



THE
Melbourne Athenæum.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1921.

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January 10, 1922.

NOTICE is hereby given that—

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Institution will be held in the Library on **Wednesday, January 25.** 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 1921.

To be submitted to the Members at the General Meeting,
Wednesday, 25th January, 1922, at 8 p.m.

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submit their report of the transactions of the year 1921, which is the eighty-second since the founding of the Institution.

THE COMMITTEE.

There have been 15 meetings of the General Committee.

<i>The President</i> , Dr. A. W. RINDER†	attended	7
<i>The Vice-President</i> , Mr. G. H. WIGG .. ..	..	11
<i>The Treasurer</i> , Mr. CHARLES RENNIE .. ..	..	12
<i>Trustee</i> , Mr. GEO. LUSH .. ..	..	9
<i>Trustee</i> , Mr. W. A. CALLAWAY* .. ..	..	NIL

COMMITTEE:

Mr. Martin	attended	12	Mr. Thomson	attended	12
Mr. Cooke .. ..	..	14	Mr. McNally .. ..	..	6
Dr. Kennison .. ..	..	10	Mr. Dillon .. ..	..	9
Mr. Masters .. ..	..	13	Mr. Bothroyd† .. ..	..	9
Mr. Topp .. ..	..	10	Dr. Beattie Smith§ .. ..	..	6
Mr. H. F. Bathurst .. ..	..	1	Mr. Cuthbert Rigg .. ..	..	11
Mr. G. B. Hall ... ..	..	10	Mr. H. Walker ... ..	..	4

* Mr. Callaway was absent on leave for the year.

† Mr. Bothroyd was granted 3 months leave of absence on Feb 9.

‡ Dr. Rinder was granted leave of absence to the end of the year, on July 27.

§ Dr. Beattie Smith died on December 15.

Mr. W. A. Callaway, one of your Trustees, has been away from Victoria for nearly a year on a visit to England, where he has been able to render good service to the Institution in interviewing our Book Suppliers in London. Prior to his departure, he appointed your Treasurer, Mr. Charles Rennie, to act as his Attorney under power in all matters pertaining to his Trusteeship. Your President has also been an absentee since the middle of the year, owing to ill health. Your Committee are glad to know that he is recovering, and they hope to see him in the Chair at the Annual Meeting.

Your Committee records with deep regret the death of Dr. Beattie Smith, who had been a member of the Committee for two years.

The Finance Committee (Messrs. Rennie (*Chairman*), Callaway, Rigg, Masters, Thomison, Wigg and Dr. Rinder); the Library Committee Mr. Topp (*Chairman*), Drs. Rinder and Beattie Smith, and Messrs. Lush, Martin, Callaway and Bothroyd); the House Committee (Messrs. Martin, Cooke, Kernot, McNally, Thomson, Hall, Drs. Kennison and Rinder) held the usual meetings, and thus attended regularly to the various departments of the Institution.

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

FINANCIAL.

The gross receipts for the year amount to £4942 3s 5d., an increase of £488 12s. 4d. over 1920, and the gross expenditure to £4474 12s. 5d., a decrease of £53 1s. 5d. as compared with 1920. The revenue from subscriptions, £1473 13s. 9d., is an increase of £301 4s. 6d., and is the largest recorded since 1889. The return from other sources has also been satisfactory.

On the expenditure side it will be noticed that the amount spent on books, magazines and newspapers is £199 12s. 10d. in excess of last year.

On the whole the receipts are £467 11s. in excess of the expenditure. The overdraft at December 31, 1920, was £261 13s. 11d., and this has been converted into a credit balance of £205 17s. 1d.

The mortgage of £14,000, which was secured in 1914 for seven years at 4½ per cent., expired on June 30, and the mortgagees (through a trustee company,) were not in a position to renew. It therefore became incumbent on your Committee to place the amount elsewhere. After a deal of negotiation your Treasurer was able to secure the loan from the Australian Mutual Provident Society at 7 per cent. for three years. It became necessary to obtain the formal consent of members to the new mortgage, and for this purpose two Special General Meetings of members were held on July 11 and July 21, at which full borrowing powers were granted to your Committee. The short-dated loan was fixed in order that the Institution should not be compelled to pay the higher rate of interest for any longer period than was necessary, for it is believed that by 1924 the money market will be easier.

Your Committee has pleasure in reporting that it has entered into an agreement with Mr. Francis Talbot to lease to him the Main Hall and rooms pertaining thereto for a term of 20 years at a favorable rental to the Institution. The terms of the lease provide that the Lessee shall expend at least £4000 in permanent improvements and decorations which are to become the property of the Institution. The Hall will thus be vastly improved, and should be one of the most up-to-date places of amusement in Melbourne. Your Committee feels that a very satisfactory agreement has been entered into.

THE LIBRARY

Your Committee has pleasure in reporting that the popularity of the Library and Reading and Smoking Rooms has largely increased, the receipts from membership subscriptions having more than doubled in three years, and more than trebled in the last seven years.

In February, 1921, the Librarian (Mr. W. H. Remfry) resigned his position. In response to an advertisement 70 applications were received, and from these your Committee chose and appointed Mr. Max De Pledge to the vacancy. Your Committee congratulates members on having secured such a capable officer, and is of the opinion that the reorganization of the Library carried out by Mr. De Pledge has increased its efficiency materially. To Mr. De Pledge and his Assistant, Miss Cooper, the Committee extends its cordial thanks for the excellence of their work. In view of the increasing work in the Library, a Junior Assistant has just been appointed.

During the year the long-expected Catalogue was published, and has proved an invaluable adjunct to the Library. Your Committee urges every member to purchase a Catalogue, and so become fully seized with the number of literary treasures on the Library shelves.

A satisfactory feature of the publication of the Catalogue was the fact that 75 per cent of the cost of printing was covered by advertising, thus reducing the cost of production to a minimum.

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.

ART GALLERY.

The success of the Art Gallery has again been remarkable; a succession of exhibitions of oil paintings and water colors having been held throughout the year. The season opened in January with an exhibition of the paintings of the late Mr. Gyles Turner, followed by exhibitions by Miss Dent, Mr. George Coates, Miss Dora Meeson, Messrs. W. Rowell, R. McCann, M. W. O'Connell, Meldrum's Pupils, John Rowell, C. Colahan, A. Newbury, Miss Asquith Baker, Messrs. H. McClelland, C. Hampel, Twenty Melbourne Painters, Clarke Waite, Henri Hoile, Miss Perry, Mrs. Patterson, Miss Janie White, Miss Oakley, Messrs. Arthur Streeton, H. Whitney (Sydney), Mrs. S. J. Topp, Miss Violet Teague, Mr. H. S. Power, and the competitive designs for the War Memorial Hall at the Melbourne Grammar School. So keen is the demand for the Art Gallery that there is not a single date available this year. In addition to those mentioned above, a most successful exhibition of paintings was held in the Main Hall by Mr. Penleigh Boyd.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Library on Wednesday, January 25, 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.

ALFRED W. RINDER, *President.*
R. W. E. WILMOT, *Secretary.*

List of Newspapers and Periodicals

SUPPLIED REGULARLY.

AUSTRALIAN NEWSPAPERS

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

NEWSPAPERS

BRITISH & FOREIGN

Belfast Weekly News
Christian Science Monitor
Christian World
Church Guardian
Church Times
Dublin Weekly Freeman
Financial News
Glasgow Herald (weekly)
Liverpool Weekly Post
Methodist Recorder
New York Herald
Pall Mall Gazette
Scotsman (weekly)
Times (London)
Times Literary Supplement
Westminster Gazette

AUSTRALASIAN

Victoria—Melbourne

Age
Argus
Herald
Advocate
Australasian
Graphic

Leader

Punch
Southern Cross
Spectator
Table Talk
Weekly Times

Victoria—Provincial

Ararat Advertiser
Ballarat Courier
Ballarat Star
Bendigo Advertiser
Castlemaine Mail
East Charlton Tribune
Geelong Advertiser
Gippsland Mercury
Korumburra Times
Kyneton Guardian
News of the Week (Geelong)
Ovens and Murray Advertiser
Port Fairy Gazette
Rutherglen Sun
Stawell News
Wangaratta Chronicle
Warrnambool Standard
Wimmera Star

New South Wales

Daily Telegraph
Referee
Smith's Weekly
Sydney Bulletin
Sydney Mail
Sydney Morning Herald

South Australia

South Australian Register
The Observer

Queensland

Brisbane Courier
Queenslander

Western Australia

The West Australian
Western Mail
Albany Advertiser

Tasmania

Hobart Mercury
Illustrated Tasmanian Mail
Launceston Examiner

New Zealand

Auckland Weekly News
Otago Witness

PERIODICALS

BRITISH

Athenæum
Blackwood's Magazine
Bookman
British Australasian
Building News
Cassell's Magazine
Chambers' Journal
Country Life
Contemporary Review
Cornhill Magazine
Discovery
Dublin Review
Economist
Edinburgh Review
Engineer
English Mechanic
English Review
Field
Fortnightly Review
Graphic
Grand Magazine
Hibbert Journal
Hutchinson's
Illustrated London News
Inquirer
Jewish Chronicle
Ladies' Field
Lancet
L'Illustration
London Magazine
London Quarterly Review
London Punch
Mercantile Guardian
Mining Journal
Musical Times
Nash's Magazine
Nation
National Review
Nature
New
New Church Magazine
New Statesman
Nineteenth Century
Notes and Queries

Pearson's Magazine

Public Opinion
Quarterly Review
Queen
Round Table
Royal Magazine
Saturday Review
Sketch
Spectator
Sphere
Sporting and Dramatic News
Strand
Studio
Sunday Companion
Sunday at Home
Tablet
Tatler
Truth (London)
Wide World
Windsor
World's Work

AMERICAN

Adventure
Atlantic Monthly
Bookman
Century
Cosmopolitan
Everybody's
Forum
Harper's Magazine
Independent (incorp. Harpers' Weekly)
Ladies' Home Journal
Munsey Magazine
National Geographical Magazine
North American Review
Red Book
Saturday Evening Post
Scribner's Monthly
World's Work

FRENCH

Revue des Deux Mondes
Revue de Paris

AUSTRALASIAN

Australasian Insurance and Banking Record (Melb.)
Australasian Manufacturer (Sydney)
Australasian Traveller
Australian Brewing and Wine Journal (Melb.)
Australian Christian World (Sydney)
Australian Farming (Melb.)
Church of England Messenger (Melbourne)
Commonwealth of Australia Gazette
Government Gazette of Victoria
Industrial Australian and Mining Standard (Melb.)
Life
Messenger (Presbyterian, Melbourne)
Photo Review (Sydney)
Presbyterian (Melbourne)
Spectator (Melbourne)
Stead's (Melbourne)
The Home (Sydney)
Triad (Sydney)

Argus Index
Australasian Manufacturers' Directory
Bradshaw's Guide
Melbourne Directory
Melb. University Calendar
Municipal Directory
Oliver and Boyd's Edinburgh Almanack
Statesman's Year-Book
Who's Who
Whitakers' Almanac

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.