



THE  
**Melbourne Athenæum.**

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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1926.

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**President :**

T. W. BOTHROYD, Esq.

**Vice-President :**

G. H. WIGG, Esq.

**Hon. Treasurer :**

CHAS. RENNIE, Esq.

**Trustees :**

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

**Committee :**

MR. E. H. COOKE.	MR. J. O. THOMSON
DR. J. A. KENNISON.	„ G. B. HALL.
MR. D. MARTIN.	„ J. H. D. BREARLEY.
„ E. E. DILLON.	DR. C. A. ALTMANN.
„ A. J. MASTERS.	MR. H. P. COY
„ C. A. TOPP.	

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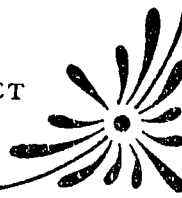

**Secretary :**

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# The Melbourne Athenæum.

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188 COLLINS ST., MELBOURNE.

January 8, 1927.

NOTICE is hereby given that—

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Institution will be held in the Art Gallery, on **Monday, January 24,**  
*at Eight 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 1926.

*To be submitted to the Members at the General Meeting,  
Monday, January 24, 1927, at 8 p.m.*

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THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submits its report of the transactions of the year 1926, which is the eighty-seventh since the foundation of the Institution.

THE COMMITTEE.

There have been 12 meetings of the General Committee.

<i>The President, and Trustee</i> MR. T. W. BOTHROYD	attended	12
<i>The Vice-President,</i> MR. G. H. WIGG .. ..	,,	10
<i>Trustee and Treasurer,</i> MR. CHARLES RENNIE ..	,,	10
<i>Trustee,</i> MR. GEORGE LUSH .. ..	,,	8

COMMITTEE :

Mr. Martin .. ..	attended	11	Mr. Thomson ..	attended	10
Mr. Cooke .. ..	,,	0	Mr. Dillon .. ..	,,	6
Dr. Kennison .. ..	,,	11	Mr. Brearley .. ..	,,	0
Mr. Masters .. ..	,,	10	Dr. Altmann .. ..	,,	3
Mr. Topp .. ..	,,	8	Mr. Coy .. ..	,,	10
Mr. Hall .. ..	,,	8			

The Finance Committee—Messrs. Rennie (chairman), Callaway, Wigg, Thomson, Hall, Brearley, Masters and the President; the Library Committee—Messrs. Topp (chairman), Martin, Callaway, Masters, Coy, Lush, Drs.

Altmann, Kennison and the President; the House Committee—Messrs. Martin, Cooke, Dillon, Coy, Thomson, Dr. Altmann and the President, held the usual meetings, and thus attended regularly to the various departments of the Institution. Mr. J. H. D. Brearley was on leave of absence for most of the year owing to his being in England.

Your Committee regrets to report that owing to ill-health, Mr. E. H. Cooke resigned his position as a member of Committee on October 1st. In accepting the resignation, with regret, your Committee adopted a resolution, expressing its appreciation of Mr. Cooke's services as Committeeman for eighteen years and President.

Dr. Altmann met with a serious accident on March 3, 1926, and was unable to resume his seat on the Committee until September 3, when he was welcomed by the President, and congratulated on his recovery.

#### FINANCIAL.

The statement of accounts submitted herewith must be very satisfactory to members. It will be seen that the gross receipts for the year amounted to £6901/13/1, an increase of £228/17/7 over the previous year. The gross expenditure was £6315/15/2—a reduction of £147/14/1. There was thus left a profit on the year's working of £585/17/11. With the £539/2/- brought forward, and £17/8/- received from the Victoria Palace Limited for the sale of a small strip of land, there remained a balance of £1142/7/11. Your Committee was thus able to pay £1000 off the mortgage, thereby reducing it to £11,000.

The most gratifying feature of the statement is the continued increase in members' subscriptions (£291/2/10). On the expenditure side, your Committee has been able to allocate £1554/3/1 for books, magazines

and newspapers—an increase of £150/0/4 over the figures for 1925

As an indication of the steady progress of the Institution, the following table, showing the receipts from subscriptions and the gross receipts for the last ten years will be interesting, thus:—

	Subscriptions.	Total Receipts.
1917 . . . . .	£600 0 6	£2832 1 9
1918 . . . . .	702 4 3	2773 10 2
1919 . . . . .	854 18 6	3361 5 1
1920 . . . . .	1172 9 3	4453 11 1
1921 . . . . .	1473 13 9	4942 3 5
1922 . . . . .	1707 6 6	5376 8 8
1923 . . . . .	1882 17 5	5876 9 5
1924 . . . . .	2169 6 11	6266 17 4
1925 . . . . .	2399 4 3	6692 15 6
1926 . . . . .	2690 7 1	6901 13 1

Your Committee is pleased to report that it has renewed the leases of the shops for a term of three years at a satisfactory increase of rent.

#### THE NEW TOWN HALL.

The re-building of the Melbourne Town Hall necessitated an agreement with the City Council authorities. It was found that the titles to the land needed adjustment, and this was done. The plans for the new Town Hall disclosed the fact that several windows on the western side of the property of the Institution would be prejudicially affected, and that if your Trustees were to insist on their full rights being preserved, it would seriously interfere with the Town Hall reconstruction. After several conferences between the City Architect and the Architects to the Institution (Messrs. Sydney Smith, Ogg and Serpell) an agreement was arrived at, and the matter was settled in accordance with the following resolution:—

"That this Committee, in order not to interfere with the re-building of the Melbourne Town Hall, agrees to waive its existing rights as to lighting preserved to it under Payne's Act. It feels, however, that the City Council should tile the whole of the area opposite the windows affected, and that, as it will be necessary to light the rooms concerned, the Council should pay to the Trustees the sum of £500 for the purchase of the rights so waived, and should bear all costs."

This offer was accepted, and an agreement was entered into between the City Council and your Trustees. The documents have been signed, and all that remains is the receipt of the sum of £500 and the completion of the work, which will not materially interfere with the windows affected.

#### THE LIBRARY.

The Library and Reading Room still continue to be most attractive, and the steady increase in membership is not only gratifying, but a distinct proof of their popularity. On several occasions members have expressed their satisfaction with the excellent provision made for them, and of the competence and courtesy of the Library Staff.

Your Committee is pleased to report that the attendance of members in the evening and on public holidays has increased. The extended hours have been a boon to very many subscribers. Another feature of the working of the Library is the increase in the number of country subscribers, many of whom live a long distance from the city.

Your Committee has pleasure in acknowledging the gift of a painting, "Ruin at Peronne," by Mr. Arthur Streeton, the well-known artist. In recognition of this handsome gift, your Committee elected Mr. Streeton as an honorary member. The picture, which is hung in

the Reading Room, has been much appreciated, not only because of its artistic worth, but for its historical value.

The Loan Exhibition of Pictures in the Reading Room has been increased by pictures lent by Messrs. R. G. McCann and Harry McClelland.

The following donations of works have been kindly made:—

- Victorian Year Book, presented by A. M. Loughton, Esq. Government Statist.
- The Christian Science Monitor, from First Church of Christ Scientist Melbourne.
- The Presbyterian Messenger, by Messrs. Arbuckle, Waddell Pty. Ltd.
- The New Zealand Official Year Book, by the Government of New Zealand.
- The Church of England Messenger, by the Diocese of Melbourne.
- The Commonwealth Gazette, by the Commonwealth Government.
- Two Copies of Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria, supplied regularly by Stillwell and Stephens Pty. Ltd.
- New South Wales Church Magazine by New South Wales Church Press
- Literary Guide from P. Taylor, Esq.
- Victorian Government Gazette, by the Government of Victoria.
- New Zealand Parliamentary Papers, by the Government of New Zealand.

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, which has been recently re-decorated, has been maintained. Exhibitions succeeded one another from February 1st to December 24th without a break. The exhibitors were Messrs. E. Buckmaster, R. G. McCann, Blamire Young, Whitney, John Rowell, H. McClelland, J. Farmer, Leason, W. Dyson, H. Reynolds, Latimer, Sennett, A. E. Newbury, H. L. Fern, Misses Taylor, Pye, Cusack, Cumbrae Stewart, Claire Scott, Beckett,

Dent, the Women's Art Club, Twenty Melbourne Painters, the Australian Art Association, and the Royal Art Society of New South Wales.

Your Committee is pleased to report that there is not a vacant date for the gallery for this year, and that many bookings for 1928 have been made already.

#### THE STAFF.

Your Committee desires to express its appreciation of the zeal and care shown during the year in their several duties by the Secretary, the Librarian and the other members of the staff.

Your Committee regrets that, owing to ill-health, your Secretary has been forced to apply for extended leave of absence. This has been granted, and the Secretary will be absent until the end of May, his duties being attended to by the Librarian, who has been appointed Acting Secretary.

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Art Gallery on Monday, January 24th, at 8 p.m. Members are reminded that, under the new rules, "Candidates for the vacant offices shall be nominated in writing, each nomination shall be signed by two members of the Institution and by the candidate, and shall be delivered to the Secretary seven clear days before the Annual Meeting."

T. W. BOTHROYD, President.

R. W. E. WILMOT, Secretary.

## Magazines and Periodicals

AVAILABLE IN THE READING ROOM.

### PAPERS.

#### BRITISH & FOREIGN

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

#### AUSTRALASIAN

##### Victoria—Melbourne

Age  
Argus  
Australasian  
Herald  
Graphic  
Leader  
Morning Post  
Southern Cross  
Spectator  
Sun Pictorial  
Table Talk  
Weekly Times

##### Victoria—Provincial

Ararat Advertiser  
Ballarat Courier  
Ballarat Star  
Bendigo Advertiser  
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  
Bulletin  
Daily Telegraph  
Referee  
Smith's Weekly  
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  
Weekly Courier

New Zealand  
Auckland Weekly News  
Otago Witness

### PERIODICALS.

#### British.

Bookman  
British Australasian  
Building News  
Bystander  
Country Life  
Cornhill Magazine  
Economic Review  
Economist  
Engineer  
English Mechanic  
Field  
Graphic  
Illustrated London News  
Inquirer  
Jewish Chronicle  
Ladies' Field Fashions  
Lancet  
London Punch  
Mercantile Guardian  
Mining Journal  
Nation and Athenæum  
Nature  
New Church Magazine  
New Statesman  
Notes and Queries  
Public Opinion

Queen  
Saturday Review  
Science Progress  
Sketch  
Spectator  
Sphere  
Sporting and Dramatic News  
Studio  
Sunday Companion  
Sunday at Home  
Tablet  
Tatler  
Truth (London)  
Vogue

#### French.

Je Sais Tout  
L'Illustration  
Revue de deux Mondes  
Revue de Paris

#### American.

Delineator  
Independent (incorp. Harpers' Weekly)  
Ladies' Home Journal  
Photoplay  
Physical Culture  
Popular Mechanics  
Popular Science  
Saturday Evening Post  
Scientific American  
System

#### 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.)  
Business Efficiency  
Church of England Messenger (Melbourne)  
C'nw'h of Australia Gazette  
Government Gazette of Vic.  
Industrial Australian and Mining Standard (Melb.)  
Ladies Sphere  
New Outlook  
Photo Review (Sydney)  
Presbyt'n Messenger (Melb.)  
Spectator (Melbourne)  
The Home (Sydney)  
The Worker  
Woman's World

# THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the Year ended 31st December, 1926.

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

MELBOURNE, 7th January, 1927.

## APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

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## Magazines for Circulation in the Library.

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### PERIODICALS.

#### BRITISH

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

Nash's Magazine  
 National Review  
 New  
 Nineteenth Century  
 Pearson's Magazine  
 Quarterly Review  
 Round Table  
 Royal  
 Strand  
 Wide World  
 Windsor  
 World of To-Day

#### AMERICAN

Adventure  
 Atlantic Monthly  
 Bookman  
 Century

Cosmopolitan  
 Current History  
 Everybody's  
 Forum  
 Harper's Magazine  
 Munsey Magazine  
 National Geographical Magazine  
 Red Book  
 Scribner's Monthly  
 Smart Set  
 World's Work

#### FRENCH

Revue des Deux Mondes  
 Revue de Paris

#### AUSTRALASIAN

Life  
 Stead's (Melbourne)  
 Triad (Sydney)