

THE
MELBOURNE
ATHENÆUM.

1882.

REPORT

OF

THE COMMITTEE

OF THE

Melbourne Athenæum

FOR THE YEAR 1882.



MELBOURNE:

STILLWELL & Co., PRINTERS, COLLINS STREET EAST.

1883.

OFFICE-BEARERS FOR THE YEAR 1883.

President :
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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM

FOR THE YEAR 1882.

The Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submit the following Report :—

1. The revenue of the year is very satisfactory. The gross receipts amount to £2757 11s. 10d., as against £2643 15s. 9d. last year.

2. The total number of members on the roll is 1333, and the amount paid by them is £1391 7s. 3d.

3. The Large Hall has been in increased demand during the year, and has yielded a revenue of £812 14s. 6d., which, with the exception of the year 1875, is the largest amount received during any year since its erection. The average rental for the last ten years has been £660.

4. The revenue from the Small Hall is £234 5s. ; from the Offices £157 ; and from rooms, £119 12s.

5. Especial attention has been given to manage the finances of the Institution with as much economy as is consistent with a due regard to a proper supply of books, periodicals, and newspapers. The total expenditure for the ordinary purposes of the Institution is £2191 17s. 3d.

6. The number of books added to the Library is 582. The sum of £562 9s. 9d. was spent for books, magazines, and newspapers ; also £92 1s. 4d. for binding.

7. Referring to the item of law costs in the financial statement, the Committee report that they have found it necessary during the year to have the right-of-way at the rear of the Institution brought under the Land Transfer Statute.

8. The loan on mortgage has been reduced by £500, leaving £5000 still to be paid. This amount, at the present rate of income, the Committee hope to reduce at the rate of £500 per year.

9. The question of pulling down the older portion of the Institution, and erecting a building better adapted to the

present requirements of this city, has received a large amount of attention. A special Sub-committee was appointed to consider the subject, and after receiving their report, it was decided by the General Committee, after mature deliberation, that it would be prudent to postpone the undertaking until the debt on the Institution shall have been further reduced.

10. Another matter that has been discussed is the lighting of the Institution with the electric light. The advantage to be derived therefrom in lessening the heat in the reading rooms during the summer months makes it highly desirable to have the new light introduced as soon as possible.

12. STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS FOR THE
LAST TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS.

YEAR.	No. of Subscribing Members.	New Members.	Volumes Added.	Volumes Circulated.	Magazines Circulated.
1856	590	269	300	12,435	1,010
1857	587	274	350	13,070	2,075
1858	567	174	350	18,175	2,117
1859	506	144	407	16,514	2,038
1860	488	118	220	20,274	3,343
1861	635	284	145	21,144	4,523
1862	600	209	344	19,128	5,093
1863	569	176	401	23,262	5,101
1864	512	127	350	13,305	6,249
1865	471	146	398	12,912	8,152
1866	450	123	270	13,102	9,100
1867	437	117	217	13,146	9,899
1868	458	131	430	13,249	11,378
1869	460	129	413	13,614	10,278
1870	510	170	382	14,022	11,705
1871	547	168	627	19,603	11,927
1872	640	252	426	20,226	12,447
1873	1139	655	705	34,886	15,176
1874	1236	547	1414	39,729	12,323
1875	1287	480	657	45,002	10,697
1876	1488	567	980	43,115	10,500
1877	1571	481	746	45,293	11,000
1878	1525	444	654	46,262	11,115
1879	1410	361	771	58,450	6,096
1880	1400	364	543	*36,317	6,399
1881	1398	326	552	*34,291	6,642
1882	1333	341	582	*34,342	7,268

* Works.

12. The following return shows the number of the various classes of works that have been issued to members. The first four columns show the number of *volumes*, the last three the number of *works*. For this return the numbers are counted daily, and are therefore strictly accurate:—

CLASSIFICATION.	1876.	1877.	1878.	1879.	1880.	1881.	1882.
Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics	16	19	20	21	16	6	7
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts	39	65	69	42	45	24	27
Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence	1,203	1,242	1,200	1,488	1,273	1,165	1,225
Classics and Philology	69	81	90	177	70	75	79
Fine Arts	26	50	54	68	70	45	33
Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works ..	1,461	1,500	1,450	1,961	1,912	1,686	1,807
History and Historical Memoirs	996	997	1,000	977	730	946	930
Jurisprudence and Legislation ..	13	14	20	26	15	16	7
Medical Science and Chemistry	38	60	70	72	30	44	26
Miscellaneous and Collected Works	1,870	1,857	1,759	1,568	1,300	1,231	1,123
Natural History and Botany ..	182	192	200	128	139	127	85
Works of Fiction	35,408	36,489	37,490	47,299	26,322	25,545	24,260
Music	10	11	14	11	7	10	2
Periodical Literature	836	900	896	2,573	2,815	1,854	3,028
Philosophy and General Science	584	634	650	615	396	565	586
Poetry and the Drama	361	502	510	353	283	290	239
Politics	74	105	110	82	95	61	73
Religious & Ecclesiastical Works	129	175	160	159	126	80	95
Juvenile Works	400	500	830	673	521	710
	43,115	45,293	46,262	58,450	36,317	34,291	34,342

13. The number of visitors introduced by members, under the provision of Rule 19, was 77.

14. The Government has contributed during the year—

Victorian Parliamentary Debates.
Votes and Proceedings of the Parliament of Victoria.
Government Gazette.
Acts of Parliament.
Victorian Year Book, by H. H. Hayter, Esq.
Result of Observations, Melbourne Observatory, by R. L. J. Ellery, Esq.

The Government of New South Wales has contributed—

Parliamentary Papers for the year.

15. The following donations of works have also been kindly made :—

- Walch's Tasmanian Almanac, from Messrs. J. Walch and Sons.
- Presbyterian Calendar.
- Two copies of Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria, supplied regularly by Messrs. Stillwell and Co.
- Two copies A. B. C. Guide, supplied regularly by Messrs. Gordon and Gotch.
- Calendar from the Council of the Melbourne University.
- Transactions and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria, Vol. XVIII., presented by the Council of the Royal Society.
- Official Record of the Melbourne International Exhibition, from the Commissioners.
- Evidences of Spiritualism (two copies). by the author, W. D. C. Denovan, Esq.
- Tree Culture in South Australia, and South Australian Industries and Manufactories, by Mr. Charles Bonney.

The proprietors of the principal metropolitan and provincial newspapers have also each contributed one copy of their journals.

16. The annual election of honorary office-bearers resulted in the return of the following gentlemen :—President, Professor Elkington ; Vice-President, Alexander Millie, Esq. ; Treasurer, David Benjamin, Esq. ; Committee : Messrs. L. S. Daniel, F. G. Duffy, H. R. Fuge, J. S. Greig, Wm. Ievers, jun., H. Meeks, C. Rennie, and W. Thompson.

17. There have been 14 meetings of the Committee during the year. Of these,

<i>The President</i> —PROFESSOR ELKINGTON	attended	12
<i>The Vice-President</i> —ALEXANDER MILLIE, ESQ.	„	13
<i>The Treasurer</i> —DAVID BENJAMIN, ESQ.	„	7

COMMITTEE :

Biers, H.	attended	14	Harlin, T.	attended	12
Daniel, L. S.	„	10	Ievers, W.	„	9
Downward, E.	„	11	Meeks, H.	„	11
Duffy, F. G.	„	4	Moody, L. A.	„	8
Fink, Theo.	„	9	Rennie, C.	„	13
Fuge, H. R.	„	9	Rusden, G. W. (absent		
Gillbee, W.	„	6	from the colony)	„	0
Greig, J. S.	„	7	Thompson, W.	„	9

18. The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following members of the Committee retire from office, but are eligible for re-election, viz. :—Messrs. H. Biers, E. Downward, Theo. Fink, W. Gillbee, J. S. Greig, T. Harlin, and L. A. Moody.

19. Your Committee once more express their hope that all who take an interest in the Institution will make it a duty to endeavour to bring in new members, and in other ways to promote the interests of the Institution.

J. S. ELKINGTON, President.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

Dr.

For the Year ending 31st December, 1882.

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To Balance, 31st December, 1881	£171	16	11
Subscriptions	1,391	7	3
Rent of Large Hall	812	14	6
Small Hall	234	5	0
Offices	157	0	0
Rooms	119	12	0
Sale of Catalogues, Waste Paper, &c.	42	13	1
	2,757	11	10
	£2,929	8	9

By Salaries	£751	18	4
Books, Magazines and Newspapers	562	9	9
Interest on Loan	302	10	0
Gas	250	8	7
Binding	92	1	4
Repairs, Furniture, &c.	66	2	2
Rates	56	0	0
Law Expenses	39	18	8
Advertising and Printing	17	2	0
Manual Assistance	13	19	6
Postage, Duty Stamps, and Petty Cash	13	16	8
Insurance	11	18	9
Stationery	4	16	6
Auditors	4	4	0
Fuel	2	16	0
Guarantee Premium	2	0	0
	2,191	17	3
Payment of Part of Mortgage	500	0	0
Dishonoured Cheque	1	1	0
Balance	236	10	6
	£2,929	8	9

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Dr.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

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LIABILITIES.			
To Salaries for December	£57	10	0
Gas for December	17	8	6
Sundries	7	14	5
Loan under Mortgage	5,000	0	0
Balance	14,176	7	7
	£19,259	0	6

ASSETS.			
By Rent due Large Hall	£5	5	0
Small Hall	17	5	0
Estimated value of Property	17,000	0	0
" " Library	1,500	0	0
" " Furniture, &c.	500	0	0
Cash in hand	3	2	3
Cash in City of Melbourne Bank	233	8	3
	236	10	6
	£19,259	0	6

Examined and found correct.

DAVID BENJAMIN,
HONORARY TREASURER.

W. THOMPSON, JR. }
ANDREW BURNS, } AUDITORS.

MELBOURNE, 16th January, 1883

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Biers, H.	Mackenzie, Rev. D., M.A.	Nicholson, Sir. C.
Gilbert, G. A.	Maguire, J. F.	Thompson, W.
Hargraves, E. H.	Morison, Rev. A.	Wilkie, Hon. D. E., M.D.
Hart, Henri J., J.P.		
Lowe, Rt. Hon. R.		

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Barkly, Sir, H.	Gibbs, J. H.	Payne, T. B.
Bennett, J. B.	Gillbee, W.	Perry, Rt. Rev. C., D.D.
Blow, W. W.	Goldsbrough, R.	Rae, J.
Bowen, Sir G.	Heape, B.	Ross, A.
Brewster, E. J.	Heape, C.	Rusden, G. W.
Broadfoot, A. A.	Herring, J.	Russell, J. B.
Brown, T., jun.	Ker, R.	Scott, R.
Burn, W. C.	Langlands, J.	Smith, A. L.
Campbell, R.	Langlands, T.	Smith, J. M.
Carson, J.	Leslie, A.	Smith, R.
Chambers, H. J.	Little, F. A.	Snowball, J.
Childers, Rt. Hon. H. C. E.	M'Arthur, D. C.	Splatt, W. F.
Chirnside, T.	Mackenzie, W. H., jun.	Stevens, F. P.
Clay, F. I.	Milne, G.	Stevenson, J.
Clowes, H.	Mitchell, D.	Sumner, Hon. T. J.
Clowes, R.	Moody, L. A.	Thornley, N.
Coates, W.	Mortimer, H. W.	Tuckett, W. H.
Cock, C.	Motherwell, J. B., M.D.	Turner, G.
Cooke, H.	Moubray, T.	Vivian, G. W.
Cope, Judge	Mouritz, G. A.	Walsh, F.
Cosgrave, J.	Mullaly, J.	Westgarth, W.
Dalgety, J. G.	Murphy, G. R.	Wharton, G.
Dallachy, J.	Nicholson, G.	Wilkie, Hon. D. E., M.D.
Davies, E.	Orme, C.	Wisewould, J.
Dickson, T.	Overton, W.	Yule, W.
Easy, W.		

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Abernethy, Rev. J. M.	Bardwell, E.	Bolam, Mrs.
Abraham, R.	Barker, G. D.	Bon, Mrs.
Adams, Dr. G. R.	Barnes, R.	Bond, G. B.
Adams, W. E.	Barnet, H. F.	Bonney, G. S.
Adamson, J. M.	Barnet, N.	Boothman, Miss
Adderley, Mrs.	Barrett, S.	Boulter, C.
Airey, G.	Barrow, Mrs.	Boulter, W. F.
Alexander, T.	Bartlett, E.	Bowden, H.
Allan, G. L.	Barton, C. H.	Bowie, R.
Allen, A. H. S.	Barton, Dr. F.	Bowley, W.
Ambler, W. L.	Baskerville, Miss	Bowman, A.
Anderson, A.	Bates, Wm.	Boyd, Capt.
Anderson, C.	Bear, J.	Boyd, Miss
Anderson, J.	Beauchamp, F.	Boyes, C.
Anderson, J. F.	Begg, F. F.	Boyle, T.
Andresen, L. C.	Beilby, W.	Bradley, L. D.
Andrew, J.	Bell, G.	Bradly, C. A.
Andrews, C. L.	Bell, R.	Bradly, C. F.
Andrews, H.	Bell, W.	Bradshaw, G. M.
Andrews, J.	Belman, Mrs.	Brady, A. A.
Andrews, W. K.	Benjafield, Miss L.	Bragge, J. F.
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Apperley, Jas.	Benjamin, H.	Brandt, E.
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Appleton, L. F.	Benjamin, M. E.	Brentnall, T.
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Armstrong, J.	Bennet, G. R.	Bride, H. J.
Armstrong, Miss	Berry, H.	Briggs, Mrs.
Armstrong, T. H.	Best, D.	Britton, A.
Armstrong, W. J.	Bevan, Mrs.	Britton, A.
Ashton, E.	Biers, H.	Britton, H.
Ashton, J. R.	Bignell, E. A.	Brock, H.
Askew, J. W.	Billing, N.	Brock, R.
Atchison, J.	Birch, Mrs.	Brocklebank, L.
Atchison, J. D.	Birmingham, A.	Brodie, Miss
Atkinson, C.	Birnie, R.	Brodzky, M.
Atkinson, T. B.	Bissell, T.	Bromby, R.
Ault, E. L.	Black, J.	Brotherton, H.
Aylwyn, J. H.	Black, J. P.	Brown, C.
Aytoun, G.	Black, S. J.	Brown, J. D.
	Blacketer, J.	Brown, M. J.
	Blackwell, R. T.	Brown, R. C.
	Blackwood, G.	Brown, T.
	Blair, D.	Brown, W.
	Blair, Dr.	Brown, W. H.
	Blakeney, J.	Brown, W. H., junr.
	Blaubaum, Rev.	Browne, E. V.
	Blinkhorn, J.	Browne, J. W.
	Blom, G.	Browne, R. W.
	Blundell, M. P., jun.	Bruce, W.
	Blunn, T.	Buchanan, T.
	Blyth, E. C.	Buck, J.
Bagge, M.		
Bailhache, C.		
Bailhache, H. W.		
Bailhache, Rev.		
Baird, Miss		
Baker, T.		
Balfour, H.		
Balfour, Hon. J.		
Balmain, Miss		
Balston, W.		
Bamber, J.		

Buckland, J.
Buckley, E.
Buckley, Mrs.
Budd, Mrs. H. H.
Budd, R. H.
Bull, O. S.
Bulley, W.
Burchett, Rev. J.
Burke, R.
Burkett, F. A.
Burmister, W.
Burnard, S.
Burnie, G.
Burns, A.
Burston, G. W.
Burt, S. C.
Burt, J. G.
Bury, F. T.
Bury, Miss
Butler, J. G.
Buzzard, E. W.
Byford, C.
Byrne, F.
Byrne, J. P.
Byrne, T.

Cahill, J.
Calder, W. J.
Caldwell, R.
Callaghan, J. M. A.
Callaway, W. A.
Calvert, Miss E. M.
Calvert, S.
Cameron, D.
Cameron, J. P.
Campbell, A. L.
Campbell, C. C.
Campbell, R.
Cane, A. R.
Capon, W.
Carbon, F. L.
Carlile, E.
Carlisle, Rev. J.
Carnegie, H.
Carnegie, J.
Carr, D. C.
Carter, E.
Casimir, A.
Cass, E.
Caughey, H. H.
Caughey, R.
Cavanagh, J. H. A.
Cawley, M. J.
Chalmers, A.
Chalmers, J. G.
Chambers, F.
Chambers, G.
Chambers, H. F.

Chapman, J. T.
Chapple, F.
Charnock, G.
Chase, L. H.
Chave, T. A.
Chisholm, G. M.
Christy, L. S.
Clark, F.
Clark, R. C.
Clark, T.
Clark, W.
Clark, W. T.
Clarke, A. A.
Clarke, C. F.
Clarke, H. A.
Clarke, J.
Clarke, J. L.
Clarke, J. N. S.
Clarson, H. T.
Clerk, A. B.
Clezy, J.
Climie, J. C.
Clinch, T. A.
Coates, C. S.
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Coates, W. G.
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Cohen, Mrs. E.
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Collie, G.
Collingwood, T.
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Collison, C.
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Cowper, W.
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Craven, M. A.
Crawford, D.
Creasy, R. J.
Crespigny, Mrs.
Crew, S.
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Crofts, H. C.
Crombie, J.
Crompton, G.
Crossley, H.
Culcheth, W. W.
Cummins, G. F.
Currie, G.
Curtis, J.
Curven, A. E.
Cuthill, W.
Cutts, Miss

Dakin, F. F.
Dakin, W. E.
Dall, J. K.
Dalton, W. H.
Daly, W.
Damman, G.
Daniel, L. S.
Daniels, H.
Danson, R. S.
Daplyn, A. J.
Darlot, H.
Davenport, J. S.
Davidson, A.
Davidson, J. M.
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Davies, J. H.
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Davies, M. H.
Davis, A.
Dawson, D.
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Day, Rev. R.
Dean, A. F.
De Gruchy, Miss
Dempster, A.
Denbigh, E.
De Rinzy, Mrs.
Despard, Miss
Dethridge, J.
Detmold, W.
Devenish, J. A.

Devine, P. J.
Dick, Dr.
Dick, Miss
Dick, W. H.
Dickie, J.
Dickenson, E.
Dimelow, J.
Disher, S. L.
Ditchburn, G.
Dixon, C. D.
Dixon, W.
Dodgshun, Miss
Donaldson, R.
Donaldson, W.
Donovan, J.
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Downward, E.
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Duffy, C. G., jun.
Duffy, D.
Duffy, F. G.
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Dumas, A. G.
Dumas, H.
Dumoulin, C. F.
Dunlop, W. M.
Dunn, F.
Dunn, J.
Dunning, J. F.
Durkin, T.
Dyson, A.

Eales, Thos.
Edgar, H. S.
Edmondson, J. E.
Edwards, F.
Edwards, F. H.
Edwards, J.
Edwards, J. E.
Edwards, R. D.
Edwards, S. A.
Eggleston, J. W.
Elkington, J. S.
Ellerker, W. H.
Ellery, R. L. J.
Elliott, E. C.
Elliott, E. R.
Elliott, G. B.
Elliott, S.
Elliott, W.
Ellis, A.
Elsässer, C. G.
Emmerson, J. D.

Enticott, J.
Erichsen, C. F.
Erskine, A.
Erskine, J.
Espinasse, Capt.
Espinasse, R. D.
Evans, D.
Evans, E.
Evans, J. B.
Evans, Mrs.
Exon, E.
Eyles, H. W.

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Farquhar, W.
Fawcett, C. J.
Fearon, P. S.
Felton, A.
Fenton, H.
Fenton, W. W.
Fergie, A. W.
Ferguson, C. R.
Field, A. B.
Fielden, J. H.
Fielden, J.
Fielding, T. A.
Filson, J.
Finch, E.
Fincock, F. J.
Fink, B. J.
Fink, T.
Fink, W.
Finlay, J.
Fisher, A. E.
Fisher, J.
Fitchett, Rev. W. H.
Fitzgibbon, E. G.
Fleming, A.
Fletcher, Dr.
Fletcher, R. E.
Flinn, J.
Folingsby, G. F.
Forbes, A.
Forbes, J.
Forlonge, W.
Fowler, C. B.
Fox, J. H.
Foy, Miss
Foy, Mrs.
Francis, H.
Franklin, F. G.
Franklin, H. S.
Fraser, Mrs.
Fraser, Rev. A.
Fraser, Rev. D.
Fraser, Rev. W. G.
Frayne, G.

Freeman, D. G.
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