



REPORT

OF

THE COMMITTEE

OF THE

Melbourne Athenæum

FOR THE YEAR 1899.



MELBOURNE :

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1900.

OFFICE-BEARERS FOR THE YEAR 1900.

President:

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DOWNWARD, E.

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RUSDEN, H. K.

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J. H. B. CURTIS.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

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FOR THE YEAR 1899.



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

The gross receipts of the year amount to £1892 0s. 3d., and the expenditure to £2158 16s. 7d. The details are given in the Balance Sheet appended to this Report.

The number of members on the roll is 688, of whom 88 joined during the year.

The number of volumes added to the library during the year was 280; the total number of works issued to subscribers was 23,086, and 5807 magazines.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF TRANSACTIONS FOR THE
LAST TEN YEARS.

YEAR.	No. of Subscribing Members.	New Members.	Volumes Added.	Works Circulated.	Magazines Circulated.
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
1899	688	88	280	23,086	5,807

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

CLASSIFICATION.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.
Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics	3	1	1	1
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts	3	5	5	3
Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence	1,242	1,234	1,313	1,107
Classics and Philology	23	17	28	18
Fine Arts	6	5	7	4
Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works	1,410	1,268	1,304	1,277
History and Historical Memoirs	1,009	1,008	818	504
Jurisprudence and Legislation	1	1	2	1
Medical Science and Chemistry	1	1	1	1
Miscellaneous and Collected Works	561	702	627	395
Natural History and Botany	13	20	16	8
Works of Fiction	19,073	18,346	17,969	17,358
Music	1	—	1	1
Periodical Literature	2,071	1,846	2,008	1,978
Philosophy and General Science	122	117	101	129
Poetry and the Drama	97	108	118	95
Politics	27	39	48	26
Religious & Ecclesiastical Works	34	48	30	37
Juvenile Works	113	77	122	143
	25,810	24,844	24,519	23,086

The number of visitors introduced by members, under the provision of Rule 19, was 83.

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 :—

Personality, Human and Divine, by J. R. Illingworth, presented by G. W. Rusden, Esq.

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

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

Volume XXIX, 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, Rev. J. McL. Abernethy ; Vice-President, Mr. L. S. Daniel ; Treasurer, Mr. Charles Rennie ; Committee—Messrs. W. A. Callaway, E. Downward, T. Harlin, Dr. Jamieson, G. Lush, J. W. Veal, and R. G. Wilson, and also Mr. Grant for one year.

We regret to report that Mr. D. Sangster, who had been a member of the Committee for several years, died during the year.

Mr. Veal resigned his place on the Committee, through inability to attend the meetings.

Leave of absence was granted to Mr. Wilson, who is on a visit to Europe.

There have been 11 meetings of the General Committee during the year:—

<i>The President</i> , REV. MR. ABERNETHY	attended	10
<i>The Vice-President</i> , MR. L. S. DANIEL	"	6
<i>The Treasurer</i> , MR. CHARLES RENNIE	"	7

COMMITTEE :

Mr. Callaway	attended	8	Mr. Barlow	attended	10
Mr. Downward	"	6	Mr. Davies	"	7
Mr. Harlin	"	9	Mr. Grant	"	8
Dr. Jamieson	"	6	Mr. Hood	"	10
Mr. Lush	"	6	Mr. Iliffe	"	4
Mr. Veal	"	0	Mr. Mickle	"	6
Mr. Wilson	"	0	Mr. Ridley	"	10

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

LIBRARY.	HOUSE.	FINANCE.
No. of Meetings, 11.	No. of Meetings, 13.	No. of Meetings, 12.
Mr. Mickle - 9 (Chairman)	Mr. Ridley - 12 (Chairman)	Mr. Rennie - 8 (Chairman)
Rev. Abernethy 11	Mr. Barlow - 10	Mr. Barlow - 8
Mr. Callaway - 11	Mr. Davies - 8	Mr. Callaway - 9
Mr. Daniel - 10	Mr. Grant - 7	Mr. Downward - 4
Mr. Grant - 5	Mr. Hood - 10	Mr. Grant - 9
Mr. Harlin - 1	Mr. Iliffe - 6	Mr. Mickle - 4
Mr. Hood - 6	Dr. Jamieson - 3	
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Mr. Lush - 6	Mr. Downward - 3	

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following members of Committee retire from office, but are eligible for re-election, viz.:—Messrs. Barlow, Davies, Grant, Hood, Iliffe, Mickle, and Ridley. There are also vacancies for the places of Mr. Veal and Mr. Sangster.

The receipts of the year fall short of those of last year. This state of things cannot continue long without exhausting our funds. It will therefore be necessary to endeavour to retrench the expenditure and increase the receipts.

J. McL. ABERNETHY,

President.



THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the Year ending 31st December, 1899.

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CHAS. RENNIE, HONORARY TREASURER.

J. H. B. CURTIS, SECRETARY.

MELBOURNE, 24th January, 1900.

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