

lecture

Chairman

Library

Book

of the Centenary celebration Special Committee
 moved that this be read as reporting
 progress. This was agreed to
 The lecture committee reported that it had
 prepared a programme for a series of lectures
 as shown + Mr Deane reported that Mr Burr
 seconded that the report be adopted + the
 committee be authorized to make the final
 arrangements carried
 The secretary reported that the various
 committees had appointed their chairmen
 thus

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| Finance | Mr C. P. Regg |
| Library | Mr Fielding |
| House | Maya Bolton |
| Lecture | Mr Biggs |
| Centenary | Mr Fielding |

The Library committee reported that it had
 transacted only routine business.
 The secretary applied to borrow books
 for three weeks as from April 17. The
 application was granted on the motion
 of Maya Bolton + Mr Robinson
 please to reacting secretary in the secretary's
 absence

Carried
 C. P. Fielding
 14.4.39

President

minutes

Mr C. P. Regg

Book

Eye

Mr R. R. R.

Minutes of meeting of General Committee held
 on Friday April 14. 1939
 Mr Fielding C. P. Regg Kely, Gert Pearce
 Braubidge Ban Burke Gales, Scott Biggs, Hunt
 Rowd + Cameron + May Bolton
 Apologies received from Mr C. P. Regg + Robinson
 The minutes of meeting of March 10 were read +
 confirmed
 A letter was read from Mr Arthur Regg resigning
 his position of treasurer for health reasons. The President
 expressed the regret of the Committee not only because
 of the loss of a valued officer but because of the
 cause. In the circumstances there was nothing to do
 but accept the resignation with regret. Mr May Bolton
 moved Mr Biggs seconded that the resignation
 be accepted with regret and that an appropriate
 resolution be prepared which should be signed by
 all the members of the Committee + further that notice
 be given for the appointment at the next meeting of
 Mr Regg as a life member carried
 An application from the Board requested for
 the use of the Board Room for an exhibition of
 antique books + manuscripts was granted
 on the motion of Mr Biggs + Scott. The use of the
 room was granted free +
 an application from the Eye + Ear Hospital for
 a gift of a year's subscription fee was read
 It was decided to reply that the letter + reserves
 what could be expressed that it was impossible
 to grant the request under the Constitution + carried
 Mr Biggs seconded by Maya Bolton.
 The secretary reported the death of Mr W. J. Roberts. The
 President moved Mr Biggs seconded that the
 Committee express the loss the institution has sustained
 in the death of Mr W. J. Roberts + that an appropriate
 letter be sent to Mr Roberts. ~~Carried~~ The motion was
 Carried all standing

Order of Motion

Sub-Committees

Chairman of the Library Committee (Mr Biggs) & the Vice President Mr Gates & Major Bolton moved

"That the Management Expenses of The Institution be enquired into by the Library and Finance Committees with the object of effecting a saving of £300 per year for the purpose of paying off the mortgage."

at the suggestion of the President Major Bolton ~~was~~ withdrew his motion and suggested that he would move it at the next meeting of the Committee. The following sub-committees were appointed for the year.

FINANCE	LIBRARY	HOUSE	LECTURES
The President	The President (Ch)	The President	The President
The Treasurer (Ch)	The Treasurer	The Treasurer	The Treasurer
Bainbridge, Mr. J. W.	Biggs, Mr. L. V.	Bolton, Mjr. W.	Biggs, Mr. L. V. (Ch)
Bolton, Mjr. W.	Gates, Mr. W. F.	Cameron, Rev. D. A.	Grut, Mr. J. B.
Burke, Mr. M. F.	Hunt, Mr. H. A.	Grut, Mr. J. B.	Hunt, Mr. H. A.
Burr, Mr. A.	Roberts, Mr. G. H.	Hunt, Mr. H. A.	Kelly, Mr. E. E.
Grut, Mr. J. B.	Robinson, Mr. E. W.	Scott, Mr. R. M. (Ch)	
Kelly, Mr. E. E.	Scott, Mr. R. M.	Tredinnick, Mr. W. H.	
Pearce, Mr. A. D.	Tredinnick, Mr. W. H.	William R. H. H.	
Rigg, Mr. C. R.	William R. H. H.		
Roberts, Mr. W. J.			
Wigg, Mr. G. H.			

INSURANCE

Pearce, Mr. A. D.
Rigg, Mr. C. R.

Library Committee

The report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr Biggs & Robinson

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Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on March 10 1939

Present

Mr Biggs (Chair) - Mr Rigg Mr Biggs Mr Burr Mr Robinson Mr Gates Mr Burke Mr Tredinnick Mr Kelly Mr Hunt Mr Cameron Mr Major Bolton

Apologies

apologies were received from Mr Biggs Mr Rigg Mr Hunt Mr R. Rigg

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of February 10 were read & confirmed

Resignation

Mr H Roberts tendered his resignation. It was pointed out that as Mr Roberts pleasure was uncertain the night he stayed in or returned the matter stand over & that Mr Roberts he asked to remain in his position & apply for leave or absence. Major Bolton moved the motion of which he had given notice but after some discussion amended it to read

Motion of 17th Feb

"That the management expenses of The Institution be enquired into by a Sub-Committee consisting of The President the Treasurer Mr Kelly Mr Robinson Mr Burke and the motion with the object of saving £300 per year for the purpose of paying off the mortgage to report back to the General Committee"

Accounts

The motion was seconded by Mr Tredinnick and carried

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for February & had found them correct. The Committee recommended payment of accounts as shown on pages 9/10 of the cash book amounting to £568.0.8. The Treasurer in moving the resolution gave the Comparative Statement. The motion was seconded by Mr Grut & carried

Calendar

The President read the minutes of the previous meeting

Mr Fielding in acknowledging the appointment thanked members for the honor conferred on him. The objects of the Institution was to diffuse literary scientific & other useful knowledge amongst members and these objects were to be obtained by means of a circulating library reading room & the delivery of lectures. The Institution had done pretty well & had carried on in a regular way. There were many kinds of libraries state municipal, & commercial. The Athenaeum was directly descended from a line of thought by its promoters 100 years ago. The Athenaeum would continue to carry on that work not only providing the reading public with what it wanted but with what it should read. The celebration of the centenary would afford the opportunity of still further carrying out the objects of the Institution.

Mr Pegg's motion on Resolutions seconded that the auditors Messrs Wm Pash & H. Hudson & Mr L. V. Ramby be re-elected at the same remuneration. Carried. Mr. E. Stanwell Hicks moved & Mr. R. Horton seconded that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the retiring officers namely the President & Treasurer & to the staff whose work & devotion to the Institution contributed largely to its success.

The motion was carried & a resolution of Messrs Boston replied.

E. Stanwell Hicks
10/1/39

auditors
vote of thanks

Minutes of the General Committee held on 27th Nov 10. 1939

Present: Mr. Fielding (Chair), Mr. Pegg, Messrs. Hales, Robinson, W. Roberts, Boush, Bourne, Kelly Hunt, Pegg, Miss Pearce, Bainbridge, Scott & Miss Bolton
 apologies: Mr. Pegg was excused from Mr. Pegg, Redmond & H. Roberts, The Rev. A. Cannon

Mr Pegg welcomed the President & congratulated him on his appointment. Mr Fielding in reply thanked members & welcomed Miss Pearce & Scott who replied.

The minutes of meeting of January 13 were read & confirmed. The minutes of the annual meeting were read & approved.

The Secretary reported that the Pough Fin appeal conducted by the H. Roberts had been a great success. an amount of £771.10.8 had been received & this had been paid to the Lord Mayor Fund without deduction. The Institution had defrayed all the incidental expenses thus: Stationery & papers (printing) £9.4.3 Postages Petty cash Typing of Mr. Pashman 11/6 making a total of £4. The Finance Committee recommended this amount for payment.

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for January & had found them correct. Payment of accounts amounting to £487.19.5 as shown in pages 6, 7 & 8 of the cash book was recommended. The Treasurer in moving the account gave the comparative Statement & seconded by Mr Pegg the report was adopted.

The Secretary reported to the Centenary & on the motion of the President seconded by Mr Pegg it was decided that the matter be referred to a sub-committee consisting of the President, the Treasurer, the

Pough Fin appeal

accounts

Centenary

THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

The following nominations have been received:-

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
<u>PRESIDENT</u>	MR. G. A. FIELDING	Cuthbert Rigg	William Bolton
<u>VICE-PRESIDENT</u>	MR. W. F. GATES	Cuthbert Rigg	William Bolton
<u>TREASURER</u>	MR. CUTHBERT RIGG	William Bolton	E. Edwards Kelly
<u>COMMITTEE</u>	VERY REV. D.A. CAMERON	William Bolton	Cuthbert Rigg
	MR. H. A. HUNT	William Bolton	Cuthbert Rigg
	MR. E. E. KELLY	Cuthbert Rigg	William Bolton
	MR. A. D. PEARCE	A. J. Masters	E. Edwards Kelly
	MR. W. J. ROBERTS	Cuthbert Rigg	William Bolton
	MR. G. H. ROBERTS	Cuthbert Rigg	William Bolton
	MR. R. M. SCOTT	Cuthbert Rigg	M. G. G. Fox
	MR. W. H. TREDINNICK	William Bolton	Cuthbert Rigg

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. H. S. Melmoth
Secretary.

Jan. 17, 1939.

Present

Minutes of the 99th Annual Meeting of the Members of the Melbourne Athenaeum held in the Art Gallery of the Institution on Wednesday January 25th 1939
The Returning President Major William Bolton was in the Chair and there were also Present Mr C P Reag & Amos Barr (Trustees) Mr Fielding (President elect), CR. Reag, Grant, Briggs, Galis, Redinnick G. H. Roberts, Scott, Kelly, Robinson members of Committee and 26 other members
The Atha commencing the meeting was read by the Secretary

Mr Reag

apologies

Minutes

Report & Statement of accounts

accounts

Elected

apologies were received from Mr Boulton, Mr Wigg, Mr L Evans Mr J. Roberts, ^{Mr D. O. Cannon} on the motion of Mr. Fielding seconded by Mr Kifford the minutes of meeting of January 28 1938 were taken as read & approved
The returning President moved the adoption of the annual report & statement of accounts & said that there had been a year of steady progress the membership roll had increased there had been a ^{sample} ~~total~~ on the year's transactions the books showed a surplus of funds established for the reduction of the mortgage
The Treasurer in seconding the motion explained the figures in the statement of accounts
The Rev Horton Williams Mr Briggs, Kifford Galis, Kelly & John Dick also spoke
The Report & statement of accounts were adopted
The President announced that there had been only 3 successful nominations for the various positions she declared the candidates shown here were duly elected
The Returning President (Major Bolton) then treated the Chair & installed Mr Fielding as President

The Committee's appreciation of the services of the Staff. The motion was seconded by Mr Kelly & carried & Mr Robinson was requested to write the paragraph.

an application by Mr J Coura for reduction of his rent in shop 154 Colburn St was on the recommendation of the Finance Committee rejected.

Coura

Artist's Request

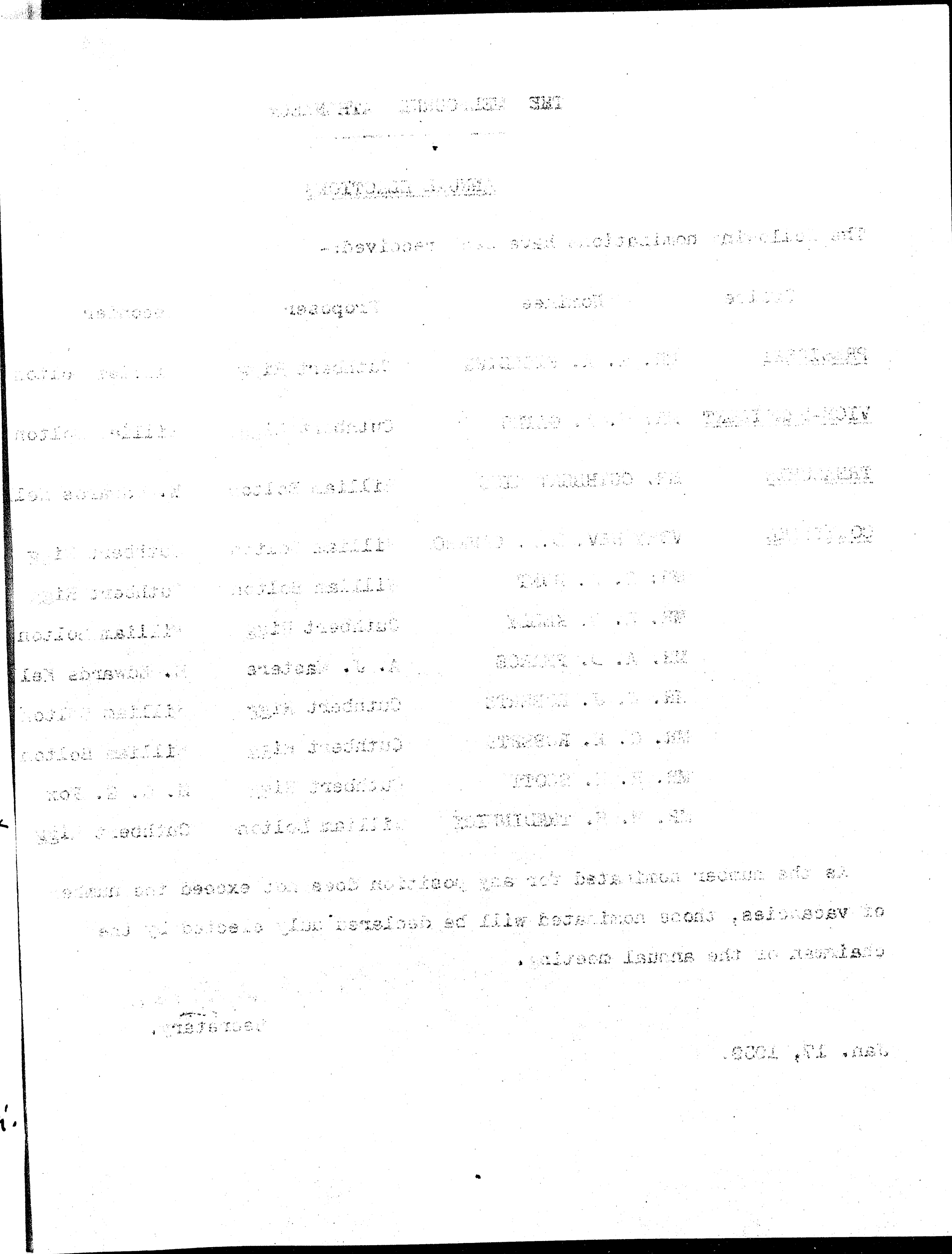
The Secretary reported that Mr John Rourke had asked for the use of the Art Gallery to hold an exhibition of pictures & an art union in aid of the Lord Mayor Bush Relief Fund. He had conferred with the President who had instructed him to tell Mr Rourke that the consent would be given. It was proposed to ask for contributions of pictures from artists who would give framed copies of their work free.

Mr Beag's motion & Mr Kelly seconded that the use of the Art Gallery be granted free & that the secretary arrange for the necessary printing & issue the invitations & that every assistance should be given to the Artists & Carried.

President

Mr Galt's motion that the Committee send an appreciation of the services of Mary Proctor during her year of office as President. The motion was seconded by Mr Beag's & carried with ~~ap~~ acclamation.

Ed A. Freedman
10/1/39



Present

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on
January 13. 1939
Mrs. Bolton (Chair), C.P. Regg, G.H. Roberts
W.G. Roberts, Gates Grant Hunt, Burr Bannister
C.P. Regg, Briggs Kelly Robinson

Minutes

at 7.30 pm in accordance with the
Minutes of meeting of December 9 were read &
Confirmed

Motion

The resignation of Mr. Masters was received with
regret
Mr. Briggs moved that the resignation be accepted
with regret & that the Secretary prepare an appropriate
resolution & incorporate it in the minutes. The motion
was seconded by Mr. Grant & adopted. The minute is
shown hereunder

Motion

The Finance Committee reported that the Auditors
had audited the books & accounts in September
that found them correct - Payment of accounts
amounting to £33. 14. 6 as shown on page 475
of the Cash Book was recommended
The report was adopted on the motion of
Mrs. C.P. Regg & Burr

Motion

The Statement of accounts was also
presented by the Treasurer who stated that
they had been audited & found correct
after explanation the accounts Mr. Regg
moved Mr. Robinson seconded that the
Statement be printed & sent on to the Annual
Meeting
Carried

Motion

The draft of the Annual Report was
submitted by the President who asked for
approval & instructions that it be printed for
submission to the Annual Meeting. Mr.
Robinson asked if the report contained any
reference to the work of the Staff & on being informed
that there was not he moved that a suitable
addendum to the report should be inserted setting forth

The General Committee of the Methodist Church of New Zealand
has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the report of the
Finance Committee for the year 1938. The report is a very
valuable contribution to the work of the Church and the
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Rev. H. Williams

The Rev. H. Williams was elected a member of the committee in succession to Mr. W. P. Daulton. It was decided that in future when a vacancy occurs a notice should be posted in the library reading room inviting applications.

Accounts

The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the 1877 accounts for Daulton & found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £ [unclear] as shown in paper of the cash book was recommended. The quarterly comparative statement was also presented. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. [unclear] & Major Bolton.

Mortgage

The Secretary reported that in compliance with the Treasurer he had interviewed the D.P. Society & had arranged for a renewal of the mortgage for four years at 5/4% on the same terms as before. He had submitted the form of application prepared by the Society which with a formal amendment had been approved by the Honorary Secretaries.

Major Bolton moved for a motion recorded that the Trustees be authorized to execute the application. Carried.

Special Committee

The Special Committee appointed to inquire into the management & finances of the Institution was presented. It was decided on the motion of the Chairman & Mr. C. R. Reid that the report be circulated & presented to the next meeting of the Committee & that it be taken as read & referred to the Finance Committee.

Lecture

Mr. Burke was appointed Chairman of the lecture on the 8th given on April 27.

Tea

It was decided to discontinue the practice of having afternoon tea in order to save time & cost by Mr. Pegg's recommendation by Mr. Burke.

C. C. [unclear]
12/5/39

THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM

Dates of Appointment to the Committee

Mr. G. H. Wigg	<i>Resigned Jan 43</i>	Jan. 1916 (Trustee Jy. 1930)
Mr. C. P. Rigg (DIED 16/9/57)		Jan. 1925 (" Je. 1932)
Mr. A. Burr	<i>Resigned Dec 1944</i>	Jan. 1929 (" My. 1937)
Mr. W. F. Gates (Pres.)		Jan. 1931
Mr. L. V. Biggs		Jan. 1930 <i>Trustee 1943 Pres 1941</i>
Mr. H. A. Hunt		Jan. 1933
Mr. E. W. Robinson (Vice-Pres.)	<i>Trustee</i>	Jan. 1933 <i>Pres 1942 + 1943</i>
Mr. J. B. Grut		Jan. 1934 <i>Vice Pres 1942-1943 1944</i>
Mr. E. E. Kelly		Aug. 1936 <i>1</i>
Mr. W. H. Tredinnick		Nov. 1936
Mr. C. R. Rigg		Aug. 1937
Mr. M. F. Burke (Treas.)		Jan. 1938 <i>Pres 1945</i>
Mr. A. D. Pearce		Jan. 1939
Mr. R. M. Scott		Jan. 1939 <i>Vice Pres 1945</i>
Rev. Horton H. Williams		Mch. 1939 <i>Pres Jan 1946 Resigned April 46</i>
Mr. A. C. Tingate		June 1939
Dr. L. S. Latham		May 1940
Dr. Stanley Wilkinson		Oct. 1940
Rev. Canon Roscoe Wilson		Jan. 1941
<i>Mr. R. H. Beer</i>	<i>AWM Chapman</i>	<i>Jan 1942 - Dec 23. 8. 47 Feb 1942.</i>
Retiree Jan. 1942.		<i>Jan 1943. (Dec. 1, 1941.) Res</i>
<i>M Hugh Dawson</i>		
<i>W. R. Eldridge</i>		<i>Jan 1945</i>
<i>" M. L. Johnston</i>		<i>Jan 1945</i>
<i>" F. H. Wickham</i>		<i>Jan 1946</i>
<i>" Thomas</i>		<i>Jan 1946. Res</i>

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee
held on May 12. 1939

Present Messrs Fielding, Gales, Kelly, Scott, Hunt
Gruel, Burr, Wrigg, CR. Regg, Brambridge
Burke Pearce Rev Dr. Cameron & the
Rev Horton Williams

Apoloais was received from Mr Wm^{rs} Beiggs
Cuthbert Regg Robinson.

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

The Rev Horton Williams was welcomed
by the President Mr Williams responded
He was appointed to the House & Finance
Committee.

An application by Mr Beiggs President
of the Victorian Chess Association for the
use of the art gallery & chess tables for
a special meeting on June 29 was granted
no charge to be made on the motion of
Messrs Wrigg & Burke

A letter was received from The Herald asking
for a rebate on an account for the business
as they had not been able to use the art gallery
The secretary explained that had notice been
given earlier he could have let the gallery
It was decided on the motion of Mr Beiggs
Wrigg that the Committee regretted that it
could not see it was clear to grant the
request.

A letter was received from the Broad & Chess
Club thanking the Committee for its generosity
in granting the Broad room for an exhibition
of manuscripts & books. The letter was read

THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ENQUIRE
INTO THE MANAGEMENT EXPENSES OF THE INSTITUTION.

The Special Committee had two meetings. The minutes of these meetings
are forwarded by direction for the information of members.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 16TH.

PRESENT: Messrs. Fielding, Cuthbert Rigg, Robinson, Burke, Kelly and Major Bolton.

CHAIRMAN: Mr. Fielding, who was elected Chairman, asked for the resolution appointing
the Committee. This having been read, Mr. Fielding said that he thought the
business of the Committee was to enquire into (a) the possibility of the more
economical working of the Institution and (b) what sum if any could be saved so
as to reduce the mortgage. He thought the Committee should work to some plan.
It was like business men taking stock and they should know how the money was
spent and if it were being spent to best advantage and also if the form or layout
of the accounts enabled such to be readily seen.

On the suggestion of Mr. Robinson it was decided to proceed seriatim
commencing with expenditure under "Library" in the Treasurer's statement.

Major Bolton asked should the purchase of books be supervised by the Library
Committee and to what extent.

After a long discussion in which the buying methods and the system of
checking account were described by the Secretary, it was decided on the motion of
Mr. Robinson and Mr. Kelly "that the present system of purchase of books by the
Librarian be adhered to but that wherever and as quickly as practicable the Library
Committee should be furnished with full particulars and prices of all books purchased
and sold, with the object of effecting savings".

Mr. Robinson produced a detailed comparison of the expenditure as shown in
the annual statements of receipts and expenditure for the last ten years.

It was decided on the motion of Major Bolton and Mr. Kelly that competitive
prices be obtained for the binding and treatment of books for the year.

The Secretary was instructed to prepare before the next meeting a statement
showing the details of the various items of expenditure as they appear in the last
published statement by the Treasurer.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF MARCH 23RD.

PRESENT: Messrs. Fielding (chair), Robinson, Burke and Kelly.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mr. Rigg and Major Bolton.

MINUTES: The minutes of meeting of March 16th were read and confirmed.

BINDING: The Secretary referred to the item "Binding", enquiry into which had been held over from the last meeting, and said that though no actual competitive prices had been obtained as a matter of tender several firms had been tried and their work could not be compared with that of the present binders. The matter was continually under review.

Samples of the binding done by the present supplier were submitted and it was decided to continue the present arrangement.

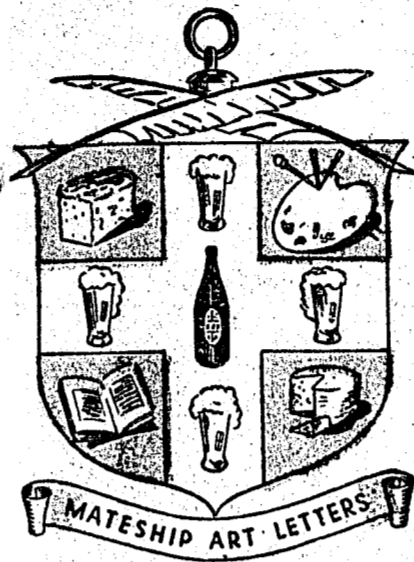
The Committee next proceeded to deal with its plan of scrutinising each item of expenditure in the Treasurer's last published account current. Explanatory of these the Secretary produced a detailed analysis of the listed items of expenditure. This was examined carefully item by item in conjunction with an informative graph showing comparison of each printed item of expenditure for the past ten years, the Secretary furnishing explanations and information as required in detail.

The Committee decided that nothing had been disclosed wherein material saving could be effected, and all the items of expenditure appeared to be justifiable and necessary. Minor changes in method and closer checking of a few items were suggested.

When dealing with the item "Salaries & Wages", it was decided to suggest to the Finance Committee that the interest and enthusiasm of the Staff in securing new members be recognized and stimulated. The opinion was expressed that the most likely way of increasing the number of members was through staff contacts.

The Committee also decided "that in view of the increase of revenue to be received owing to the repeal of the Rent Reduction Act - £414 per annum (Frank Talbot Pty. Ltd. £238.10. 0 and J. Cowell £175.10. 0) - this Committee is of the opinion that it is highly probable that some regular reduction in the mortgage will be made annually but does not bind itself at this juncture to recommending any particular sum. In view of the celebration of the centenary of the Institution this may not be possible for 1939."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman and Mr. Kelly that the thanks of the Committee be conveyed to Mr. E. W. Robinson for his most informative graph of the details of the past ten years' expenditure and that the graph be incorporated in the records of the Institution.



Bread & Cheese Club

12th. May, 19 39

Office Bearers

—
Knight Grand Cheese
J. K. MOIR
Box 1663 G.P.O.
Elizabeth St., Melbourne

Honorable
Trencherman
J. M. NEILD

Worthy Scribe and
Trusty Bagman
E. J. TURNER
132 Cubitt St., Richmond

Committee
J. ALEX ALLAN
J. C. DAVIES
ED. HARRINGTON
C. LINDSAY
NEIL RANKIN

The Secretary,
Athenaeum Library,
Collins St.,
MELBOURNE. C.1

Dear Sir,

I am directed by my Committee to convey to you and your Committee their thanks for your fine gesture in allowing us the free use of the Board Room for the display of Australiana during Australian Book Week and the week following. Your generosity is appreciated.

You may be interested to know that the various literary groups were so pleased with the display that our Club is suggesting that the Athenaeum Gallery be secured for next year's Book Week.

In conclusion we also desire to express our appreciation of the courtesy shewn us by the Athenaeum officials during the progress of the exhibition.

Yours faithfully,

J. K. Moir

C.I. May 12, 9.

Major W. Bolton,
"Amajuba",
Balaciava Road,
CAULFIELD, S.E.7.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed to inform you that your resignation, as conveyed to the President in your letter of April 17, was considered by the General Committee at its meeting this afternoon.

A resolution was adopted as follows:-

"That the resignation of Major Bolton be accepted with regret and that an appropriate minute be prepared expressing the appreciation of the Committee of his many valuable services to the Institution".

Various members expressed their views as to the interest you have taken in the Institution and as to the willingness with which you at all times entered into the work.

Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

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May 12, 1939
C.I.O.

Major W. Bolton,
"A.M.A.,"
Belvidere Road,
CAULFIELD, S.E.7.

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Yours faithfully,

Secretary.

The President's Rough draft of letter to Major Bolton
acknowledging his letter of April 17, 1939.

Dear Sir,

I have been for some days out of town.

The Committee while regretting to read of your
resignation will without doubt be appreciative of the demands
on your time of any position accepted at the Country's call
during these unstable times and wish you a useful accomplishment
of your task.

I shall bring your letter before the next meeting
of the Committee, but in the meantime let me convey thanks for
services willingly given by you which have been of benefit to the
Institution. And may success attend your new activities.

Yours faithfully.

"Amajuba",
Balaclava Road,
CAULFIELD. S.E.7.

17th April, 1939.

The President,
Atheneum Library Committee,
188 Collins Street,
MELBOURNE. C.1.

Dear Sir,

Please accept my resignation as a Member
of the Committee of the Institution.

I have accepted a position at the country's
call which will take up all my time and energies in the
near future.

Thanking you and the Committee for your
kindnesses and past favours.

Yours sincerely,

William Bolton

*I have written W.B.
E.A.F.*

President's Reply to letter of resignation
received 17th April 1939.

Dear Sir,

I have been for some days out of town.
The Committee while regretting to hear of your
resignation will without doubt be appreciative of the demands
on your time of any position accepted at the country's call.
I am sure that you will find these demands a useful
and profitable experience and wish you every success
in your new task.

I shall bring your letter before the next meeting
of the Committee, but in the meantime let me convey thanks for
the services willingly given by you which have been of benefit to the
Institution. And may success attend your new activities.

Yours faithfully,

THE AGE, Tuesday, September 17, 1957.

RIGG.—On September 16, Cuthbert Parker Rigg, of 79 Alma Road, St. Kilda, beloved husband of the late Lily Rigg, aged 92 years. Private interment.

The Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum records with sincere regret the resignation, on account of ill-health, of Mr. Cuthbert P. Rigg as the Treasurer of the Institution but is pleased to know that he will still continue to act as Trustee.

Mr. Rigg, who has been a member of the Institution for more than 40 years, joined the Committee in January 1921 and was a member until his resignation owing to ill-health on April 3, 1926. In that period Mr. Rigg did valuable service as Hon. Treasurer during the absence of Mr. Charles Rennie.

Mr. Rigg rejoined the Committee in January 1932 and became Treasurer when Mr. Wigg retired on Sept. 11, 1936.

Mr. Rigg's experience and professional knowledge have been of great service to the Institution, and his careful supervision of the accounts has been highly appreciated. The present form of cash book initiated by him has rendered the book-keeping of the Institution very simple, the columnar system enabling an analysis of the various items of receipts and expenditure to be made very promptly.

The Committee wishes Mr. Rigg a speedy and complete recovery and hopes that he may long be spared to join in its deliberations.

May 11, 1939.

CUTHBERT P. RIGG
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (AUST.)

TELEPHONE 2041

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MELBOURNE, C.1

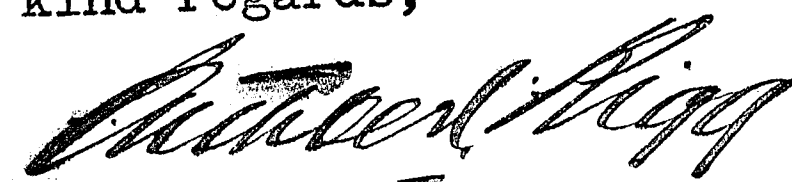
8th May 1939

Dear Mr Wilmot,

I would prefer the Committee not to proceed with the motion to make me an honorary life member and thereby be differentiated from past members who have fallen out from time to time owing to age or infirmity. As long as I can would prefer to pay for an active membership. I would like to feel that if conditions improved within a reasonable time I might feel free to again take part in the counsels of the institution as an ordinary member.

I am very grateful for the friendship and kindness shown in suggesting such an honor and shall not forget it. If it is thought that my service has been of use to the institution, that is sufficient compensation. From young manhood to old age the Athenaeum has been to me an unique and interesting feature in Melbourne, and I venerate the memory of the canny Scots who did so much to wards founding it and helping its progress.

With kind regards,



R.W.E. Wilmot Esq,
The Athenaeum.

Reply suitable

The Committee of the Athenaeum records with sincere regret the resignation, on account of ill-health, of Mr. Wilmot Esq. as the Treasurer of the Institution and is pleased to know that he will still continue to act as Treasurer. Mr. Rigg, who has been a member of the Institution for more than 40 years, joined the Committee in January 1921 and was a member until his resignation owing to ill-health on April 3, 1938. In that period Mr. Rigg did valuable service as Treasurer during the absence of Mr. Charles Kemble. Mr. Rigg rejoined the Committee in January 1938 and became Treasurer when Mr. Rigg retired on Sept. 11, 1938. Mr. Rigg's experience and professional knowledge have been of great service to the Institution, and his careful supervision of the accounts has been highly appreciated. The present form of cash book initiated by him has rendered the book-keeping of the Institution very simple and the columnar system enabling an analysis of the various items of receipts and expenditure to be made very promptly. The Committee wishes Mr. Rigg a speedy and complete recovery and hopes that he may long be spared to join in its deliberations.

11th May 1939

C.1. May 12, 9.

Cuthbert P. Rigg Esq.,
317 Collins St.,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Mr. Rigg,

I am instructed to acknowledge with thanks your letter of May 8 and to say that the Committee cordially reciprocates your sentiments. In accordance with your wishes the motion for your appointment as a Life Member was withdrawn. The Committee, however, adopted a resolution of which I enclose a copy. This resolution will be suitably prepared and will be signed by all the members of the Committee. When the signatures have been obtained I will forward the document to you. May I add that I deeply regret that your resignation from the office of Treasurer will mean that the close association which has existed between us will be broken, but I rejoice that it will in no way terminate our long friendship and that we will still see you. I shall be glad of your advice which I am sure you will gladly give me.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

Mr. Cuthbert
Rigg

a letter was received from Mr. Cuthbert Rigg
asking the committee not to proceed with its
intention to elect him a life member. The
letter was received with appreciation & Mr.
Rigg's request was granted. a special
resolution as shown hereunder was adopted
on the motion of The President & the vice
President.

Mr. Bolton

a letter was received from Mr. Bolton
resigning from the committee.
Mr. Bates moved Mr. Cannon seconded
that the resignation be accepted with regret
that a letter be sent to Mr. Bolton expressing
the appreciation of the committee of his services.
Carried.

Resignation

Mr. M. F. Burke was elected Treasurer in place
of Mr. Cuthbert Rigg.

Special
Committee

The Report of the Special Committee as
shown hereunder was adopted on the motion
of the Chairman Mr. Burke.

Finance

The report of the Finance Committee
that the auditors had audited the
books & accounts for 1915 and that former
the account was received and the
recommendation of the Finance Committee
that accounts amounting to £772.6-1
as shown on pass 13/15 of the cash book
was adopted on the motion of Mr. Burke &
Mr. Kelly.

Library

The report of the Library Committee that
it had dealt with various matters of
routine was adopted on the motion of
Mr. Fielding & Mr. Kelly.

Copied by Miss Red
315 Collins St.
Melbourne, C.I.

Dear Mr. Rigg,

I am instructed to acknowledge with thanks your
letter of 24th and to say that the Committee cordially recognizes
your sentiments. In accordance with your wishes the motion for
your appointment as a life member was withdrawn. The Committee
however, adopted a resolution of which I enclose a copy. This
resolution will be submitted and will be signed by all the
members of the Committee. When the signatures have been obtained
I will forward the document to you. May I add that I deeply regret
that your resignation from the office of Treasurer will mean that
the close association which has existed between us will be broken,
but I rejoice that it will in no way terminate our long friendship
and that we will still see you. I shall be glad of your advice
which I am sure you will gladly give me.

Yours very truly,

Secretary.

Lecture The secretary reported that Mr Beag's lecture would be on May 25. The Rev D A. Cameron was asked to take the chair. Capt Francis who had lectured on "Man is the ordinary man" on April 27 in place of Capt Ivan Holyman had given a most interesting lecture. The attendance was small but very instructive.

Minutes It was decided that the next meeting be on June 16.

Citizens Roll The secretary reported having seen the Town Hall authorities regarding the Citizens roll. It was found that the report shown here with the report was adopted. Mr E. H. Wigg as senior trustee was appointed to represent the Institution.

Geo A. Reading
16. 6. 1939

Under the old Act the Institution nominated the three Trustees as its representatives on the Citizens' Roll and each Trustee had one vote. Under the new Act Corporations under seal appoint a representative who becomes the sole voter. When I called at the Town Clerk's office to-day I was informed that in the case of non-incorporated bodies the Town Hall authorities were placing the secretary on the roll and in that capacity I would be on the roll as secretary of the Royal Humane Society. I protested that the Trustees of the Athenaeum, as owners as well as occupiers in respect to the Library, Reading Room and Art Gallery, should have the right to name their own representative. This contention was upheld. In course of the conversation it was suggested that the senior Trustee, who always takes the chair at meetings of the Trustees, should be nominated and that I should so inform the Town Clerk in writing. I was also asked to supply the Town Clerk with the names of the secretaries of the Royal Victorian Liedertafel and the Melbourne Chess Club.

O. W. S. *[Signature]*
Secretary.

1939

MEMBERSHIP

Under the old bye-laws the three members
 of the Executive Committee were the
 President, the Secretary and the Treasurer.
 Under the new bye-laws the Executive
 Committee is now composed of five
 members, namely the President, the
 Secretary, the Treasurer, the
 Chairman of the Finance Committee
 and the Chairman of the Nominations
 Committee. The Secretary is
 elected by the members of the
 Executive Committee for a term
 of three years. The Treasurer
 is elected by the members of
 the Executive Committee for a
 term of three years. The
 Chairman of the Finance
 Committee is elected by the
 members of the Executive
 Committee for a term of
 three years. The Chairman
 of the Nominations
 Committee is elected by the
 members of the Executive
 Committee for a term of
 three years.

Prud
4/1/39

THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM

NOMINATION FORM.

We hereby nominate Mr A. S. Ingate
 as a Member of the General Committee.

Accepted
16/6/39
 I hereby accept the above Nomination.

Proposer W. Hamilton J. Redmond
 Secunder Edo de Feeding

A. S. Ingate

Sudo

Minutes of Meeting of The General Committee
held on June 16 1939

Present Mr. Fielding Kelly, Mr. Burr Gates
Mr. Rigg, Tudennick, Scott, Brink, Biggs
Apologies Rev. Horton Williams, Mr. D. A. Cannon
Pearce, Robinson Hunt, C. R. Rigg
C. P. Rigg, Brambridge

The minutes of meeting of May 12 were read
and confirmed.

Mr. A. E. Tregate was elected a member of
the Committee.

The Finance Committee reported that the
auditors had audited the books and accounts
for May and found them correct. Payment
of accounts amounting to £765.17.11 was
shown on pass 16/18 and the cash book
was recommended.

Mr. Brink in moving the adoption of
the report gave the usual monthly
comparison. The motion was seconded
by the Rev. Horton Williams & carried.

Salaries The Finance Committee reported that it
had considered the question of salaries
and recommended the following increases
Secretary £450 to £500 per annum
Librarian £450 to £475 " "
Assistant Librarian £5 per week to £5.10.0 per week
Lady Librarian £3 " " £3.10.0 " "
Night Librarian £3.10 " " £4.0.0 " "
The increases took effect from Jan 1. 1939. The
recommendation was adopted on the motion
of Mr. Brink & Mr. Horton Williams

Library The report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Dudding & Mr. Gates

House Committee The report of the House Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Scott & Mr. Dudding.

Mr. Hunt suggested that heaters should be installed in the reading room. He moved that the matter be referred to the House Committee with power to act. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelly & adopted.

Library Committee The Secretary reported that Mr. Pegg's lecture had been fairly well attended. The report was received & the Rev. Dr. Cameron was thanked for his services as chairman.

The Secretary also reported that arrangements for the summer holidays had been completed and would be handed over on the accompanying sheet.

E. Overfeeding
14.7.39

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on July 14, 1939

Present Mr. Dudding, Pearson, Mr. Pegg, Kelly, Barr, Hunt, Baulbridge, Burke, Hunt, Dudding, Tugate, CP Pegg, Scott, Gates, Briggs, Rev. Dr. Cameron, Williams, The Rev. Dr. Cameron

Apologies Apologies were received from Mr. Pegg & Robinson.

Mr. Tugate was welcomed by Mr. Barr as the President.

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11th July, 1939.

MEMORANDUM re Melbourne Athenaeum Library

It has been suggested that a means of marking the Centenary year of the Library should be the re-arrangement of the space now occupied by the Reading Rooms and the Circulating Library and a general "modernisation." This extends to fittings, shelving, tables and furnishings.

It is hoped, therefore, that if possible this object would be approached by thinking of the whole space as vacant and then considering how it should be best arranged if one were starting afresh.

Another consideration that has been put forward is that of the 2500 subscribers a huge majority use the premises as a Circulating Library and a small minority for a reading and waiting room. In any re-arrangement, therefore, it seems logical to propose that the convenience of those using the Lending Library should be first studied.

It might be therefore that the present reading room could be turned into the circulating library and the latter branch used as a Reading Room. If this were done it is thought that a great many of the existing shelves round the walls could be retained.

But it has even been put forward that without huge expense the whole space could be incorporated as one circulating library and reading room open to supervision by the staff without adding to their number.

Another thought expressed is that in any re-arrangement more adequate lighting should be provided and in this connection it might be that the space near the windows in Collins Street should be reserved for those who wish to read in the library.

Mr. R.W.E. Wilmot has said that he thought the plan might provide for oriel windows.

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Mr. Scott:
Provide Women's W.C.

MINUTES of meeting of CENTENARY COMMITTEE held on JULY 6, 1939.

Present: Messrs. Fielding, Biggs, Burr and Scott.

Minutes: The minutes of meeting of March 3 were read and confirmed.

After a general discussion Mr. Biggs moved and Mr. Burr seconded "That this Committee recommend to the General Committee that the Centenary Celebration of The Institution take the form of

- (1) The modernisation of the equipment and lay-out of the Library and Reading Room;
- (2) The publication of a History of The Institution;
- (3) The holding of a Centenary Social Gathering of Members."

The Motion was carried.

The Secretary produced an estimate of the cost of a history of say 120 pages. 500 copies would cost, for printing, illustrations, binding and editorial expenses (say £25.0.0), about 5/3 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. a copy or a total of £131.15.0. If 450 copies were sold at 6/- the receipts would amount to £135. It was pointed out that the sale of such a book was very problematical and a suggestion was made that a much shorter history, about the size of the October Quarterly List, might be suitable. It was decided to take no action but to discuss the matter at a meeting in a fortnight.

Two suggestions made at the meeting of the Committee on March 3 were left over for later consideration. These were:

- (a) by Mr. Gates that a commemorative plaque be erected and
- (b) by Mr. Burr that an improved Ladies' Room be included in any scheme.

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LECTURES

August 31-

Prof. K. H. Bailey

"Broad Culture and the Modern University".

Sept. 28-

Sir Ernest Fisk

"What We Know about Television".

Oct. 26-

Gregan McMahon

"The Drama in a Mechanized World".

Nov. 30-

D. M. Dow

"America Building for the Future".

Minutes of meeting of CENTENARY COMMITTEE held on JULY 6, 1939.

Present: Messrs. Widdling, Biggs, Burr and Scott.

The minutes of meeting of March 8 were read and

confirmed.

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(1) The modernisation of the equipment and lay-out of the

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(2) The publication of a History of the Institution;

(3) The holding of a Centenary Social Gathering of Members.

The motion was carried.

The Secretary produced an estimate of the cost of a history of say

120 pages. 500 copies would cost, for printing, illustrations,

binding and editorial expenses (say £2,000), about £2,500.

If 400 copies were sold at £6-

the receipts would amount to £2,400. It was pointed out that the

sale of such a book was very problematical and a suggestion was

made that a much shorter history, about the size of the Cooper

Quarterly List, might be suitable. It was decided to take no

action but to discuss the matter at a meeting in a fortnight.

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were left over for later consideration. These were:

(a) by Mr. Gates that a commemorative plaque be erected and

(b) by Mr. Burr that an improved Ladies' Room be included

in any scheme.

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Libr The records upon which that there had been required stoppages of the lib. The had written to Adams on 11/11/39. The contracts had their reply. The action was approved.

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books - accounts in favor that found that correct payment of accounts amounting to \$63.2.10 as shown in Part 19/21 of the cash book have recommended. The Treasurer in moving the adoption of the report on the comparative statement for the half year Mr Pearce seconded the motion which was carried.

Library The report of the Librarian Committee was adopted on the motion of the Chairman Mr Banks.

Ceremonial Committee The report of the ceremonial was discussed on the motion of the President & Mr Biggs. The Report was accepted & the Ceremonial Committee was asked to put later on to details. The President explained that he had discussed suggestions with the Librarian.

Resolution a framed copy of the resolution of 12th 12th remainder the resignation of Mr C. P. Rigg as Treasurer was presented & read by the President. The letter had been signed by some members of the Committee. At the opportunity of thanking Mr Rigg on his resignation Mr Rigg uttered a few words in appreciation of the appreciation of his fellow members.

Ed A Freedup
11/8/39

Minutes of Meeting of the General Committee held on August 11 1939

Present - Mrs DeLaurie, G. M., Pearce, Scott, Dunlop, G. G., Boninbride, Redmond, Kelly, Burre, Robinson, R. H. Bolton, Wickham, Mr R. D. A. Cannon

apologies Mr. Claxson was received from Mrs M. G. G. Hunt B. G. S. C. R. Regg C. P. Regg.

Minutes of the meeting of July 14 were read & confirmed

Peter an application from Mrs Peter W. Madams to place a show case on the front pillar of the Shop was granted on the motion of Mr. T. H. M. Scott subject to all the requirements of the City Council were met and also subject to the approval of the architect.

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books for the year 1938 & had found them correct. The payment of accounts shown up to 22/24 of the cash book amounting to £454.0.2 was recommended.

The report was accepted on the motion of Mr. Burre who gave the complimentary statement - Mr. T. H. M. Scott

Library The Library Committee report was accepted on the motion of Mr. DeLaurie & Mr. Kelly.

Centenary The Centenary Committee reported that the Hon. architect was preparing sketches of a proposal to improve the reading room library & these would be available shortly.

Records The secretary reported that the new ledger

TELEPHONE M 5001. RES. J 1664.



DAVID DUNCAN. DREW KENNETH DUNCAN. COMMISSIONER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF VICTORIA FOR TAKING AFFIDAVITS AT RICHMOND.

Imperial Chambers, 408, Collins St. Melbourne 6th September, 1939.

D/P The Secretary, The Melbourne Athenaeum, 188 Collins Street, Melbourne. C.1.

Dear Sir, In reply to yours of the 31st ult., we are of opinion that:-

(a) Major Bolton was an ordinary member of the General Committee and that in Rule 4 of the Rules of the Institution, the words "the retiring President for the year following his year of office" are merely descriptive and that as he held no office other than that of Committee-man he was not a member ex-officio of the General Committee.

(b) Assuming that Major Bolton's letter of resignation as a member of the General Committee was accepted by such Committee and notice of such acceptance was sent to him he thereupon ceased to be a member of that Committee.

We would refer to Rule 43.

Yours truly, WISEWOLD DUNCAN.

C.1. Aug. 31, 9.

Messrs. Wisewould & Duncan,
408 Collins St.,
MELBOURNE, C.1.

Dear Sirs,

I am instructed to ask for advice on the following proposition.

Under Rule four (4) of the rules of the Institution the "retiring President for the year following his year of office" is a member of the Committee. Some weeks ago Major William Bolton, the retiring president, tendered his resignation in writing and such resignation was accepted by the Committee.

The point has now been raised that it is not competent of anyone to resign an office he holds ex officio and that despite such resignation Major Bolton should be notified of all meetings as provided in Rule 17.

Will you be so good as to give me your opinion on the matter?

Rule Nine (9) deals with resignations.

I shall be glad to have your opinion as soon as convenient.

Yours faithfully,

would be by Professor Procter, on August 31. Mr. Procter was appointed chairman. Procter decided that as the date for the September lecture 28th was the show holiday, Mr. Procter wished to choose another date preferably the week before.

Mr. Procter Mr. Procter asked if notice of meeting was being sent to the retiring president who was "ex officio" a member of the committee for the year following his year of office. The President said that the retiring president had tendered his resignation which had been accepted. Mr. Procter said it was questionable whether an ex officio member could resign. Mr. Procter said the matter would be referred to the committee.

Ed a Goodwin
8/9/39

Minutes of meeting of the general committee held on September 8 1939

Present - Mr. Fielding, Miss Barr, Miss Robinson, Miss Bagg, Miss Pearce, Miss CR Bagg, Brambridge Hunt, Miss Fredman, Rev. Horton, Misses R. D. A. Cameron. All apologies were received from Mr. Tully & Mr. CR Bagg.

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

A letter from Miss Woodcock regarding the position of the past president who had resigned was received. The Finance committee reported that the

Aug. 31, 1939

Messrs. W. Woodcock & J. Procter
408 Collins St.
Melbourne, C.I.

Dear Sirs,

I am instructed to ask for advice on the following proposition.

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The point has now been raised that it is not competent for anyone to resign an office he holds ex officio and that despite such resignation Major Bolton should be notified of all meetings provided in Rule 17.

Yours faithfully,

Rule Nine (9) deals with resignation. I shall be glad to have your opinion as soon as convenient. Yours faithfully,

Auditors had audited the books accounts
for August then found them correct. The
payment of accounts amounting to
£48.9.2 as shown on page 25/27 of the
cashbook has been recorded.

The treasurer in moving the adoption of the
report gave the Comptroller statement
Mr Kelly seconded the motion which was
carried.

Mr Barry Mr. Biggs moved Mr Kelly seconded
that the Finance Committee be asked to
consider the question of reducing the
rent of the old building to assist during
the war. Carried

Mr Barry The Chairman moved the adoption of the
Library Committee report. Mr Robinson
seconded the motion which was carried

Mr Barry Mr Biggs was appointed chairman for
Sir Bruce's 20th lecture on Sept 29.
(This lecture was subsequently cancelled
owing to the speaker being unable to
visit Melbourne on the date arranged)

Mr Barry The President as chairman of the Centenary
Celebrations Committee reported that the
Committee had been reviewing into the
possibilities of expanding the library &
Reading Room. The architects had prepared
plans but these had not been examined
by the members. The committee would report to
the next meeting

Mr Barry The Secretary reported the death of Mr. A J
Harris. A notice had been sent & many
members had attended the funeral. A letter

THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM

CHARGES AGAINST OFFICIALS

On July 14 the President asked the Secretary (Mr. Wilmot) and
the Librarian (Mr. DePledge) to meet him and Mr. Burke (Treasurer)
and Mr. Tredinnick. At the meeting the President said that Mr.
Tredinnick had called on him and had reported that a member of
the Institution who had been one of his clients had alleged that
the Secretary and Librarian had been guilty of receiving secret
commission on the purchase of books and in connection with book-
binding accounts and that the fact was known to other members of
the Committee. Mr. Tredinnick added that his informant had not
authorized him to disclose his name. The Secretary and Librarian
denied the allegations. After a long discussion the following
memorandum was drafted:-

14.7.39

"A Committeeman reported to the President that a member of the
Athenaeum had visited him and alleged that two officials Messrs.
Wilmot and DePledge had received secret commission of ten per
cent on book purchases and book-binding accounts.

"The informant did not authorize his name to be given nor did he supply any grounds other than he had seen accounts marked with a 10% discount and that he said these discounts had not been paid to the Institution but shared by the two officials. The President, Treasurer and Mr. Tredinnick interviewed the officials who deny ever having during the long period of their service received or kept a commission or discount of any kind and stated their desire to be confronted by their accuser. The beforementioned members of the Committee decided that

(a) Unless the informant supplied them with his name and any particulars he has or can get upon which to found such a serious charge it is not just or proper to attempt to pursue it without his first-hand co-operation.

(b) The Committee and officers will give every facility and assistance to the accusing member when he ceases to be anonymous and will then permit him to examine the accounts and books of the Institution.

(c) The two officials concerned stated their concurrence in the

"procedure followed by the members of the Committee and that they were anxious to meet their accuser face to face and would render every assistance in making any investigation complete."

This memorandum was initialled by the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and the Librarian and was forwarded to Mr. Tredinnick.

On August 11 the President arranged another meeting between himself, the Treasurer, Mr. Tredinnick and the Secretary and Librarian.

Mr. Tredinnick said he had seen his informant who refused to allow his name to be disclosed or to attempt or assist any investigation but had repeated his allegations. He (Mr. Tredinnick) said that in the circumstances his informant must be considered a malicious backbiter and the charges groundless.

The Secretary said that neither he nor Mr. DePledge was prepared to accept what might be regarded as a "whitewashing" but desired a full and searching enquiry or an authoritative statement from the Committee that it believed the charges to be without foundation.

This belief had already been expressed to them by the President, the Treasurer and Mr. Tredinnick.

C.A.J.

W. DePledge

had also been sent to Mrs Martin. The secretary's action was approved

At this stage of the meeting the President requested the attendance of Mr. De Pledge.

The President read a statement dealing with anonymous charges laid by an unnamed member through a member of Committee against the Secretary and the Librarian.

The Statement, initialled by the/Treasurer and Mr. Tredinnick is filed herewith.

After reading the President announced that the complaint included an allegation that the alleged irregular happenings had been and were known to at least some members of the Committee.

The President therefore, called upon any member present to now disclose anything he knew of or in support of the allegations.

No-one answered.

Several speakers expressed opinions as to how anonymous letters or charges should be dealt with and later Mr. Cameron moved and Mr. Rigg seconded that a resolution -

"That the President's action and statement be approved and that the Committee endorses the opinion that the charges are without foundation and expresses its complete confidence in the Secretary and Librarian"

Carried unanimously.

The President formally conveyed to the Secretary and to the Librarian the terms of the resolution.

Claudia
13.X.89

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on October 13 1939

Present Miss Fielding, Gales, Scott, Robinson, Tugate, Kelly, Hunt, Guss-Burr, Biggs, C.P. Rigg, Baumbidge, Burke, Pearce, Rev Horton, Williams, Rev D.A. Cannon
apologies were received from Mr Rigg, Mr Culbert Rigg

Minutes of meeting of September 8 were read & confirmed

The President read the report of the Centenary Committee as shown herewith and after certain details had been explained members had seen the plans Mr Burke moved and Mr Scott seconded

That the architect's sketch submitted with the report of the Centenary Celebrations Committee is now approved, that the President and the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. Burke, and of the House Committee, Mr. Scott, and Mr. L. V. Biggs be a sub-committee with power to act to carry out the work of modernization of the equipment and lay-out of the Library and Reading Room and that authority is given to direct the Architect to prepare a final design to be approved by above sub-committee. - the sub-committee to report regularly to the General Committee.

Mr Robinson & Mr Biggs supported the motion
The details of the gathering for the formal celebration of the Centenary are left to a sub-committee with power to act.

Mr Biggs moved & Mr Kelly seconded that the committee record with warm appreciation the services rendered by Miss Fielding & Mr Burke in connection with the plans

The Finance committee reported that the

auditors had audited the books & accounts for September & had found them correct
accounts amounting to £552.18.6 as shown on page 28/30 of the Cashbook were recommended for payment Mr Burke after seeing the computation figures moved Mr Pearce seconded the adoption of the report carried.

The Library committee report was adopted on the motion of Mr Fielding & Burke

The House committee report was adopted on the motion of Mr Scott & Gales

Mr Horton Williams was appointed Chairman for Mr Guss-Burr's lecture

Eliza Fielding
10/11/39

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on November 10. 1939

Present Mr Fielding (Chair), Robinson, Gales, Kelly, Hunt, Burr, Tugate, Edmunds, Pearce, Scott, Burke, Baumbidge, Biggs, Rev Horton Williams

apologies were received from Mr C.P. Rigg, Rev D.A. Cannon

Mr Guss-Burr Mr C.E. Suprell the architect was present by invitation

The minutes of meeting of October 13 were read & confirmed

The Finance committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for October & had found them correct. The

parment accounts amounting £758.7.8
as shown on page 31/33 of the cash book was
recommended. The report was adopted
on the motion of Mr. Bony, who also the
corresponding statement presented by Mr.
Kelly was adopted.

Culture The President explained the details
of the celebration of the centenary &
asked members to assist him in
receiving the members & guests. It had
been necessary to transfer the date of the
to Myers' memorial hall and was expected
that there would be about 400 present.
A letter was received from the Broad Church
club offering to loan in the Reading
room a table during the celebration with
a collection of antiques and other
photographs. The offer was accepted with
thanks.

Plans Mr. Supple was present to discuss the plans
for the alterations in the Library &
Reading room explained that was proposed
after some discussion it was decided on
the motion of Mr. Kelly & Mr. Bony that
the scheme be approved & that ten days
be asked for collection on Nov 27

Library The report of the Library Committee was
adopted on the motion of Mr. Bony & Mr.
Scott.

Correspondence Letters were received
from Mr. A. D. Colquhoun thanking the committee
for having reduced the rent of the Art Gallery
and a similar letter from the Melbourne Society



THE MELBOURNE SOCIETY OF
WOMEN PAINTERS

HON. SEC.
MISS JESSIE LAVER.
20 LYSTERVILLE AVENUE, MALVERN, S.E.4.
TELEPHONE U 3065

144 Gyp's St

East Melbourne, Oct. 29th 1939

Dear Mr. Wilmot.

My Society wish me to
write and thank you for your very
generous gesture in reducing the rent
of the Athenaeum Hall and making it
retrospective so that we benefit by the
reduction. Please accept the thanks and
appreciation of all our members.

Yours faithfully.

Madge Freeman
President

Its First 100 Years
A CURIOUS feature about the record of
the Melbourne Athenaeum, the cen-
tenary of which is being celebrated, is that
it had seven secretaries in the first 17 years
and only four in the next 83 years.
The first secretary, the Rev. "Jamie"
Forbes (that enterprising parson educa-
tionist of early Melbourne) lasted only two
weeks; the present secretary, Mr. R. W. E.
Wilmot, has been on the job for 30 years.
"Bung" Wilmot—himself something of a
Melbourne institution—has done the insti-
tution and the public a service by produc-
ing a booklet giving Athenaeum history and
records. This publication (now on sale) is
a useful footnote to Victorian history, and
doubtless will be widely read by admirers
of a distinguished Melbourne enterprise.

parment accounts amounting £258.7.8 as shown in paper 3/33 of the cash book was recommended. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Baker who said the corresponding statement presented by Mr. Kelly was adopted.

Centenary

The President explained the details of the celebration of the centenary & asked members to assist him in securing the museum & such. It had been necessary to transfer the collection to Myers' room at all not expected that there would be about 400 present. A letter was received from the Broad Church Club offering to have in the Reading room a library during Centenary with a collection of Australian authors photographs. The offer was accepted with thanks.

Plans

Mr. Supple was present & showed the plans for the alterations in the Library & Reading room explained that was proposed after some discussion it was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly & Mr. Brown that the scheme be approved & that ten days be asked for location Nov 27

Library

The report of the Library Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gales & Mr. Scott.

Correspondence

Letters were received from Mr. A. D. Colquhoun thanking the Committee for having reduced the rent of the Art Gallery and a similar letter from the Melbourne Society



THE MELBOURNE SOCIETY OF WOMEN PAINTERS

HON. SEC. MISS JESSIE LAVER. 20 LYSTERVILLE AVENUE, MALVERN, S.E.4. TELEPHONE U 3065

144 Gyp's St

East Melbourne, Oct. 29th 1939

Dear Mr. Wilmot.

My Society wish me to write and thank you for your very generous gesture in reducing the rent of the Athenaeum Hall and making it retrospective so that we benefit by the reduction.

Please accept the thanks and appreciation of all our members.

Yours faithfully.

Madge Freeman
President

Its First 100 Years

A CURIOUS feature about the record of the Melbourne Athenaeum, the centenary of which is being celebrated, is that it had seven secretaries in the first 17 years and only four in the next 83 years.

The first secretary, the Rev. "Jamie" Forbes (that enterprising parson educationist of early Melbourne) lasted only two weeks; the present secretary, Mr. R. W. E. Wilmot, has been on the job for 30 years.

"Bung" Wilmot—himself something of a Melbourne institution—has done the institution and the public a service by producing a booklet giving Athenaeum history and records. This publication (now on sale) is a useful footnote to Victorian history, and doubtless will be widely read by admirers of a distinguished Melbourne enterprise.

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Dear Mr. Wilmoth

I was, as you know, very
gratified to hear from you that the
rent of the gallery had been reduced
on account of the war.

Would you please convey to the committee
of the Athenaeum my great appreciation
of their generous action in reducing
the rent of the gallery so considerably.
I think I can speak for all the artists
when I say that they are doing
much to help the artists over a
difficult time.

I am yours very sincerely

Archibald D. Colquhoun

of women painters

The Secretary produced the proposal of the
History of the Institution and was decided
that these should be offered for sale at the
centenary celebration. The Secretary reported
that Robertson Truller had agreed to
sell the History, to make a window display
of it.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Bryan's lecture
had through illness been unable to deliver the
lecture on "The drama as a mechanical word
but Professor J. A. Gunn had at short notice taken
his place and had delivered a very interesting
lecture.

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Minutes of meeting of the General Committee
held on December 7, 1939

Present Mrs. Fielding Julia Robinson, Hester Guit
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redinwick Bainbridge Mr. Rev. D. A. Cannon

apologies were received from Mrs. Beags Preece
Mr. Hordley Williams C. P. Rigg & R. Rigg

Minutes The minutes of meeting of Nov 10 were read &
confirmed.

Mr. C. E. Super the architect was present &
his letter of December 6 setting forth details
of the alterations, as shown herewith, was read.
The President in addressing the meeting
explained that the Centenary Committee
had gone very fully into investigation of expenditure
and had as far as possible to see what

was necessary, as the work proceeded various modifications would be necessary but those could be dealt with by the subcommittee as they arose. He moved

"That the report and recommendation in the letter of the Architect of 6th Decr. be accepted and authority be given to enter into the necessary contracts totalling approximately £2170 and to pay all sums involved. Modifications may be made from time to time by the Sub-Committee with power to act as circumstances arise during the progress of the works."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Burke & carried unanimously.

Mr. Tedinwick moved Mr. Scott seconded that the Council be requested to sign the contract Carried

Mr. Tedinwick moved Mr. Kelly seconded that the Treasurer & Secretary be authorized to sign any cheques in connection with the alterations on the certificate of the Architect. Carried.

Mr. Barnard The President reported that through the courtesy of Mr C B Hearne chairman of the new Buildings Committee of the Royal Oldbourne Hospital the services of Mr Barnard Consulting Engineer had been made available and was decided that a letter should be sent Mr. Barnard thanking him.

Celebration The Secretary presented an approximate statement of receipts & expenditure of the Centenary Celebration gathering on November 13 at 144, New Market Hall showing that the cost had been £202.0.6. The cost

would probably be slightly higher when certain adjustments of accounts had been made. The statement was received on the motion of Mr Kelly & Mr Hunt. The statement is shown hereunder. The secretary presented an approximate statement showing the cost of the history. From this it would be seen that the history had cost £40.0.0 to which would have to be added a sum of £15.15 recommended as an authors fee to the Secretary. The statement was received on the motion of Mr Biggs & Mr. Tedinwick.

History

accounts

The Finance Committee reported that the Auditors had audited the books & accounts for November & had found them correct. The balance of accounts amounted to £533.6.1 as shown on page 34/36 of the Cash book was recommended. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Burke who gave the congratulatory figures to Mr Kelly.

Library

The Library Committee report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Fielding & Biggs.

Moving

It was decided to close the Library & Reading Room on Dec 11 in order to transport to the Old Gallery and to leave the details to the President Secretary & architect.

The President wished members the compliments of the season and invited them to meet him at a Christmas party on December 14

Edo Fielding
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