



THE
Melbourne Athenæum.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1922.

President :

J. O. THOMSON, Esq.

Vice-President :

M. J. McNALLY, Esq.

Hon. Treasurer :

CHAS. RENNIE, Esq.

Trustees :

MESSRS. GEORGE LUSH, W. A. CALLAWAY,
CHARLES RENNIE.

Committee :


MR. E. H. COOKE.	MR. T. W. BOTHROYD.
DR. J. A. KENNISON.	„ CUTHBERT RIGG.
MR. D. MARTIN.	„ G. B. HALL.
„ E. E. DILLON.	„ G. H. WIGG.
„ A. J. MASTERS.	DR. A. W. RINDER.
„ C. A. TOPP.	MR. J. H. D. BREARLEY.
DR. A. N. McARTHUR.	

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M. DE PLEDGE.

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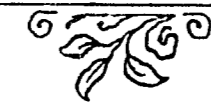
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The Melbourne Athenæum.



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January 10, 1923.

NOTICE is hereby given that—

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Institution will be held in the Library on **Wednesday, January 31,** at **8 p.m.**

Your attendance is requested.

BUSINESS.—Annual Report and Balance Sheet.
General.

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

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
OF THE
MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM,
FOR THE YEAR 1922.

*To be submitted to the Members at the General Meeting
Wednesday, January 31, 1923, at 8 p.m.*

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submit their report of the transactions of the year 1922, which is the eighty-third since the foundation of the Institution.

THE COMMITTEE.

There have been 12 meetings of the General Committee.

<i>The President, Mr. J. O. THOMSON</i>	.. ..	attended	11
<i>The Vice-President, Mr. M. J. McNALLY</i>	.. ..	"	3
<i>The Treasurer, Mr. CHARLES RENNIE§</i>	.. ..	"	7
<i>Trustee, Mr. GEO. LUSH</i>	.. ..	"	10
<i>Trustee, Mr. W. A. CALLAWAY</i>	.. ..	"	8
<i>Trustee, Mr. HENRY MEEKS*</i>	"	NIL

COMMITTEE :

Mr. Martin	attended	10	Mr. Bothroyd	attended	11
Mr. Cooke	"	10	Mr. Cuthbert Rigg	"	7
Dr. Kennison	"	10	Dr. Rinder	"	7
Mr. Masters	"	11	Mr. Brearley	"	4
Mr. Topp	"	8	Dr. McArthur†	"	1
Mr. G. B. Hall	"	7	Mr. Wigg‡	"	1
Mr. Dillon	"	7			

* Mr. Meeks died on August 7.

† Dr. McArthur resigned on July 5.

‡ Mr. G. H. Wigg resigned on March 3.

§ Mr. Rennie was appointed a Trustee on Sept. 1.

Your Committee records with deep regret the death of the senior Trustee, Mr. Henry Meeks, who had been associated with the Institution for 57 years. Mr. Meeks first joined the Institution in 1864. He was for many years one of the Auditors, was an active member of the Committee since 1866, filled the Presidential chair, and was finally appointed a Trustee in 1891. Mr. Meeks' experience and advice was invaluable to the Institution.

Mr. Charles Rennie was unanimously appointed to the vacant Trusteeship caused by the death of Mr. Meeks.

The Finance Committee—Messrs. Rennie (chairman), Callaway, Rigg, Masters, Thomson, Dr. Rinder, and the President; the Library Committee—Messrs. Topp (chairman), Lush, Martin, Callaway, Bothroyd, Dr. Rinder, and the President; the House Committee—Messrs. Martin, Cooke, McNally, Hall, Drs. Kennison, Rinder, and the President, 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. Martin, Cooke, Hall, and Rigg.

FINANCIAL.

The gross receipts for the year amount to £5,524 19s. 6d., an increase of £582 16s. 1d. over 1921, and the gross expenditure to £5,220 4s. 2d., an increase of £745 11s. 9d. over 1921, but this amount included two special items, £267 2s. 6d. for improvements, and £138 10s. 10d., the amount recovered from the Insurance Companies, and paid away in connection with the fire in the milliner's shop in January last. The net increase in expenditure thus being £339 18s. 5d. The revenue from subscriptions, £1,707 6s. 6d., is an increase of £233 12s. 9d. over the previous year, and is the largest ever received from this source in the

history of the Institution. The previous record was £1,591 19s., in 1888. 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 £223 11s. 5d. in excess of last year, or £423 4s. 3d. in excess of 1920. With a gratifying increase in membership, has come a corresponding necessity of adequately catering for the greater call both for magazines and books.

On the whole, the receipts are £304 15s. 4d. in excess of the expenditure. The credit balance of £205 17s. 1d. at December 31, 1921, has been increased to £510 12s. 5d.

Your Committee has pleasure in reporting that the negotiations for a lease of the main hall, to which reference was made in the last report, have been elaborated and completed. The lease entered into twelve months ago was for twenty years, and provided that the Lessee (Mr. Frank Talbot) should expend at least £4,000 in permanent improvements and decorations, which would ultimately become the property of the Institution. Subsequently, Mr. Talbot found that under his original scheme it would be impossible to do all that was required. He, therefore, made a fresh proposal which involved much greater expense. Fresh plans were submitted, and after several conferences these were approved. In addition to materially enhancing the value of the property of the Institution, the amended scheme will provide increased facilities for members, and will make the reorganised Athenæum one of the most up-to-date and complete places of amusement in Australasia. Your Committee has no hesitation in congratulating members on having entered into a most satisfactory arrangement. In consideration of the large increase in the amount Mr. Talbot will have to expend—the cost of the amended scheme being estimated at between £15,000 and £20,000—as against the preliminary estimate already mentioned,

your Committee has extended the term of the lease from twenty to twenty-five years.

An important result of the amended scheme will be that the Library will be open until ten o'clock each evening, and it is believed that the extra facilities thus provided will induce a considerable increase in the membership. The alterations provide for increased accommodation in the smoking-room, which since the advent of the Melbourne Chess Club has become one of the most popular branches of the Institution.

In order that your Committee might have ample power to enter into the amended lease with Mr. Talbot, it was found necessary to alter the rules. A Special General Meeting of members was held on September 4, when the rules were altered and added to.

Your Committee has pleasure in reporting that the cordial relations which have existed for so many years with our neighbours, the Victoria Coffee Palace, still continue. A conference was held on August 15 between representatives of the Coffee Palace and a sub-committee of this Institution (Messrs. Thomson, Lush, Rennie, Callaway, and Cooke), at which various matters of interest and importance to both parties were discussed, and a new agreement was entered into.

THE LIBRARY

During the year the arrangement of the Library was altered so as to remove the desk to the southern end of the room. The result has been most satisfactory. The large increase in the members' roll is an undeniable tribute to the popularity of the Library, and your Committee congratulates members on having such a competent Library staff.

The Assistant Librarian (Miss Alice Cooper) was granted two months leave of absence last winter on account of ill-

health. Miss Ethel Cerini was appointed temporarily as Assistant. Your Committee is glad to say that Miss Cooper was able to resume in November, fully restored to health.

An innovation which has proved most successful, is the establishment of a Loan Gallery of Works of Art in the Reading Room. Artists who have held exhibitions in the Art Gallery were invited to lend pictures for exhibition in the Reading Room, and they cordially accepted. Paintings by Arthur Streeton, George Coates, Dora Meeson, Dora Wilson, Meynell Withers, H. B. Harrison, Leslie Wilkie, W. D. Knox, John Rowell, R. McCann, C. Asquith Baker, M. J. McNally, R. W. Sturgess, M. O'Connell, T. Latimer, and the late Walter Withers, an etching by Jessie Traill, and a black and white sketch by Charles Nuttall, have been hung, and several others have been promised.

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 Stillwell and Stephens Pty. Ltd.

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

ART GALLERY.

The popularity of the Art Gallery—now fully recognised as the art centre of Melbourne—has been maintained. During the year exhibitions were held by Messrs. C. Hampel, J. Jackson, R. W. Bugg, M. O'Connell, W. D. Knox, Chas. Wheeler, R. W. Sturgess, A. McClintock, Penleigh Boyd, John Rowell, Max Meldrum, E. Hooton, A. Sennitt, E. Latimer, Meynell Withers, Mrs. Sheard, Miss James, Miss Sweatman, Miss Bale, Miss Traill, Twenty Melbourne Painters, Women's Art Club, and the Commercial Artists' Association. For the current year there is not a vacant date, and there are several bookings already made for 1924.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Library on Wednesday, January 31, 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.

J. O. THOMSON, *President.*

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

Magazines and Periodicals

AVAILABLE IN THE READING ROOM.

BRITISH & FOREIGN

Belfast Weekly News
Bystander
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
Melbourne Sun
News of the Week (Geelong)
Ovens and Murray Advertiser
Port Fairy Gazette
Rutherglen Sun
Stawell News
Wangaratta Chronicle

Warmambool Standard
Wimmera Star

New South Wales

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

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.

Bookman
British Australasian
Building News
Country Life
Cornhill Magazine
Economist
Engineer
English Mechanic
Field
Graphic
Illustrated London News
Inquirer
Jewish Chronicle
Ladies' Field Fashions
Lancet
L'Illustration
London Punch
Mercantile Guardian

Mining Journal
Nation and Athenæum
Nature
New Church Magazine
New Statesman
Notes and Queries
Public Opinion
Queen
Saturday Review
Sketch
Spectator
Sphere
Sporting and Dramatic News
Studio
Sunday Companion
Sunday at Home
Tablet
Tatler
Truth (London)
Vogue

American.

Independent (incorp. Harpers' Weekly)
Ladies' Home Journal
Saturday Evening Post

Australasian.

Australasian Insurance and Banking Record (Melb.)
Australasian Manufacture (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.)
Ladies' Sphere
Messenger (Presbyterian, Melbourne)
New Outlook
Photo Review (Sydney)
Presbyterian (Melbourne)
Spectator (Melbourne)
The Home (Sydney)

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the Year ended 31st December, 1922.

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Magazines for Circulation in the Library.

PERIODICALS.

BRITISH

Blackwood's Magazine
 Cassell's Magazine
 Chambers' Journal
 Contemporary Review,
 Discovery
 Dublin Review
 Edinburgh Review
 English Review
 Fortnightly Review
 Grand Magazine
 Hibbert Journal
 Hutchinson's
 London Magazine
 London Quarterly Review
 Musical Times

Nash's Magazine
 National Review
 New
 Nineteenth Century
 Pearson's Magazine
 Quarterly Review
 Round Table
 Royal Magazine
 Strand
 Wide World
 Windsor
 World's Work

AMERICAN

Adventure
 Atlantic Monthly
 Bookman
 Century

Cosmopolitan
 Everybody's
 Forum
 Harper's Magazine
 Munsey Magazine
 National Geographical Mag-
 azine
 Red Book
 Scribner's Monthly
 World's Work

FRENCH

Revue des Deux Mondes
 Revue de Paris

AUSTRALASIAN

Life
 Stead's (Melbourne)
 Triad (Sydney)