



THE  
**Melbourne Athenæum.**

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1918.

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**President :**  
EDWARD SHEW, Esq.

**Vice-President :**  
E. E. DILLON, Esq.

**Hon. Treasurer :**  
CHAS. RENNIE, Esq.

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„ C. A. TOPP.	DR. RAMSAY MAILER.
„ F. A. KERNOT.	„ ALEX. LEWERS.

**Librarian :**  
W. H. REMFRY.

**Secretary :**  
R. W. E. WILMOT.

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# The Melbourne Athenæum.

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188 COLLINS ST., MELBOURNE.

January 21, 1919.

NOTICE is hereby given that—

- I. A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of Members of the Institution will be held in the Library on **Wednesday, January 29, at 8 p.m.**

BUSINESS.—To make alterations to the Rules as set forth in the notice exhibited in the Reading Room in accordance with Rule 54.

2. The ANNUAL MEETING of the Institution will be held in the Library on **Wednesday, January 29, at the conclusion of the Special General Meeting.** Your attendance is requested.

BUSINESS.—Annual Report and Balance Sheet. General.

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

[Copy of Annual Report and Balance Sheet is enclosed.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM,  
FOR THE YEAR 1918.

To be submitted to the Members at the General Meeting,  
Wednesday, 29th January, 1919, at 8 p.m.

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submit their report of the transactions of the year 1918, which is the seventy-ninth since the founding of the Institution.

THE COMMITTEE.

There have been 12 meetings of the General Committee.

<i>The President</i> , MR. EDWARD SHEW .. .. .	attended	11
<i>The Vice-President</i> , MR. E. E. DILLON .. .. .	"	4
<i>The Treasurer</i> , MR. CHARLES RENNIE .. .. .	"	5
<i>Trustee</i> , MR. GEO. LUSH .. .. .	"	8
<i>Trustee</i> , MR. W. A. CALLAWAY .. .. .	"	10

COMMITTEE (12 Meetings):

Mr. Martin .. .. .	attended	12	Mr. Masters .. .. .	attended	10
Mr. Cooke .. .. .	"	10	Mr. Wigg .. .. .	"	8
Dr. Kennison .. .. .	"	9	Dr. Rinder .. .. .	"	6
Mr. Knight .. .. .	"	9	Mr. Thomson .. .. .	"	11
Mr. Topp .. .. .	"	6	Dr. Mailer .. .. .	"	3
Mr. Kernot .. .. .	"	8	Dr. Lewers .. .. .	"	7

The Finance Committee (Messrs. Rennie (*Chairman*), Callaway, Knight, Masters and Shew); the Library Committee (Drs. Rinder (*Chairman*), and Lewers, and Messrs. Shew, Martin, Callaway, Masters, Topp and Kernot); the House Committee (Messrs. Shew, Martin, Cooke, Thomson and Dr. Kennison); the Library Reorganisation Committee (Dr. Rinder (*Chairman*), Messrs. Cooke, Kernot, Thomson, Wigg and Shew) held the usual meetings, and thus attended regularly to the various departments of the Institution.

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

FINANCIAL.

The gross receipts for the year amount to £2773 10s. 2d., and the gross expenditure to £3185 18s. 9d. With the debit balance of £126 13s. 9d. brought forward from the previous year, the overdraft at the Bank of Australasia at December 31, 1918, was £539 2s. 4d. This result is due entirely to abnormal expenditure, all of which has resulted in permanent enhancement of the value of the property of the Institution. The alterations to the Library, the re-arrangement of the caretaker's quarters, and the alterations to the ladies' lavatory and cloak room, the installation of electric lighting on the stage to conform with the requirements of the Board of Health, and of a new water service, and the overhauling and renovation of the underground drains, involved an expenditure of £418 2s. 5d. In addition to this, the increased rates for books and magazines, on account of war rates, involved an extra expenditure of about £50. On the other hand, there has been a gratifying increase in the returns from the Library. The amount

received from subscriptions and the issue of extra books, at a small charge, was £702 4s. 3d., more than £100 in excess of the receipts in 1917, and the largest since 1899. The receipts from the Large Hall, while not up to the takings in 1917, are larger than in any other year since the outbreak of war; and now that peace is in sight, your Committee look forward with confidence to the receipts from this source being restored to pre-war standard. The receipts from the Upper Hall show a gratifying increase of £116 4s. on the previous year, due to the revival of Art Exhibitions in the Art Gallery. There are indications that the Gallery will be continuously let for long terms this season.

#### THE LIBRARY.

The re-organisation of the Library, effected at the beginning of the year, has proved most successful, and the large increase in the number of members is a testimony to the popularity of the Institution. Your Committee has found it difficult, owing to war conditions, to maintain the supply of books and magazines with the regularity it would desire, but the Librarian has managed to overcome the obstacles in a great measure. Your Committee has taken steps to improve the conditions of supply, and hopes, in the near future, to have completed arrangements whereby the difficulties of the last four years will be overcome. The appointment of a lady assistant in the Library has been an undoubted success, and your Committee is confident that members' interests in the Library and Reading Room have never been more adequately attended to than at present. It is hoped during this year that arrangements may be made for the issue of a new catalogue.

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, & Fawcaker.
- 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.
- Patriotic Pamphlets, by the Directorate of War Propaganda.
- From Acting Prime Minister, War Propaganda.

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

The Victorian Railways Commissioners kindly presented to the Institution a number of framed photographs of Victorian beauty spots. These have been hung in the Reading and Smoking Rooms, and have been much admired.

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting, which will be held in the Library on Wednesday, January 29, will be preceded at 8 p.m. by a Special Meeting, of which due notice has been given, for the purpose of making some slight alterations to the Rules. Members are reminded that they may make nominations to fill the vacancies in the Committee at the close of the Annual Meeting, which they are earnestly requested to attend.

EDWARD SHEW, *President*.  
R. W. E. WILMOT, *Secretary*.

# THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

*For the Year ended 31st December, 1918.*

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MELBOURNE, 24th January, 1919.

JOHN BISHOP, F.C.P.A., }  
L. N. RAINEY, A.I.C.A., } AUDITORS.

## 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.

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