



THE
Melbourne Athenæum.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1916.

President :

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MESSRS. GEORGE LUSH, HENRY MEEKS,
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„ D. MARTIN.	DR. A. W. RINDER.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
OF THE
MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM,
FOR THE YEAR 1916.

*To be submitted to the Members at the General Meeting,
Wednesday, 31st January, 1917, at 8 p.m.*

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submit their report of the transactions of the year 1916, which is the seventy-seventh since the founding of the Institution.

The gross receipts for the year amount to £2,478 4s. 4d. The gross expenditure amounts to £2,718 16s. 3d., but of this sum, £28 was spent in improvements, and £150 10s. represents arrears of taxes. The war is responsible for the falling off in the revenue of the Large Hall, which shows a decrease of £161 4s. 6d. It is gratifying, however, to find that the receipts from the Upper Hall show an increase of £104 17s. 6d., mainly due to the revival of art exhibi-

tions. During the year Messrs. E. P. Fox, Edward Officer, G. Newbury, G. Dancey, F. McCubbin, Miss Cumbræ Stewart, Miss Irvine, the Australian Art Association, and the executors of the late Walter Withers and of the late John Mather held exhibitions in the Gallery.

On several occasions your Committee made substantial concessions and reductions to individuals and organisations holding entertainments on behalf of the patriotic funds. At the request of the organiser of the Lady Mayoress' Patriotic League Newspaper Depôt, your Committee undertook to hand over free of cost all the waste paper, to be sold for the benefit of the League.

There has again been a gratifying increase in the Members' roll and consequently in the amount received from subscriptions. The amount received from this source is £572 0s. 6d., an increase of £31 8s. 6d. over the previous year, and the highest recorded since 1902. There are now 609 members on the roll, of whom 11 are life members. The number of new members enrolled during the year is 102. Your Committee have increased the supply of magazines and books, with satisfactory results.

The number of volumes added to the Library during the year was 625. The total number of works issued to subscribers was 15,091 and 10,415 magazines.

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

CLASSIFICATION.	1913.	1914.	1915.	1916.
Agriculture, Commerce, and Statistics	2	1	3	—
Mechanics, Mathematical Sciences, Architecture, Engineering, and Useful Arts	4	—	—	—
Biography, Speeches, and Correspondence	744	930	504	309
Classics and Philology	5	5	20	10
Fine Arts	—	—	13	5
Geography, Voyages, Travels, and Descriptive Works	938	990	514	478
History and Historical Memoirs	206	200	288	326
Jurisprudence and Legislation	—	—	—	—
Medical Science and Chemistry	—	—	—	1
Miscellaneous and Collected Works	440	600	260	329
Natural History and Botany	21	40	46	20
Works of Fiction	10,460	11,240	12,506	13,390
Music	—	5	—	—
Periodical Literature	43	32	22	14
Philosophy and General Science	70	114	68	6
Poetry and the Drama	92	180	174	147
Politics	16	12	8	—
Religious & Ecclesiastical Works	5	16	36	20
Juvenile Works	20	8	20	6
	13,066	14,373	14,482	15,091

The Government has contributed during the year:—
Victorian Parliamentary Debates.

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

- Victorian Year Book, presented by A. M. Laughton, Esq., Government Statist.
- Peace and War, by the Peace Society.
- The Christian Science Monitor, from First Church of Christ Scientist, Melbourne.
- The Messenger, by Messrs. Arbuckle, Waddell, & Fawckner.
- The New Zealand Official Year Book, by the Government of New Zealand.
- The Theosophist, by the Theosophical Society.
- The Church of England Messenger, by the Diocese of Melbourne.
- The United Empire Proceedings of the Royal Colonial Institute Journal, from the Institute.
- The Commonwealth Gazette, by the Commonwealth Government.
- Two Copies of Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria, supplied regularly by Messrs. Stillwell and Co.

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

There have been 12 meetings of the General Committee.

<i>The President</i> , SIR EDWARD CARLILE	attended	3
<i>The Vice-President</i> , DR. A. LEWERS .. ..	.. ..	7
<i>The Treasurer</i> , MR. CHARLES RENNIE .. ..	.. ..	5
<i>Trustee</i> , MR. W. A. CALLAWAY .. ..	.. ..	10

COMMITTEE (12 Meetings):

Mr. Martin	attended	8	Mr. Shew	attended	10
Mr. Downward .. ..	.. ..	1	Mr. Topp .. ..	.. ..	8
Mr. Cooke .. ..	.. ..	8	Mr. Kernot .. ..	.. ..	10
Dr. Kennison .. ..	.. ..	10	Mr. Masters .. ..	.. ..	9
Mr. Knight .. ..	.. ..	10	Mr. Wigg .. ..	.. ..	8
Mr. Dillou .. ..	.. ..	6	Dr. Rinder .. ..	.. ..	6

FINANCE COMMITTEE (12 Meetings).

Mr. Rennie (Chairman) attended	7	Mr. Shew	attended	12
Mr. Callaway	12	Mr. Knight .. ..	.. ..	9
Mr. Masters	9			

LIBRARY COMMITTEE (12 Meetings):

Mr. Martin	attended	8	Mr. Topp (Chairman) ..	attended	8
Mr. Callaway .. ..	.. ..	10	Sir E. Carlile .. ..	.. ..	3
Mr. Masters .. ..	.. ..	9	Dr. Rinder .. ..	.. ..	6
Dr. Lewers .. ..	.. ..	7			

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following members of Committee, who are eligible for re-election, retire from office, viz., Messrs. Downward, Cooke, Dillon, Shew, Kernot, Knight and Dr. Kennison.

The Committee desire once more to impress on members the importance of adding to their numbers to promote the main object of the Institution. The privileges provided are so full a return for the outlay that there need be no hesitation in enlisting new subscribers, and the increase of

the current year may be taken as an indication that the value of the Institution is becoming better known. In this connection, the Committee draw the attention of subscribers to the Rule which provides that—

“Any member of the Institution may nominate a member of his or her family to become a member of the Institution on payment of ten shillings and sixpence per annum.”

Members are reminded that they may make nominations to fill the vacancies in the Committee at the close of the Annual Meeting (which the members are earnestly requested to attend), to be held on Wednesday, 31st January, 1917.

EDWARD CARLILE, *President*.

R. W. E. WILMOT, *Secretary*.



THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the Year ended 31st December, 1916.

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LIFE MEMBERS.

(SUBSCRIPTION £10 10s.)

Cato, F. J.
Campbell, Mrs.
Connell, J. H. G.
Cuthill, W.

Downard, E.
Evans, E. A.
Gibbs, J. H.

Holtom, W.
Mitchell D.
Ratcliff, J.
Smith, R.

SUBSCRIBING MEMBERS.

Abrahams, Rev. Dr.
Aickin, Rev. G. E.
Aickin, Mrs. G. E.
Aldom, Miss A.
Aldom, W.
Aldom, Miss D. M.
Aldom, Miss V. T.
Aldom, V. T.
Alexander, J.
Alston, Miss R.
Alston, S. R.
Anderson, Dr. A. V. M.
Anderson, O.
Anderson, V. G.
Anderson, W.
Anderson, D.
Andrews, Mrs. C. L.
Angel, A. H.
Ashton, Rev. J. W.
Atkinson, Rev. J. C.
Austin, W. E. P.
Aylwin, A. R.

Bagge, M.
Bambridge, K. C.
Baldwin, E. A.
Balsillie, J. G.
Barnaby, Rev. J.
Barnett, Cr. H. F.
Barratt, E. W.
Barron, W.
Bates, W. E.
Batson, A.

Bayley, P. E. G.
Beale, J. L.
Beatty, Rev. J.
Beausire, Miss
Beckett, Dr. T. G.
Beckley, G.
Bell, G.
Bell, T. V.
Bell, W.
Bell, W. H.
Bennett, G. R.
Bennie, Dr.
Benson, Rev. R. S.
Bentley, Mrs.
Best, D.
Bills, H.
Bishop, H. A.
Bishop, J.
Boase, H. E.
Boberski, E.
Boberski, Mrs.
Bones, G. J.
Booth, Dr. Jas.
Booth, Mrs.
Boyd, Miss E.
Braid, D. W.
Bravo, Hilton
Brient, A. L.
Brinsden, C. E.
Brodrigg, H. F.
Brodrigg, Lieut.-Col. T.
Brown, Hon. J. D.
Brown, G. V.
Brown, Rev. J. J.

Brown, E. O.
Brown, J.
Browne, Mrs. E.
Bruford, H. B.
Bryant, B.
Bryant, Col. H. W.
Buchan, N.
Bulley, W.
Burke, Miss L. M.
Burke, Miss G.
Burke, G. J.
Butchers, Rev. F.
Byrne, D.
Byrne, J.

Cain, Rev. J. H.
Callaway, W. A.
Cameron, J. N.
Cameron, Rev. D. A.
Campbell, J. G.
Campbell, Miss
Cargeeg, J. M.
Carlile, Sir E.
Carlile, Miss I. M.
Castle, G. H.
Cazaly, C. H.
Chalmers, J. G.
Chambers, F.
Clack, W. E.
Clark, E. J.
Clark, J. L.
Clark, Miss J.
Clarry, H. M.

Clayton, C.
Clouston, E.
Clouston, Mrs.
Coates, J. A.
Cohen, M. E.
Cohen, Mrs. M. E.
Coles, W. F.
Collie, A. D.
Collie, G.
Collison, C.
Collison C. N.
Colville, J. W.
Comfort, Mrs.
Connell, W. J.
Cook, Dr. A. E.
Cook, C. J.
Cooke, E. H.
Cooke, Mrs. E. H.
Cook, F. H.
Cooper, Rev. W. H.
Corke, W.
Corry, W.
Cotter, Miss
Coulson, E.
Craig, W. H.
Cramer, W. G.
Crawford, O. M.
Cunningham, J.

Dacres, R.
Daly, J. B.
Darcy, J.
Darke, Mrs.
Darke, Miss R.
Davies, J. B.
Davies, J.
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