

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on January 12. 1940 at the Victoria Palace.

Present The President Mr. Bonke, Gals, Kelly, Capt. Pearce, Bourne, Robinson, Scott, Brambridge, Biggs, Robinson, Aulston, Williams.

Apologies ap. closed unexcused from Mr. [unclear] [unclear], [unclear] CR Regg, R. P. Rigg.

Minutes The minutes of meeting of December 7 were read & approved.

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books accounts for December & had found them correct. Payment of accounts amounting to £1231. 3. 10 as shown on pages 37/39 of the cashbook was recommended. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Bonke, Robinson.

Statement The statement of receipts & expenditure was presented by the Treasurer who explained its details & moved that a resolution to the effect of the absence to the General meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Robinson & carried. It was decided that the Finance Committee should be asked to consider the form of the statement for next year.

Annual Report It was decided that the Report should be left to the President, Treasurer & Secretary.

General Meeting It was decided to leave the fixing of the date of the annual meeting to the President.

Concerns Committee The Secretary reported that the work of allocation was proceeding satisfactorily and that it was hoped to move back to the resumed business on February 1. The President said that there had been unexpected & unavoidable expenditure & the total amount was £2500. It was decided to leave the actual amount of the Reserves to the President's arrangement.

Letters Committee The report of the Letters Committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Biggs & Bonke.
 C. O. A. [unclear] 8/2/40

Minutes of The Annual General Meeting held in The Octagon on Thursday, January 1, 1940

Present The President (Mr Geo A Fielding) Messrs CP Regg, Wragg & Burr (Deputies) Mr W. F. Gates (Vice President) Mr N. F. Burke (Treasurer) Messrs Bambridge Biggs Pearce CR Regg Medinick, Kelly, Tingati, Robinson Scott, Rev Horton Williams Thibau & Cameron and 42 members

Notice Minutes The Secretary read the notice calling the meeting moved by Mr Biggs & seconded by Mr CR Regg "That the minutes of the last annual meeting held on January 25, 1939 having been approved by the General Committee at the time it taken as read & confirmed. Carried

Resolution Moved by The President & seconded by Mr Turgate "That the action of the General Committee in holding the meeting on February 1, instead of in January as provided by the rules, be and is ratified. Carried

Report & Statement Moved by Mr Biggs & seconded by Mr Burr that "The Annual Report & Statement of accounts which had been circulated to members read" Carried Moved by the President & seconded by Mr Burke "That the annual report & Statement of accounts be received & accepted." Carried

Election The President read the list of office bearers nominated and as the number nominated for any position did not exceed the number of vacancies he declared those nominated duly elected. The list is shown hereunder.

Candidates Mr. Cuthbert Regg moved & Mr Wragg seconded that Messrs Wason Bishop & Hudson be re-elected

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

The following nominations have been received:-

Office	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
<u>PRESIDENT</u>	MR. GEO. A. FIELDING	Wm. F. Gates	A. Burr
<u>VICE-PRESIDENT</u>	MR. W. F. GATES	M. F. Burke	Horton H. Williams
<u>TREASURER</u>	MR. M. F. BURKE	Arthur Pearce	J. W. Bainbridge
<u>COMMITTEE</u>	MR. J. W. BAINBRIDGE	M. F. Burke	Horton H. Williams
	MR. L. V. BIGGS	M. F. Burke	Horton H. Williams
	MR. J. B. GRUT	J. W. Bainbridge	M. F. Burke
	REV. HORTON WILLIAMS	M. F. Burke	J. B. Grut
	MR. C. R. BIGG	M. F. Burke	Horton H. Williams
	MR. E. W. ROBINSON	J. W. Bainbridge	M. F. Burke
	MR. A. C. TINGATE	M. F. Burke	J. B. Grut

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. W. E. M... Secretary.

Jan. 24, 1940.

minutes at a fee of £75 reduction (37.10.0 sum)
 after some discussion the motion was
 amended so that the report must be
 moved the question of fee to be considered
 by the Council. The motion was carried
 Mr Prigg's moved that the meeting
 records its warm appreciation of the great
 services rendered to the Institution. Mr
 Law in seconding the motion suggested
 that all the other beams should also be
 thanked. This was agreed to & carried by
 acclamation.
 The President in returning thanks said
 that the Staff should also be thanked. The
 action had been carried out with as
 little discontent as possible & this was due
 to the work of the Staff. The motion was seconded
 by Mr Kelly & carried by acclamation.
 The Secretary reported.

E. O. Freeman
 31.1.1941

Minutes of Meeting of the General Committee held on February 8. 1940

Present Mrs. Meldrum, Regg Gates, Burr, Burke, Robinson, Guit, Hunt, Bainbridge, Kelly, Scott, Pearce, Tredinnick, & the Rev. Horton Williams

apologies Apologies were received from Mrs. Biggs, Tingate, C.R. Regg, C.P. Regg & Rev. D.A. Cameron.

Minutes The minutes of meeting of January 12 were read & approved

The minutes of the Annual meeting were read & approved for submission to the next annual meeting

accounts The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for January & had found them correct. The Balance Sheet of accounts amounting to £2796.14.2 as shown on page 40 of the cash book it was recommended the Treasurer accept the 2nd part of the Report & explain the details. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott & carried.

Salaries The Finance Committee also reported that it had considered the question of special payments in connection with the reorganisation of the library. It was considered that in certain cases there should be an increase in salary rather than a special payment.

The recommendations were made

Special Payments The Secretary £15.15.0 The Librarian £15/15. The Giftman £10 Mrs. Nice £ 26.

Salaries Increases to date from Jan 1.

assistant Librarian increase from £5.10.0 to £6.0.0

Library assistant " " £4.0.0 " £4.10.0

lady assistant " " £3.10.0 " £4.0.0

attendant " " £3.10.0 " £3.15.0

In the case of the caretaker it was recommended that he should be granted three weeks leave on full pay. His contract does not allow for holidays. It was further recommended that C. Toman be appointed temporarily as assistant at £3.10.0 per week.

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. Burke & Mr. Guit & carried.

The Finance Committee also recommended that the auditors fees be the same as in previous years £26.5.0 each. The recommendation was adopted on the motion of Mr. Burke & Mr. Bainbridge.

Sub-Committees The following sub-committees were appointed for the year:

<u>FINANCE</u>	<u>LIBRARY</u>	<u>HOUSE</u>
The President	The President	The President
The Treasurer	The Treasurer	The Treasurer
Bainbridge, Mr. J.W.	Biggs, Mr. L. V.	Cameron, Rev. D.A.
Burr, Mr. A.	Gates, Mr. W. F.	Grut, Mr. J. B.
Grut, Mr. J. B.	Hunt, Mr. H. A.	Hunt, Mr. H. A.
Kelly, Mr. E. E.	Robinson, Mr. E.W.	Scott, Mr. R. M.
Pearce, Mr. A. D.	Scott, Mr. R. M.	Tredinnick, Mr. W.H.
Rigg, Mr. C. R.	Tredinnick, Mr. W.H.	Williams, Rev. H. H.
Wigg, Mr. G. H.		
Williams, Rev. H.H.		

LECTURES

The President
The Treasurer
Biggs, Mr. L. V.
Grut, Mr. J. B.
Hunt, Mr. H. A.
Tingate, Mr. A. C.

INSURANCE

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

Centenary Committee The President reported officially on behalf of the Centenary Committee that the work of reconstructing the library & Reading was practically completed except for some minor details. The Secretary reported that membership records were satisfactory & placed with the new layout. The Centenary Committee was reappointed.

Library The report of the Library Committee was approved on the motion of Mr. Judding Mr. Grant.

House The report of the House Committee was approved on the motion of Mr. Scott & Mr. Reardon.

Vacancies The President referred to the fact that there were vacancies on the Committee & suggested that members should suggest some one.

Motion Mr. Reardon moved & Mr. R. H. Williams seconded

"That this Committee hereby confirm the acts of the immediately preceding Committee from the time that Major Boston ceased to receive notices of meetings until the date of the annual meeting" Carried

Preservation Mr. Gates presented the President with a framed copy of a photograph taken by The Age showing the Lord Mayor & the President examining the library.

Leave The Secretary was granted annual leave for three weeks from February 11 to September 1st & acting Secretary. The President was authorized to sign the necessary letters to the Board.

Conf. W. J. Gates.
8.3.40

Minutes of meeting of the general committee held on March 8. 1940

Present Mr. Galis (Chairman) Burke Grant Burnhouse CR Regg, Scott, Kelly, Tinsley, Biggs, Redinick Mr. W. A. Cameron.

Apologies Apologies were received from the President Mr. Robinson, Burn, Pearce, C. P. Regg, The Rev. Holden Williams

Minutes The minutes of meeting of February 8 were read & confirmed

Accounts The Finance Committee reported that the Auditors had audited the books & accounts for February & had found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £600 10/- as shown on pages 43/45 of the cash book was recommended. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Burke who explained the details & gave the Treasurer a list of statements and Mr. Regg.

Chairman The Secretary reported that the sub-committees had appointed chairmen as follows Finance Mr. Burke, Library Mr. Judding, Lecture Mr. Biggs.

Lectures The Library Committee reported that it recommended that the lectures for this year be held in the library & that the subject should be "Helping the Reader". That the lecture should be Professor Osborne. The Report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Biggs & Mr. Burke details being left to Mr. Biggs.

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

19.4.40

Minutes of Minutes of the General Committee held on April 19. 1940

Present Mrs Sully, Burr, Robinson, Tinsate, Edmunds, Gales, Burr, Guit. Pearce, Beaggs, Hunt, Scott (Rev) John Williams

Apologies were received from Mr C.R. Regg, C.P. Regg, ^{Franky Thompson} Regg & A. Cannon

The minutes of meeting of March 8 were read & confirmed.

Carroll The Finance Committee reported that it had got fully into the question of the payment to be made to G.C. Manning under the contract and recommended that in order to comply with the contract by the amount to be paid should be £4-6-0 annually payment to be made at the rate of £5-11-0 weekly. The new arrangement to begin on May 18 and the contract to be amended accordingly. Moved by Mr Pearce & seconded by Rev John Williams that the recommendation be approved - carried

Tally The offer of Mr Tally to supply rubber bands for the Slaves from the West Landing to the Library at a cost of £12 & the offer of 7 units & 4 cases to lay same for £6 was approved subject to the secretary attempting to reduce the cost of laying was approved on the motion of Mrs Pearce & Edmunds.

accounts The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books and

accounts for March than found them correct. Payment of accounts amounting to £711.3.3 as shown on Pass 46/48 of the cash book was recommended. The report was adopted on the motion of Mrs Pearce & Edmunds.

Read of Chapter The Finance Committee also recommended that the rent of the Mt Sully for meetings should be fixed at £2.10. of which 10/- should go to the caretaker for 4 weeks. Moved by Mr Pearce & seconded by Mr Beaggs

decline The President reported that the opening lecture by Robinson & Stone had been a great success about 75 people were present & the lecture was interesting & creditable.

C. Roman The recommendation of the Finance Committee that Clifford Roman be appointed Junior Assistant at a salary of £4 a week to start from May 6 1940

Reflected The President said although the Committee should have a definite objective for the year he would like to see a membership of 3000 by the end of the year. At his suggestion a subcommittee consisting of the President & the Chairman of the various sub-committees should put on a plan of campaign

Conferred W. J. G. Feb. 10. 5. 40

Minutes of Meeting of the General
Committee held on May 10. 1940

Present Mr. Galie Chair, Robinson, Burke
Brambridge, Hunt, Reared Bourne,
Lunt, Tingali, Kelley & Mr. Horton
Williams

Address apologies numerous from Mrs
Zelding Beags CR Beag May 9

Minutes The minutes of meeting of April 19 were
read & approved.

Nathan Dr. Latham who had been nominated
by Mr Zelding & Burke was
declared elected as a member of Committee

Accounts The Finance Committee reported that
the auditors had audited the books
& accounts for April had found
them correct. Payment accounts
amounting to £754. 13. 5 as shown
on pages 49/57 of the last book was
recommended. The report was adopted
on the motion of Mrs Burke & Pearce

Stone ^{Stone} The tender of Boothman Co for £. 100
to mend the window in the Communium
Stone ^{cut and} ~~to be~~ ^{gild} the ceiling
inscription was accepted on the
motion of Mrs Galie & Robinson

Procedure The secretary produced a rough draft
of the proposed brochure it was
approved on the motion of Mrs Burke &
Robinson subject to details being
settled by the sub-committee.

Meeting Mr Galie was asked to act as chair-
man for the forthcoming Sigma lecture

Postea 26. 4. 40

THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM

NOMINATION FORM.

Wanted
W. J. Galie
10. 5. 40

We hereby nominate DR. L. S. LATHAM
as a Member of the Committee.

Proposer E. O. A. Treecore

Seconder W. J. Galie

I hereby accept the above Nomination.
L. S. Latham

April 24, 1940.

In Arthur
Sheehan

It was decided on the motion of Mrs Burke
Bancroft to write to Sir Arthur Sheehan
wishing him ~~the~~ success in his expedition
to be in the gallery.

Stairs

The Secretary reported that the work of
laying the rubber heads on the main
stairs had been completed & it was
decided to thank Mr Talbot for his
cooperation in the matter &

Chair

The report of the library committee was
adopted on the motion of Mrs Gale &
Hendy.

Geo. A. Freedman
14/6/48

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee
held on June 14 1948.

Present

Mrs Sildrey, Burke, Robinson, Mrs Barr
Kelly, C.P. Regg, Pearce, Bancroft Scott
Thames & Tingate, Galis, Mrs Bees
Dr Latham Rev Horton Williams & Rev
D.A. Cannon.

Apologies

apologies were received from Mrs May
& C.P. Regg.

Welcome

The President welcomed Dr Latham as
a member of the committee. Dr Latham
replied. It was decided to appoint
Dr Latham to the library committee.

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of May 10 were read
& approved.

Treasurer

The Treasurer reported that the Finance
Committee had received the report of the
auditors that they had audited the books &

accounts (a) they had found them correct the balance of accounts amounting to £245.0.1 as shown in paper 53/55 of the cash book was recommended.

The Treasurer in moving the adoption of the report gave the comparative figures for the income & expenditure which was carried.

Resolution The Finance Committee recommended that in the case of any surplus or deficit a being called up for provision would be kept open for a year & that sympathetic consideration would be given to the question of making up the difference between holiday pay & the salary a week paid & the institution.

Mr. Biggs moved & Mr. Redinick seconded

(a) That in the case of surplus or deficit called up the provision of all surplus would be kept open.

(b) That the Finance Committee's recommendation was carried.

Library The Library Committee report having presented various reports that for the first time there had been a net gain of 223 members. The Treasurer then mentioned 395 vacancies 172 of which 35 remained to be filled in. He mentioned that the Librarian had been successful

Stone at the conclusion of the meeting the President invited the Commemorative Stone on the wall.

Edna Feeding
14/7/40

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on 12th July 1940
Present: Mr. Fielding, Kelly, Gail, Trench, Gail, Redinick, CR Rigg, Pennington, Burt, Scott, Biggs & Latham

Apologies Apologies were received from Mr. Bruce Pearce for Mr. Rigg & Mr. Redinick.

Minutes The minutes of meeting of June 14th were read & confirmed.

Mr. Cameron The Secretary reported the death of the Rev. D. A. Cameron on July 4, 1940.

The President said that for a number of years Mr. Cameron had been a member of the Committee & had indicated himself to all the members. He had rendered the Institution great service. He moved that

The Committee of the Melbourne Athenaeum records with deep regret the death of the Rev. D. A. Cameron, who had been for 12 years a member of the Committee and for two years the President of the Institution. The Committee is highly appreciative of the great services rendered to the Institution by Mr. Cameron and expresses its sincere sympathy with the members of his family.

The resolution was adopted after being seconded by Mr. Gail all standing. The Secretary was instructed to convey the resolution

Wm Cameron family.

Correspondence A letter was received from Mrs F. H. Burke Commandant of the Militia asking for the use of the gallery on Tuesday evening. The letter was discussed & was decided on the motion of Mrs Bowditch/Burke that which the committee is in full sympathy with the movement the gallery was unsuitable for the purpose.

on the suggestion of Mrs Scott & Beys the secretary was instructed to get in touch with the League Club to see if it had a room available

M.F. It was decided that in the case of a member wishing to resign he should give the Reading room center his departure. This was decided on the motion of Mr. Edmunds Mr Beys

Entertainment The question of the position of our members of the staff wishing an discussed and recommendation from the Finance Committee. Similarly Mr. Bowditch moved & Mr. Beys seconded that

For the present, but always subject to modifications, in the event of a present employe enlisting in the A.I.F. the difference between his military pay and allowances and his present salary will be made up by the Institution.

In connection with the Militia the Finance Committee decided deliberately to refrain from making any recommendation as the matter has not yet become a matter of practical politics.

The motion was carried

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

10 June I had found them correct: accounts amounting to £ 624. 13 6 in the main or pages 55/57 of the Cash book was recommended. The report of the library committee was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gales & Mr. Bowditch.

Library

The Librarian suggested that in general literature the charge for extra books be spread a week the price charge will still be three pence. It was decided to take no action in the Librarian's report further.

Dado

The question of repainting the dado on the staircase to the library was referred to the House Committee for report. The Secretary of the House advised from the architects.

E. O. A. Decamp
16. 8. 40

Minutes of meeting of the general committee held on August 16. 1940

Present Mr. Dielding, Hunt, Beys, Gales, Burr, Scott, Grant, Burke, Edmunds, Mr. Horton, Mr. Whaley

Minutes The minutes of meeting of July 12 were read & confirmed.

Mr. Bowditch

The Secretary reported the death of Mr. J. W. Bowditch suddenly on Aug 7.

The President in moving that Mr. Bowditch's services to the Institution, during his three years he was a member of the committee, should be remembered said how much he would be missed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gales & carried all standing. The President was thanked

to convey the resolution to Mr Bouchard
apologies were received from Mr Adams
Bugs (?) Tuesday

The Finance Committee reported having
received the report of the auditors that they had
audited the books & accounts (a July &
had found them correct. Payments of
accounts amounting to £402.10.5 was
shown on page 58/60 of the cash book was
recommended.

The Treasurer in moving the adoption of the
report gave the comparative statement
the motion was seconded by Mr Guel &
carried.

R.A.A.F. an application from the R.A.A.F. for the use
of the air gallery for 84 seats on Tuesday of
each week for a cost was granted.

Lecture Mr Kelly was appointed chairman for
Professors lecture on Aug 29

Library The Report of the Library Committee was
adopted on the motion of Mr Guel & Hunt.
Geo A Fielding
B. IX. 1940

Minutes of Meeting of the General Committee
held on September 13. 1940

Present Mr Fielding, Ross, Gals Kelly, Dickinson
Burr, Bunker, Truagh, Begg Scott Hunt
& R. Walton Williams

apologies apologies were received from Mrs Begg
C.P. Begg, C.R. Begg, D. Latham & W.
Pearce.

Minutes The Minutes of meeting of August 16 were read
& confirmed.

leave of absence The applications of Mrs C.R. Begg &
Fredrick for leave of absence for three
months on military duty were granted

Victoria an application for permission to erect a
Neon sign in Alhambra Place was granted
to the Victoria Palace & on the motion of
Mr Dickinson & Mr Gals

accounts The Finance Committee reported that the Auditors
had audited the books & accounts for
August & had found them correct. The pay-
ment of accounts amounting to £411.16.9
as shown on page 61/63 of the cash book
was recommended.

The Report was adopted on the motion of Mr
Bunker who gave the usual comparison &
Mr Kelly.

Lecture The Lecture Committee reported that Professor
Strom's lecture had been successful Mr
Kelly having been in the chair. By date of
the next lecture was fixed for October 3 Mr
Begg was asked to act as chairman

to know an application by Mr Court for a renewal
of his lease to show 184 194 Council was

granted on the motion of Mr Burke & Mr Kelly on the same terms & conditions for a further four years.

Mr Depledge The secretary reported that Mr Depledge was in the hospital & that O. Neenan who was attending him thought he would be in or three weeks before he could resume duty. The secretary was instructed to make the necessary arrangements.

E. O. Fielding
X. 10. 40

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on Oct 11. 1940

Present: Messrs Fielding, Gales, Robinson, Great Barr, Tingate, Kelly, Burke, Begg, Hunt, Scott, O. Latham & Mr Horton Williams

apologies apologies were received from Mrs Begg, Pearce & C.P. Rigg

Minutes The minutes of meeting of September 13 were read & confirmed

Mr Great The chairman congratulated Mr Great on his recovery from his illness

Capt. Pedman a letter was received from Capt Pedman asking that ordnance books might be sent to the ^{4th Bn} advanced head quarters formation in the use of the troops. The request was granted on the motion of Messrs Begg & Tingate

Dr Williams O. Stanley Wilkison was elected a member of committee & appointed to the library committee on the motion of Mr Horton Williams & Mr Robinson.

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts & had found

THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM

NOMINATION FORM.

We hereby nominate O. Stanley Wilkison
as a member of Committee

Proposer Robert W. Williams

Seconder J. Schepel

I hereby accept the above Nomination.

O. Stanley Wilkison

them correct - The payment of accounts amounting to £ 584.11.11 as shown on page 63/65 of the cash book was recommended. The report was adopted on the motion of Mr Burke who gave the usual Comptroller statement & Mr Greet.

an application by Mr James for a refund of portion of the subscription was granted & it was decided to refund the sum of one Guinea on the motion of Rev Horton Williams & Mr Kelly.

Chairman

Mr Briggs reported that Professor Stokes lecture on the Classics had been well attended. The date had had to be changed owing to show holidays. The report was received & Mr Tregask was appointed Chairman of the next lecture on the motion of Mr Briggs & Mr Greet.

W. J. Gates.
8. 11. 40

Minutes of meeting of the General Committee held on November 8. 1940

Present

Mr Gates (in the chair) Mrs Burke, Greet Burr, Scott, Pearce C.P. Rigg Kelly Hunt, Tregask, Dr Datham Dr Wilkinson Rev Horton Williams

Apologies

apologies were received from Mr Fielding Robinson & Briggs and Wigg

Minutes

The minutes of meeting of October 11 were read & confirmed

Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Dr Wilkinson on taking his seat & Mr C.P. Rigg after a long absence Dr Wilkinson & Mr Rigg responded.

Finance The Finance Committee reported that the auditors had audited the books & accounts for October and found them correct. The payment of accounts amounting to £ 531. 16. 9 as shown on pages 66/67 of the cash book was recommended.

Mr Burke who gave the usual comparative figures for 1914 & 1915 & 1916 & 1917 that the report be adopted Carried.

The Finance Committee also reported that the Caretaker B.C. Mannering had joined the Home defence Corps for the duration of the war. This would involve 70 or 90 days in camp. The Committee recommended that the Institution should make up the difference between the military pay and the amount of the Caretaker's Contract.

The report was adopted on the motion of Miss Burke & Reares.

The Secretary reported that he could make arrangements for the carrying on of the work. The matter was left in his hands to adjust.

The Finance Committee also reported that it had considered a letter from Mr L.V. Biggs suggesting that a pamphlet prepared by him on the subject of Reading in War time should be reprinted & issued as an advertisement for the Institution. The cost of 1000 copies would be £2-17-6. The Committee recommended that the work be authorized

THE BEST OF THE NOVELS — A LIST TO ARGUE ABOUT

At the end of the year there are always a lot of people who amuse themselves by compiling lists of the "10 best"—movies, books, plays, and such. It is, in fact, a rather valuable amusement, for it serves to make us place the year's crop in some perspective.

Rather than compile any such list ourselves, thereby offering ourselves for all sorts of criticism, we are publishing another's list, just so that you will have a good one to chew on.

In his final lecture at the Melbourne Athenæum, Professor W. A. Osborne confessed that he was not a reader of fiction as a rule, but had asked a friend, on whose judgment he placed implicit reliance, to list the best novels recently published. No one will dispute the placing of Steinbeck or Wright on the list, but perhaps some of them will start an argument. Here are the lucky 13:—

How Green Was My Valley ..	Richard Llewellyn
Nanking Road	Vicky Baum
Grapes of Wrath	John Steinbeck
Paris Gazette	Lion Feuchtwanger
Flight from a Lady	A. J. Macdonnell
Provincial Lady in Wartime ..	E. M. Delafield
Escape	Ethel Vance
A Tale of Three Cities	D. L. Murray
Life as Carola	Joan Grant
This is the Schoolroom	Nicholas Montserrat
A Moment in Peking	Lin Yutang
Native Son	Richard Wright
Chad Hanna	Walter D. Edmonds

The report was adopted on the motion of the Rev
Hodson Williams & Dr. Latham.

Mr Tinsati reported that Professor Osborne's
lecture on The story of Australian Literature
had been well attended. Mr Tinsati was
thanked for acting as chairman.

Mr Begg was appointed chairman for the
final lecture.

At a meeting

13. 12. 40

Minutes of meeting of the General
Committee held on December 13, 1940

Present Mrs. Fielding, Gates, Gred, Tinsati
Wigg, C.R. Begg, Barker, Kelly, Burr
Hunt, Scott, Redemick, D. Latham &
Dr. Dickinson.

Apologies were received from Messrs Pearce
Begg, Robinson & Rev. H. Williams

The minutes of meeting of November 8 were
read & confirmed.

The Finance Committee reported having
received the auditor's report that they had
audited the books & accounts for November
and found them correct. The payment
of accounts amounting to £ 732.11.0
as shown on paper 68/70 of the cash book was
recommended. The Finance Committee
also recommended the payment of salary
of the cash accounts for January amounting
to £ 286.3.0 as shown on page 71 of the cash book
cheque to be drawn on January 2.
The Treasurer moved & Mr Kelly seconded the

McCarty, on Mikado, fourth;
Herbert Allen, on Chancellor, fifth;
Miss H. Kemp, on Velocity, sixth. Other
competitors were Mrs. K. Spurr, on M
gregor, Mrs. Nancy Grice, on Dalke
Mrs. Ken. Moore, on Prince; and M
Beryl Young, on Nonette.

SERVICE AUXILIARIES
TO HOLD MEETING

Many women whose menfolk have
overseas to serve find great comfort
meeting wives, mothers, and sisters
other men in the same battalions or a
of the services.

At gatherings of this kind prob
common to all the women, and in s
cases special difficulties of mailing
other matters, are discussed, and
quently overcome.

The 2/24 Battalion auxiliary will
semble next Tuesday in new quarters
the fifth floor of "The Argus" office,
Elizabeth st., where a large room has
made available for them every Tues
from 2.30 until 11, except over the
day period.

Next Tuesday, at 3, and again in
evening, a film will be shown of
of the 2/24 Battalion setting off on
march from Wangaratta to Bonegill

The committee will be glad to see
relations and friends of officers and
who are able to attend. Refreshments

lecture

adoption of the report Carroll
 The Treasurer submitted an estimate of
 receipts & expenditure for December
 which showed that at December 31 he
 anticipated that the overdraft at the
 Bank of Australasia would be £244. 11. 11

The report was received

It was decided on the motion of Mr
 Greal & Mr Bourke to allow the sale
 of photographs to make the use of the
 art gallery on the premises of the
 exhibition free of charge the proceeds
 of the exhibition going to the Red Cross
 Fund.

annual meeting It was decided to hold the Annual
 meeting in the Art Gallery on Friday
 January 31 at 3.45 p.m.

Next Meeting It was decided to hold the next meeting
 of Committee on January 20. 1941.

Library The Library Committee's report was
 adopted on the motion of Mr Greal & Mr
 Kelly.

Lecture The Secretary reported that Professor Stone's
 paper lecture had been a success but
 the attendance had not been satisfactory
 It was decided to thank Professor Stone
 for his services.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs C.R. Rees
 & thanked her on their return from
 military duty.

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 20/12/41