

THE
MELBOURNE
ATHENÆUM.

1898.

REPORT

OF

THE COMMITTEE

OF THE

Melbourne Athenæum

FOR THE YEAR 1898.



MELBOURNE :

STILLWELL AND Co., PRINTERS, 195A COLLINS STREET
1899.

OFFICE-BEARERS FOR THE YEAR 1899.

President:

REV. J. Mc.L. ABERNETHY.

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L. S. DANIEL, Esq.

Treasurer:

CHARLES RENNIE, Esq.

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Committee of Management:

CALLAWAY, W. A.	BARLOW, H. S.
DOWNWARD, E.	DAVIES, E.
HARLIN, T.	GRANT, H. E.
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LUSH, G.	MICKLE, D.
VEAL, J. W.	RIDLEY, J. S.
WILSON, R. G.	SANGSTER, D.

HOOD, M. (*ex officio*).

Auditors:

ANDREW BURNS, F.I.A.V. | PHINEAS RAINEY, F.I.A.V.

Secretary:

J. H. B. CURTIS.

Librarian:

WILLIAM SMITH.



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FOR THE YEAR 1898.



THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submit their report of the transactions of the past year.

The gross receipts of the year amount to £2020 11s., and the expenditure to £2155 0s. 10d.

The following are the details of the receipts:—Subscriptions, £771 9s.; rent of front shops, £557; rent of large hall, £401 12s.; small hall, £133 18s.; rooms, £126 6s.; sales, £17 16s.; interest, £12 10s.

The items of expenditure are:—Interest on mortgage, £640; salaries and wages, £510 16s.; books, magazines, and newspapers, £405 11s. 6d.; rates, £142 10s.; electric light, £138; gas, £122 5s.; repairs, goods, and sundries, £65 6s. 4d.; binding, £54 7s. 3d.; insurance, £43 10s. 9d.; postage, stationery, and petty cash, £16 18s.; advertising and printing, £11 12s.; auditors, £4 4s.

The number of members on the roll is 747, of whom 84 joined during the year.

The number of books added to the library during the year was 370; the total number of works issued to subscribers was 24,519, and 5916 magazines.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS FOR THE
LAST TWENTY YEARS.

YEAR.	No. of Subscribing Members.	New Members.	Volumes Added.	Works* Circulated.	Magazines Circulated.
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
1883	1330	329	560	35,016	7,209
1884	1334	277	711	35,129	7,231
1885	1311	254	680	29,653	7,200
1886	1468	351	700	29,382	7,000
1887	1568	376	613	28,241	7,150
1888	1535	355	618	29,697	7,108
1889	1515	312	698	30,601	7,209
1890	1492	316	670	30,699	7,142
1891	1381	237	640	30,441	7,083
1892	1198	186	652	30,319	7,121
1893	1036	126	639	28,815	7,057
1894	945	123	627	27,880	6,983
1895	859	97	485	26,806	6,127
1896	832	105	477	25,810	5,960
1897	805	125	403	24,844	5,975
1898	747	84	370	24,519	5,916

* Prior to 1880, the figures represent single volumes; since that date they represent the entire work, whether consisting of one volume or more.

The following return shows the number of works of various classes that have been issued during the last four years:—

CLASSIFICATION.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics	3	3	1	1
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts	7	3	5	5
Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence	820	1,242	1,234	1313
Classics and Philology	29	23	17	28
Fine Arts	2	6	5	7
Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works	710	1,410	1,268	1,304
History and Historical Memoirs	490	1,009	1,008	818
Jurisprudence and Legislation	1	1	1	2
Medical Science and Chemistry	1	1	1	1
Miscellaneous and Collected Works	380	561	702	627
Natural History and Botany	17	13	20	16
Works of Fiction	22,258	19,073	18,346	17,969
Music	1	1		1
Periodical Literature	1,650	2071	1,846	2,008
Philosophy and General Science	151	122	117	101
Poetry and the Drama	101	97	108	118
Politics	20	27	39	48
Religious & Ecclesiastical Works	33	34	48	30
Juvenile Works	132	113	77	122
	26,806	25,810	24,844	24,519

The number of visitors introduced by members, under the provision of Rule 19, was 69.

The Government has contributed during the year:—

Victorian Parliamentary Debates.

Votes and Proceedings of the Parliament of Victoria.

Government Gazette.

Acts of Parliament.

Results of Observations, Melbourne Observatory.

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

The Philosophy of Theism, by Alex. Campbell Fraser, two copies presented by G. W. Rusden, Esq.

Transactions and Proceedings of the Royal Society of Victoria, Vol. XXXIV, New Series, presented by the Council of the Royal Society.

The Vaccination Inquirer and Health Review, forwarded monthly by Mr. J. Carson.

Volume XXVIII, of the Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute, from the Society.

Two Copies of Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria, supplied regularly by Messrs. Stillwell and Co.

The Sydney Trade Review and Prices Current, by the proprietors, Messrs. Mitchell, Chisholm, and Medcalf.

The Melbourne Masonic Journal, presented monthly by the proprietors.

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

The Annual Election of Honorary Office-Bearers resulted in the return of the following gentlemen:—President, Mr. M. Hood; Vice-President, Rev. J. McL. Abernethy; Treasurer, Mr. Charles Rennie; Committee—Messrs. H. S. Barlow, E. Davies, T. Eales, J. Iliffe, D. Mickle, J. S. Ridley, and D. Sangster.

Mr. Eales resigned his place on the Committee, and the vacancy was filled by the election of Mr. R. G. Wilson.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Levi for three months, on account of ill health. Leave of absence for three months was also granted to Mr. Barlow.

There have been 12 meetings of the General Committee during the year:—

The President, MR. HOOD	attended	12
The Vice-President, REV. MR. ABERNETHY	11
The Treasurer, MR. CHARLES RENNIE	5

COMMITTEE:

Mr. Barlow .. attended	9	Mr. Daniel attended	8
Mr. Davies	7	Mr. Downward	5
Mr. Eales	1	Mr. Harlin	6
Mr. Iliffe	7	Dr. Jamieson	6
Mr. Mickle	5	Mr. Levi	1
Mr. Ridley	9	Mr. Lush	8
Mr. Sangster	6	Mr. Veal	3
Mr. Callaway	6	Mr. Wilson	1

The following are the attendances of the Sub-Committees:—

LIBRARY.	HOUSE.	FINANCE.
No. of Meetings, 11.	No. of Meetings, 12.	No. of Meetings, 12.
Mr. Daniel - 11 (Chairman)	Mr. Ridley - 10 (Chairman)	Mr. Rennie - 6 (Chairman)
Rev. Abernethy 9	Mr. Barlow - 8	Mr. Barlow - 8
Mr. Callaway - 11	Mr. Davies - 7	Mr. Callaway - 7
Mr. Harlin - 2	Mr. Hood - 10	Mr. Downward - 1
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Dr. Jamieson 3	Dr. Jamieson - 2	Mr. Mickle - 5
Mr. Lush - 7	Mr. Wilson - 4	Mr. Veal - 7
Mr. Mickle - 7		

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following members of Committee retire from office, but are eligible for re-election, viz.:—Messrs. Callaway, Daniel, Downward, Harlin, Jamieson, Levi, Lush, Veal, and Wilson.

The receipts come nearer to the expenditure than they did last year. It is hoped that, with continued care, there will be a greater improvement this year.

MARTIN HOOD,

President.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

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CHAS. RENNIE, HONORARY TREASURER.

J. H. B. CURTIS, SECRETARY.

ANDREW BURNS, F.I.A.V.,
PHINEAS RAINEY, F.I.A.V.,

} AUDITORS.

MELBOURNE, 18th January, 1899.

HONORARY MEMBER.

Nicholson, Sir C., Bart.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Blow, W. W.
Bowen, Sir G.
Broadfoot, A. A.
Cato, F. J.
Campbell, Mrs.
Campbell, R.
Carson, J.
Chambers, H. J.
Cock, C.
Connell, J. H. G.
Davies, E.
Downward, E.

Eggleston, J. W.
Foxton, J. G.
Gibbs, E. M.
Gibbs, J. H.
Herring, J.
Holtom, J.
Holtom, W.
Ker, R.
Little, F. A.
Milne, G.
Mitchell, D.
Mouritz, G. A.

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Paterson, J.
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Thornley, N.
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Yule, W.

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Ashman, W. H.
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Athelston, Miss
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Aylwyn, J. H.

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Bagot, H. C.
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Bates, Mrs.
Bates, W. E.
Batson, A.
Batten, J. T.
Beale, C.
Bear, J. W.
Beck, A.
Beckett, R.
Beckwith, A. J.
Begg, J. W.
Bell, G.
Bell, G. F.
Bell, W.
Bell, W. H.
Benjamin, M. S.
Bennett, F.
Bennett, Mrs. Z.

Bennie, Dr.
Bentley, Mrs.
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Betheras, J. H.
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Billing, N.
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Bishop, H. A.
Black, S. J.
Blackbourn, J.
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Bones, G. J.
Boothman, Miss
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Borrowman, W.
Bottomley, J.
Boulter, W.
Boyd, W.
Bram, R. S.
Bristow, W.
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Brown, C. H.
Brown, J. W.
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Burr, A.
Burrow, C. F.
Burston, G. W.
Buzzard, E. W.
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Cairncross, J. H. S.
Callaway, W. A.
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Campbell, J. G.
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Carr, D. C.
Cass, E.
Cazaly, C. H.
Chambers, F.
Chambers, W.

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Coates, W. J.
Cockburn, O.
Cohen, M. E.
Cohen, P.
Cole, Mrs. J.
Collie, G.
Colville, J. W.
Cook, C. J.
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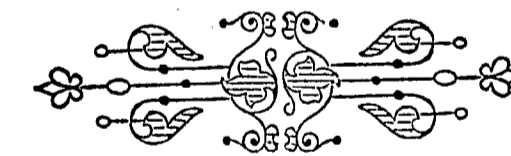
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