton (Chair) G. H. Roberts, W. J. Roberts, Kelly, Robinson, G. M., Hunt, Barr, Brambridge, Burke, Redmund, Cameron, C. P. Keeg, Briggs

Apologies

apologies were received from Mr Wigg, Mr Fielding & R. Keeg

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of October 14 were read & confirmed.

Play Reading Society

a letter was read from the Play Reading Society announcing its formation & forwarding £2.8.8 the amount to the credit of the society £2.9.9 also the letter was received.

Traffic

a letter regarding the loss of the clearance of the storm water drain was received from Dr. Roberts & P. V. agencies to his personal & the institution 1/3 of the cost. The letter was received.

Accounts

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for 1938 and had found them correct. Payment of accounts amounting to £451.2.11.01 shown in paragraph 10 of the cash book was recommended. The Finance Committee also reported that on the motion of Major Bolton it had been decided

to allow the matter of the requiring into the management of the institution indicated at its meeting on October 14 be "allowed" to be on the table.

Lecture

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Redmund who gave the monthly comparison accounts & Mr Kelly.  
Mr Briggs reported that St. Vincent's lecture on the Roman Empire which had been highly satisfactory. The secretary reported that Mr Briggs had entertained a large number of guests at the usual reception of which he had been the chairman. Mr Briggs was thanked for his services.

Christmas Day

Mr Redmund was appointed chairman of Professor Crawford's lecture.  
Mr G. M. suggested that the question of holding the school to better advantage be considered. The matter was referred to the House Committee with power to act.

It was decided on the motion of Mr G. H. Roberts & C. P. Keeg that the institution be closed on December 26 in lieu of Christmas Day.

William Bolton 9/12/38

Present

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Friday December 9, 1938

Major Bolton (Chair) G. H. Roberts, W. J. Roberts, C. P. Keeg, G. M., Robinson, Fielding, Barr, Briggs, Burke, Redmund, Kelly, G. M., Brambridge & R. D. A. Cameron

Apologies

apologies were received from Mr R. Keeg & Mr G. M.

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of November 11 were read & confirmed.

Centenary

The matter of celebrating the centenary in 1939 was left to the incoming committee on the motion of Mr Briggs & G. H. Roberts.

accounts The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for November & had found them correct. Payments of accounts amounting to £ as shown in the cashbook was recommended

The Treasurer in moving the adoption of the Report gave the comparative statement for the 11 months of the year & last year & a statement of receipts & expenditure for the month. The motion was seconded by Mr Robinson & carried

on report of the Library Committee was approved on the motion of Mr Seddons & H.R. Ault Mr Tedman as chairman of Professor Crawford's lecture reported on & was thanked for his services

annual meeting The Secretary recommended the following dates in connection with the Annual Meeting

- Date of annual meeting Wednesday January 25
- Notice to be posted " Jan 11
- Nominations close Tuesday Jan 17
- Date of election (if any) Tuesday Jan 31.

The recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr Briggs & H.R. Ault

Play Reading Society In connection with the sum of £29.9 received from the Play Reading Society, it was decided on the motion of Mr Briggs & H.R. Ault that the amount be held in trust for any similar effort

Mr Briggs asked if any steps had been taken to reduce the debt on the property - He suggested getting a grant of £200. Mr Robinson said that the Finance Committee was considering the matter.

Chairman The chairman closed the meeting by wishing all members the compliments of the season.

William Dolton Pres.  
13/1/39.

The General Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum accepts the resignation of Mr. A. J. Masters with sincere regret and with a full appreciation of his very valuable services.

Mr. Masters, who has been a member of the Institution since 1876, was elected to the Committee on October 1, 1909, and for nearly 30 years was one of the most regular and enthusiastic members. He was Vice-President in 1913 and President in 1914. His knowledge and experience of insurance were of the utmost value to the Institution. Mr. Masters and the late Mr. James Lillie were appointed a special sub-committee in 1933 to co-ordinate all the insurance policies of the Institution. As a result of the labours of this sub-committee all the policies were brought into line and a considerable saving was effected.

By his unfailing courtesy and interest Mr. Masters endeared himself to his fellow-members, who sincerely trust that he may be long spared to enjoy that rest which retirement from active work will give him.