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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

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FOR THE YEAR 1877.

1. The Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum have much pleasure in presenting their Report of the proceedings of the past twelve months, and in doing so cordially congratulate the subscribers upon the increasing prosperity of the Institution.

2. The revenue for the year 1877 amounts to £2840 10s. 11d., a sum which cannot but be deemed highly satisfactory, and has enabled the Committee to carry out the whole of the improvements proposed in the last Annual Report.

3. The number of members on the roll is 1681, made up as follows, viz.:—Yearly, half-yearly, and quarterly subscribers, 1571; life members, 97; and honorary members, 13. The subscriptions for 1877 amount to no less than

£1723 18s. 3d., an increase of £231 15s. 3d. over the previous year. Five years ago the revenue from this source was only £580 per annum. New members to the number of 481 joined during 1877.

4. In order to meet the increasing demand for accommodation, the two western offices in front of the main building were converted, in April last, into a News Room, at an immediate cost of £65 1s. 4d. This is, of course, exclusive of the loss of office rental, amounting to £117 per annum. The alteration has been of a beneficial nature, relieving the Main Reading Room of considerable pressure, and leaving it free for readers of the weekly and illustrated papers, and of magazines and books generally. The News Room is devoted exclusively to the leading Town, Country, and Intercolonial papers. No less than 31 copies of the Melbourne dailies are now exhibited in this room.

5. Attention has been paid to the Library. A large quantity of new books have been added, and the number of copies of standard works considerably increased. Special care has also been taken to conserve the property in this department by means of a liberal expenditure on binding. The contract for a direct supply of the latest current fiction by each mail has worked well, and appears to have afforded general satisfaction.

6. The bound volumes issued from the Library during the year amount (see paragraph 15) to a grand total of 45,293, and the separate monthly parts of magazines to 11,000.

7. Inclusive of outstanding liabilities, the total amount expended in books and newspapers, magazines, binding, &c., in 1877 was nearly £1000. Several extra copies of leading magazines and newspapers have been added to the list, and no effort has been spared to make the supply as large and varied as possible.

8. The New Catalogue, based upon the principle of classification followed in the Public Library, and founded upon that of the British Museum, has afforded the members increased facilities for reference, and appears to have fully served the purposes for which it was compiled.

9. The attendance in the Main Reading Room, News Room, and Library, has increased proportionately with the accession of new members. While on this subject, the Committee wish to draw particular attention to the fact that lady members are by no means restricted to their own Reading Room, but have access to, and are specially invited to make use of, the Main Reading Room.

10. The Classes have been fairly attended. They comprise the following:—French, German, Italian, Phonography, Singing, the subjects for the Civil Service and Matriculation Examinations, &c.

11. In accordance with a proposal adopted at the Annual Meeting, the Large Hall and approaches were decorated in the early part of the year. Messrs. J. St. Quentin and Son were the contractors, and the work was carried out under the supervision of Messrs. Smith and Johnson, architects to the Institution. The contract was performed in a very faithful manner, and the result has met with general approbation, the whole of the Melbourne Press agreeing in the opinion that the Athenæum Hall is now one of the most elegant in the colonies. A loss of revenue naturally occurred through the closing of the Hall while undergoing the process of decoration, but notwithstanding this, the amount to the credit of the lettings reached a total of £606 17s. 4d.

12. The Small Hall and Rooms have also been in demand, and have returned a revenue of £163 6s. and £89 3s. 6d. respectively. The two remaining offices in front have brought in a rental of £163 10s.

Calendar, 1877 and 1878 ; and three Pamphlets, from Mr. M. L. Hutchinson.
A number of Pamphlets, Papers, &c., from Free Trade League of Victoria.
Pamphlet on the Benefit to the Colonies of Being Members of the British Empire, from the author, J. Dennistoun Woods, Esq.
Advance Thought, from the author, C. E. Glass, Esq.
Half-dozen Pamphlets, Receipts and Remedies, from J. Pett, Esq.
Delusion and Reality, from F. B. Thompson, Esq.
Report Botanical Gardens, from W. R. Guilfoyle, Esq.
Boys' Own Book of Boats, from J. Godby, Esq.
On Paying Wards in Public Hospitals, from the author, Dr. Blair.
Handy Book on Bills of Sale, from W. J. Wallis, Esq.
Life of Admiral Codrington, two vols., from Lady Bourchier.
Two copies Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria, supplied regularly by Messrs. Stillwell and Knight.
Two copies A. B. C. Guide, supplied regularly by Messrs. Gordon and Gotch.
History and Progress of Surgery, and Diseases of the Hip Joint, from the author, J. G. Beaney, Esq.
The White Star Line Official Guide, from Messrs. Lorimer, Rome, and Co.
Calendar, 1877-78, and Examination Papers, February Term, 1877, from the Council of the Melbourne University.

By the Government of New South Wales :—

Blue Book, New South Wales, 1876.
Statistical Register, New South Wales, 1876.
Estimates of Probable Income and Expenditure of the Government of New South Wales, 1877.
Annual Report Department of Mines, N.S.W.
Two copies Mr. G. H. Reid's "New South Wales, the Mother Colony."

By the Council of the Province of Otago, New Zealand ;—

Votes and Proceedings of the Provincial Council, Session 1877.
Ordinances of the Province of Otago.

The proprietors of the principal daily and weekly newspapers in the city and suburbs have also contributed one copy each of their journals.

20. The Annual Election of honorary office-bearers was held in February last, and resulted in the return of the following gentlemen, viz.:—President, W. Gillbee, Esq. ; Vice-President, H. R. Fuge, Esq. ; Treasurer, Hon. D. E. Wilkie, M.D. ; Committee, Messrs. H. Biers, J. E. Clarke, W. Ievers, jun., R. Jack, H. Meeks, G. W. Rusden, and Rev. J. M. Strongman.

21. There have been 15 meetings of the Committee during the year. Of these

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| " Marcus Clarke | ... | " 10 | Mr. H. Thomas | ... | " 10 |
| Judge Cope ... | ... | " 3 | | | |

22. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following members of Committee retire from office, viz.:—Messrs. David Benjamin, David Blair, Dr. Blair, J. S. Butters, Marcus Clarke, Judge Cope, Jeremiah Dwyer, and Henry Thomas.

23. In concluding their report, the Committee again express the extreme pleasure they experience in recording the increasing utility and prosperity of the Institution. It is entirely self-supporting, having no Government subsidy; and supplying, as it does, an intellectual want felt alike by all classes of the community, the Melbourne Athenæum need fear no lack of public support.

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