



THE  
**Melbourne Athenæum.**

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1917.

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**President :**

DR. ALEX. LEWERS.

**Vice-President :**

E. SHEW, Esq.

**Hon. Treasurer :**

CHAS. RENNIE, Esq.

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„ D. MARTIN.	MR. J. O. THOMSON.
„ C. A. TOPP.	SIR EDWARD CARLILE

**Librarian :**

W. H. REMFRY.

**Acting Librarian :**

J. B. COOPER.

**Secretary :**

R. W. E. WILMOT.

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# The Melbourne Athenæum.

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188 COLLINS ST., MELBOURNE.

January 24, 1918.

DEAR SIR,

NOTICE is hereby given that the ANNUAL MEETING of the Institution will be held in the Library on **Wednesday, January 30, at 8 p.m.** Your attendance is requested.

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## BUSINESS:

Annual Report and Balance Sheet.

General.

Yours faithfully,

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

[I enclose copy of Annual Report and Balance Sheet.]

# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

OF THE

## MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM,

FOR THE YEAR 1917.

*To be submitted to the Members at the General Meeting,  
Wednesday, 30th January, 1918, at 8 p.m.*

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submit their report of the transactions of the year 1917, which is the seventy-eighth since the founding of the Institution.

### THE COMMITTEE.

The Committee records, with regret, the death of Sir Edward Carlile, K.C., K.C.B., a very old member of the Institution, who filled the Presidential Chair in 1916, and had been an active member of the Committee for many years.

There have been 12 meetings of the General Committee.

<i>The President</i> , DR. A. LEWERS .. .. .	attended	11
<i>The Vice-President</i> , MR. E. SHEW .. .. .	.. .. .	9
<i>The Treasurer</i> , MR. CHARLES RENNIE .. .. .	.. .. .	5
<i>Trustee</i> , MR. GEO. LUSH .. .. .	.. .. .	3
<i>Trustee</i> , MR. W. A. CALLAWAY .. .. .	.. .. .	10

### COMMITTEE (12 Meetings):

Mr. Martin .. .. .	attended	8	Mr. Kernot .. .. .	attended	11
Mr. Cooke .. .. .	.. .. .	12	Mr. Masters* .. .. .	.. .. .	6
Dr. Kennison .. .. .	.. .. .	10	Mr. Wigg .. .. .	.. .. .	8
Mr. Knight .. .. .	.. .. .	9	Dr. Rinder .. .. .	.. .. .	8
Mr. Dillon .. .. .	.. .. .	9	Mr. Thomson .. .. .	.. .. .	10
Mr. Topp .. .. .	.. .. .	9			

### FINANCE COMMITTEE (12 Meetings).

Mr. Rennie (Chairman) attended	6	Mr. Shew .. .. .	attended	9
Mr. Callaway .. .. .	9	Mr. Knight .. .. .	.. .. .	10
Mr. Masters .. .. .	4			

### LIBRARY COMMITTEE (13 Meetings):

Mr. Martin .. .. .	attended	9	Mr. Topp .. .. .	attended	10
Mr. Callaway .. .. .	.. .. .	10	Dr. Rinder (Chairman) .. .. .	.. .. .	8
Mr. Masters .. .. .	.. .. .	7	Mr. Kernot .. .. .	.. .. .	12
Dr. Lewers .. .. .	.. .. .	12			

\* Mr. Masters was granted leave of absence for three months.

The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following members of Committee, who are eligible for re-election, retire from office, viz., Messrs. Martin, Masters, Topp, Wigg and Dr. Rinder.

### FINANCIAL.

The gross receipts for the year amount to £2832 1s. 9d. and the gross expenditure to £2726 1s. 8d., the result being a profit of £106 0s. 1d. on the year's working. The increase of £353 17s. 5d. in the receipts was most gratifying under the abnormal conditions prevailing. The most satisfactory item in the receipts was the continued increase in subscriptions, the amount (£600 0s. 6d.) being the largest received from this source since 1900.

### RE-ORGANISATION OF LIBRARY.

The Committee, during the year, appointed a Sub-Committee to enquire into the best means of re-organising and improving the Library and Reading Room, and making this branch of the Institution more attractive. The Sub-Committee, consisting of the President, Dr. A. W. Rinder,

Messrs. E. H. Cooke, F. A. Kernot, J. O. Thomson and G. H. Wigg went very thoroughly into the matter, and a comprehensive scheme was adopted. The work has been completed, and has met with general commendation. The Library and Smoking Room have been re-decorated, and made more comfortable, and the Reading Room has been re-arranged. In the Library a great amount of literature of a past date has been disposed of, and the general re-arrangement of the shelving has resulted in providing a means of displaying the books which did not exist before, and of enabling members to realise the very many advantages the Library provides. Arrangements have also been made whereby the supply of books and magazines will be increased and expedited. The Committee looks forward with confidence to a large increase in the number of subscribers as a result of the work done, and urges members to bring the many facilities the Institution affords under the notice of their friends.

#### THE LIBRARY.

The Librarian, Staff-Sergeant W. H. Remfry, after two and a half years' service in the Australian Imperial Forces, returned to duty in October. Mr. J. B. Cooper, who had acted as Librarian during Sergeant Remfry's absence, had already commenced the work of re-organisation, and, in order that it might be completed, his services were retained until the end of the year. Mr. Cooper's work was so highly appreciated that on his retirement a presentation was made by the members, in the form of a wallet of notes, to mark their recognition of the manner in which he had carried out his duties.

A new departure has been the appointment of a lady assistant in the Library. There were over one hundred applicants for the position, and the Committee unanimously

selected Miss Alice Cooper, a daughter of the late acting-Librarian.

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.

The Victorian Railways Commissioners have kindly promised to present to the Institution a number of framed photographs of Victorian beauty spots. These will be hung in the Reading and Smoking Rooms.

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

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 in the Library at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, 30th January, 1918.

ALEX. LEWERS, *President.*

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

# THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

*For the Year ended 31st December, 1917.*

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MELBOURNE, 25th January, 1918.

JOHN BISHOP, F.C.P.A., }  
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## APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

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# List of Newspapers and Periodicals

SUPPLIED REGULARLY.

## AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPERS

The Leading Daily and Weekly Papers of all the Capital Cities and Principal Australian Towns.

### British and Foreign Newspapers.

Athenæum	Financial News	Pall Mall Gazette
Belfast Weekly News	Glasgow Herald (weekly)	Public Opinion
British Australasian	Graphic	Queen
Building News	Harper's Weekly Illustrated	Saturday Review
Christian Science Monitor	Illustrated London News	Scientific American
Christian World	Inquirer	Scotsman (weekly)
Church Guardian	Jewish Chronicle	Sketch
Church Times	Journal of Gas Lighting	Spectator
County Gentlemen, and Land and Water	Lancet	Sphere
Country Life	London Punch	Sporting Life
Dublin Weekly Freeman	London Times	Sporting and Dramatic News
Economist	L'Illustration	Statesman & Friend of India
Engineer	Liverpool Weekly Post	Sunday Companion
Field	Methodist Recorder	Tablet
	Mining Journal	Westminster Gazette
	Nation	World
	New York Herald	

### British, Australian and other Periodicals.

Army List	London Magazine	Wide World
Atlantic Mthly. Magazine	London Quarterly Review	Windsor
Australasian Insurance and Banking Record	Lone Hand	World's Work
Australian Journal	Munsey Magazine	World's Work (American ed)
Blackwood's Magazine	Musical Times	Ladies' Home Journal
Bookman (Engl.)	Nash's & Pall Mall Magazine	Ladies' Field
Bookman (American ed.)	National Review	
Bradshaw's Guide	Nature	
Cassell's Magazine	Navy List	Argus Index
Century Magazine	New Church Magazine	Australian Handbook
Chambers' Journal	Nineteenth Century	Debrett's Peerage
Contemporary Review	North American Review	Hazell's Annual
Cornhill Magazine	Notes and Queries	London Directory
Dublin Review	Pearson's Magazine	Melbourne Directory
Edinburgh Review	Quarterly Review	Melb. University Calendar
English Mechanic	Red Book	Mercantile Directory of the World
English Review	Revue des Deux Mondes	Municipal Directory
Everybody's	Royal Magazine	Oliver and Boyd's Edinburgh Almanack
Family Herald	Scribner's Monthly	Queensland Almanac
Fortnightly Review	Strand	Statesman's Year-Book
Grand Magazine	Studio	Tasmanian Almanac
Harper's Magazine	Sunday at Home	Victorian Almanacs, various
Hibbert Journal	Truth	Victorian Statutes
	United Service Magazine	Vic. Post-office Directory
	Westminster Review	Who's Who

# List of Colonial Newspapers

SUPPLIED TO THE READING ROOM OF

## THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

<b>Victoria.</b>	<b>(PROVINCIAL.)</b>	<b>New South Wales.</b>
<b>(MELBOURNE.)</b>		Daily Telegraph
Argus (daily)	Ararat Advertiser	Sydney Bulletin
Age "	Ballarat Courier	Sydney Mail
Herald "	Ballarat Star	Sydney Morning Herald
Australasian	Bendigo Advertiser	The Referee
Punch	Bendigo Independent	
Leader	East Charlton Tribune	<b>South Australia.</b>
Weekly Times	Geelong Advertiser	South Australian Register
Advocate	Gippsland Mercury	The Observer
Commonwealth of Australia Gazette	Hamilton Spectator	
Government Gazette	Korumburra Times	<b>Queensland.</b>
Harbinger of Light	Kyneton Guardian	Brisbane Courier
Mining Standard	Ovens & Murray Advertiser	Queenslander
Southern Cross	Portland Guardian	
Spectator	Rutherglen Sun	<b>Western Australia.</b>
Table Talk	Stawell News	The Western Australian
The Australian Traveller	Wangaratta Chronicle	Western Mail
Graphic	Warnambool Standard	Albany Advertiser
	Wimmera Star	
	Kerang Observer	<b>Tasmania.</b>
		Hobart Town Mercury
		Launceston Examiner
		The Tasmanian Mail
		<b>New Zealand.</b>
		Auckland, The Weekly News
		Otago Witness

 For List of British and Foreign Newspapers and Periodicals

see preceding page.

# MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

## *Scale of Charges for the Halls and other Accommodation.*

### LARGE HALL (Seats 800).

#### 1. FOR NIGHT USE.

Charge for One Night, £5 5s., except on a PUBLIC HOLIDAY or a SATURDAY, when it shall be £7 7s.

Charge for Electric Lights in front of Building (if required), Five Shillings per night.

Charge for Fireman, Seven Shillings and Sixpence per Performance.

#### 2. FOR DAY USE.

Charge for Meetings, Two Guineas per Day.

Charge for Matinees, Three Guineas per Day.

Charge for Fireman, Seven Shillings and Sixpence per Matinee.

#### 3. FOR DAY AND NIGHT USE.

Charge for Bazaars and Shows and other purposes requiring both Day and Night use, Seven Guineas per Day (SATURDAYS, Nine Guineas).

Charge for Fireman, One Shilling and Threepence per Hour. (Minimum, Fifteen Shillings per Day.)

#### 4. FOR A SEASON.

Charge for a Season of Six Nights per Week, Twenty-five Pounds per Week. Matinees, One Guinea each extra.

Charge for Fireman, Seven Shillings and Sixpence per Performance.

#### 5. FOR ELECTIONS.

Charge for Election terminating at 6 p.m., with use of Room for Counting of Votes, Five Guineas.

Charge for Election in which Hall is required in the Evening as well, Seven Guineas.

### LECTURE HALL (Seats 350).

One Engagement, £2 2s.; Two do. £4.

FOR DAY MEETINGS.—£1 10s.

The above Charges for the Halls are for consecutive dates, and include Gas, the arrangement of Seats, &c.

When attendants are engaged for the Hat and Cloak Rooms at Public Entertainments, they shall be persons approved of by the Committee.

### ART GALLERY.

PER WEEK, £7 7s.

### ROOMS FOR SMALL MEETINGS.

Each Meeting, from 5s. to 10s.