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NAME OF COLLECTION	MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY PUBLIC QUESTIONS SOCIETY.
ACCESSION NO	1961.0025
CATEGORY	University Club/Society
ACTIVITY	University Club
DATE RANGE	1921-1931
SIZE OF COLLECTION	2 cm.
HISTORICAL NOTE	The Society was formed in 1918 to discuss questions of contemporary interest, an aim which, in its early years, brought it to the attention of the University authorities. Russia, India, the Pacific Region and the League of Nations were recurring topics, along with housing, unemployment, education, eugenics and other social matters. It held study circles and lectures, the latter given by people prominent in their spheres.
DATE OF TRANSFER	November 1961
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
DESCRIPTION	Minute Book, 3 August 1922 (Fifth Annual General Meeting) - 28 October 1931. Included is the Annual Report for August 1921-August 1922. Both committee and general meetings are recorded. Interleaved: letter from Chas. Silver, pro sec. of the University Labour Club, 19 October 1931, conveying the committee's thanks for cooperation during the year; Annual Report of the P.Q.S. for 1930 and 1931. Quarto exercise-book.
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RECORDS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY.

NAME: Melbourne University Public Questions Society.

TRANSFEROR: Baillieu Library.

DATE OF TRANSFER: November 1961.

TYPE OF RECORD: Minutes.

INCLUSIVE DATES: 3 August 1922 - 28 October 1931.

QUANTITY: One quarto volume.

GENERAL NOTE: The M.U. Public Questions Society was formed in 1918 (see G. Blainey p. 171). This volume records the proceedings of the Society from its Fifth Annual General Meeting, held in the Natural Philosophy School on 3 August 1922, to a Committee Meeting on 28 October 1931. The Committee included two graduates, two general and two undergraduate representatives, and one Fresher Representative. ~~14~~ Presidents over these years were Associate-Professor J. Stewart (Mental and Moral Philosophy), Associate-Professor A.C.D. Rivett (Chemistry), K.H. (later Professor) Bailey (Law), Professor J.A. Gunn (Director of Tutorial Classes) Professor D. Copland (Commerce), and Professor S. Wadham (Agriculture). At the last meeting recorded, the Committee was considering a plan to hold a fortnightly Open Forum on current problems in addition to the normal mid-day meetings. It was decided "to purchase a new leather-bound and highly respectable Minute Book" and "to apply to Mr Scott for a last resting place in the Library for defunct minute books". However, no other volumes.

The minutes record names of speakers and topics, discussions concerning suitable speakers, study circles and outside activities. Unfortunately, neither the lectures and ~~neither the~~ discussions arising out of them nor the proceedings of the study circle are summarized.

LIST OF RECORDS:

Minutes of general and committee meetings.

3 Aug. 1922 - 28 Oct. 1931. One quarto exercise book.

Loose inside: Report of P.Q.S. Committee Sept. 1925 - Sept. 1926. 3 sheets MS.

Report Sept. 1926 - Sept. 1927, 2 sheets, MS.

Report Sept. 1927 - Sept. 1928 3pp. t.s.

Report for 1929 6pp. MS.

R. Latham, Hon. Sec., S.R.C., Committee of Clubs and Societies, ~~conveying~~ ^{circular conveying} resolution to invite societies to hold 4 meetings or demonstrations of a popular and attractive character" in Commencement Week. 8 Oct. 1929.

Henry George League, Melbourne, to P. Garran, Hon. Sec. P.Q.D., following up gift of books to the P.Q.S. library with request that a representative of the League be able to give an address in reply to Professor Giblin. 2 Oct. 1930.

Report for 1930. 3pp. t.s.

Report for 1930. 3pp. t.s.

Newscutting from Farrago, 28 Sept. 1926. Article on P.Q.S. revival after "a vote of no-confidence" in it had been proposed.