



THE  
**Melbourne Athenæum.**

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1920.

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**President :**

F. A. KERNOT, Esq.

**Acting President :**

C. A. TOPP, Esq.

**Vice-President :**

DR. A. W. RINDER.

**Hon. Treasurer :**

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**Trustees :**

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W. A. CALLAWAY.

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„ E. E. DILLON.	„ T. W. BOTHROYD.
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MR. E. SHEW.	

**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 10, 1921.

NOTICE is hereby given that—

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Institution will be held in the Library on **Wednesday, January 26.**  
**at 8 p.m.**

Your attendance is requested.

BUSINESS.—Annual Report and Balance Sheet.  
General.

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM,  
FOR THE YEAR 1920.

*To be submitted to the Members at the General Meeting,  
Wednesday, 26th January, 1921, at 8 p.m.*

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submit their report of the transactions of the year 1920, which is the eighty-first since the founding of the Institution.

THE COMMITTEE.

There have been 12 meetings of the General Committee.

<i>The President, MR. F. A. KERNOT*</i>	.. ..	attended	4
<i>The Acting President, MR. C. A. TOPP</i>	.. ..	"	9
<i>The Vice-President, DR. A. W. RINDER</i>	.. ..	"	8
<i>The Treasurer, MR. CHARLES RENNIE</i>	.. ..	"	8
<i>Trustee, MR. GEO. LUSH</i>	.. ..	"	6
<i>Trustee, MR. W. A. CALLAWAY</i>	.. ..	"	8

COMMITTEE :

Mr. Martin .. ..	attended	10	Mr. Thomson .. ..	attended	7
Mr. Cooke .. ..	"	12	Dr. Lewers .. ..	"	10
Dr. Kennison .. ..	"	10	Mr. McNally .. ..	"	8
Mr. Knight† .. ..	"	7	Mr. Shew‡ .. ..	"	5
Mr. Masters .. ..	"	7	Mr. Dillon .. ..	"	4
Mr. Wigg .. ..	"	7	Mr. Bothroyd .. ..	"	10
			Dr. Beattie Smith .. ..	"	6

\* Mr. Kernot died on June 15.  
† Mr. Knight died on October 1.  
‡ Mr. Shew died on September 2

Your Committee record with deep regret the deaths of Mr. F. A. Kernot (President), Mr. H. M. Knight and Mr. Edward Shew (Ex-Presidents). These gentlemen have rendered the Institution signal service and their loss to the Institution is very great. Mr. C. A. Topp was appointed Acting President for the balance of the year.

The Finance Committee (Messrs. Rennie (*Chairman*), Kernot, Callaway, Knight, Masters, Thomson, Wigg and Shew); the Library Committee (Drs. Lewers (*Chairman*), Rinder and Beattie Smith, and Messrs. Lush, Martin, Callaway, Bothroyd, Topp and Kernot); the House Committee (Messrs. Shew, Martin, Cooke, Kernot, McNally, 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 acting President, Vice-President, Treasurer and the following members of the Committee, who are eligible for re-election, retire from office, viz., Messrs Martin, Cooke, Thomson, McNally, Dr. Kennison and Dr. Lewers.

FINANCIAL.

The gross receipts for the year amount to £4453 11s. 1d. an increase of £1092 6s. over 1919, and the gross expenditure to £4527 13s. 10d. an increase of £1518 0s. 9d. as compared with 1919. The revenue from subscriptions, £1172 9s. 3d., is an increase of £317 10s. 9d. and is the largest recorded since 1891. The return from the large hall, £1311 3s. 6d., is the highest on record and shows an increase of £345 19s. 10d. from this source in 1919. Similarly the rents from shops, £1022 1s., is an increase of £234 10s on the receipts for 1919. Your committee has every confidence that the receipts from

subscriptions will still further increase and that the revenue from other sources will at least be maintained. On the expenditure side it will be noticed that the salaries and wages of the Staff were increased by £156 17s. and that the amount spent on books, magazines and newspapers was £226 3s. 10d. more than in 1919. During the year extensive improvements and repairs to the property of the Institution were effected at a total cost of £880 7s. 3d. and extraordinary and non-recurring expenditure absorbed £172 4s. 3d. Notwithstanding this unusual outlay the overdraft which at 31/12/19 was £187 11s. 2d. was only increased to £261 13s. 11d. Your Committee feel that in the circumstances this Institution must be regarded as in a most satisfactory position.

#### IMPROVEMENTS

The improvements referred to above have been effected with due regard to economy and efficiency. Increased accommodation in the biograph box, to which was added a film winding room was necessary to comply with the regulations of the Health Commission. The installation of electric light throughout the building has already proved a boon not only to members in the reading room but to patrons of the Hall. The redecoration of the building inside and out has also met with general approval.

#### THE LIBRARY

The popularity of the library which has been steadily growing for some years has increased rapidly during the past twelve months with the result that the members roll is larger than it has been since 1892. The arrangements for a direct supply of books and magazines from London has proved most satisfactory. The supply is not however as regular as we could wish on account of the uncertainty of the mail service but as times and shipping become

normal we look to this drawback being removed. During the year a catalogue has been prepared, and arrangements are now being made to have the work printed.

The following donations of works have 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, Pty. Ltd.
- 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.

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Library on Wednesday, January 26, at 8 p.m. 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.

C. A. TOPP, *Acting-President.*

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

# THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

*For the Year ended 31st December, 1920.*

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JOHN BISHOP, F.C.P.A., }  
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MELBOURNE, 12th January, 1921

## 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
Tatler	Mining Journal	Westminster Gazette
	Nation	World
	New York Herald	

### British, Australian and other Periodicals.

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

# List of Colonial Newspapers

SUPPLIED TO THE READING ROOM OF

## THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

Victoria.	(PROVINCIAL.)	New South Wales.
(MELBOURNE.)		Daily Telegraph
Argus (daily)	Ballarat Courier	Sydney Bulletin
Age "	Ballarat Star	Sydney Mail
Herald "	Bendigo Advertiser	Sydney Morning Herald
Australasian	Bendigo Independent	The Referee
Punch	Geelong Advertiser	
Leader		South Australia.
Weekly Times		South Australian Register
Advocate		The Observer
Commonwealth of Australia Gazette		Queensland.
Government Gazette		Brisbane Courier
Harbinger of Light		Queenslander
Mining Standard		Western Australia.
Southern Cross		The Western Australian
Spectator		Western Mail
Table Talk		Albany Advertiser
The Australian Traveller		Tasmania.
Graphic		Hobart Town Mercury
		Launceston Examiner
		The Tasmanian Mail
		New Zealand.
		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 Sixpence 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.