





Melbourne Athenæum.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1927.

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January 7, 1928.

Notice is hereby given that—

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Institution will be held in the Art Gallery, on Monday, January 23,

· 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 1927.

To be submitted to the Members at the General Meetin g Monday, January 23, 1928, at 8 p.m.

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submits its report of the transactions of the year 1927, which is the eighty-eighth since the foundation of the Institution.

THE COMMITTEE.

There have been 12 meetings of the General Committee.

The President, Mr. G. H. Wigg	attended	10
The Vice-President, Dr. J. A. Kennison	,,	8
Trustee and Treasurer, Mr. Charles Rennie	,,	10
Mr. George Lush	,,	7
Trustees Mr. GEORGE LUSH	,,	6

COMMITTEE:

Mr. Martin		attended	0	Mr. Dillon	• •	attended	10
Mr. Masters		•••	8	Mr. Brearley		,,	0
Mr. Topp		,,	9	Dr. Altmann	• •	,,	2
Mr. Hall	• •	11	5	Mr. Coy	• •	,,	3
Mr. Thomson	• •	,,	4	Mr. Bothroyd	• •	"	2

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

Kennison, and the President; the House Committee—Messrs. Rennie, Dillon, Thomson, Drs. Kennison, 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 owing to his being in England. Mr. Callaway returned, after a visit to England, on May 6.

Your Committee regrets having to record the deaths of three members of Committee—Messrs. Martin, Coy, and Bothroyd.

Mr. David Martin, who died on February 27, was one of the oldest members of the Institution, having joined first in 1865. He was a member of the General Committee since 1909, and was President in 1912.

Mr. T. W. Bothroyd, who died on April 15, was President in 1926. He had been a member of Committee since 1920.

Mr. Coy, who died on May 6, had been a member of the Committee for two years.

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

FINANCIAL

The statement of accounts submitted herewith must be very satisfactory to members. It will be seen that the gross ordinary receipts for the year amounted to £7305/17/-, an increase of £404/3/11 over the previous year. The gross expenditure was £6383/3/5, an increase of £67/8/3. There was a profit on the year's working of £1065/1/6. With the £142/7/11 brought forward, and

£500 received from the City Council in connection with the resumption of light areas, there remained a balance of £1565/1/6. Your Committee was thus able to pay £1000 off the mortgage, thereby reducing it to £10,000.

The most gratifying feature of the statement is the continued increase in members' subscriptions (£71/4/5). On the expenditure side, your Committee has been able to allocate £1583/6/8 for books, magazines and newspapers—an increase of £29/3/7 over the figures for 1926.

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.
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
1927	. 2761 11 6	7305 17 0

THE NEW TOWN HALL.

The re-building of the Melbourne Town Hall necessitated an agreement with the City Council authorities, referred to in the last annual report. Under this agreement, the Council paid the Trustees the sum of £500 for the purchase of the rights waived, and bore all costs. The completion of the work did not materially interfere with the windows affected, nor with the light in the rooms.

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 is still increasing. The increase in the number of country subscribers, many of whom live a long distance from the city, still continues.

The following donations of works have been kindly made:—

Victorian Year Book, presented by A. M. Laughton, 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 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 New Zealand.

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

During the year, a screen has been placed in the reading-room, in order to enclose "the ladies' corner."

The effect has been to make this portion of the readingroom much more cosy and comfortable.

THE BOSTON ATHENÆUM.

While the Secretary was in America, he visited the Boston Athenæum, established in 1807, and was cordially received. He found the Boston Athenæum very much on the same lines as the Melbourne Athenæum. On leaving Boston, the Trustees gave him a copy of "The Athenæum Centenary," as a presentation to the Institution. The gift was highly appreciated by your Committee. The book has been placed in the Reference Library.

ART GALLERY.

The popularity of the Art Gallery has been maintained. Exhibitions succeeded one another from February 14th to December 17th. The exhibitors were Messrs. Carlyle Jackson, Rupert Bunny, F. R. Thompson, H. Septimus Power, Blamire Young, E. Finlay, A. E. Newbury, Bernard Hall, A. Colquhoun, Mr. and Mrs. J. Farmer, Misses Bale, Gurdon, Lahey, Beckett, Cumbrae Stewart, the Women's Art Club, Twenty Melbourne Painters, and the Australian Art Association.

Your Committee is pleased to report that there is not a vacant date for the gallery for this year, and that many bookings for 1929 have been made already.

CHESS CLUB.

The membership of the Chess Club still goes on increasing, the number of chess players being more than 150. Your Committee congratulates one of its members, Mr. S. H. Zichy Woinarski, on having been runner-up for the last Australasian Chess Championship.

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 is pleased to report that the Secretary, who was absent on leave for eight months owing to illness, was able to resume duty on October 1, after being in America and England. During his absence, the Librarian acted as Secretary, to the complete satisfaction of the Committee. While in England, the Secretary interviewed the agents of the Institution in London, and was able to make arrangements, whereby it is hoped an improvement in the purchasing of books, magazines, etc., will result.

Your Committee has to report that Miss Cooper, who has been the second assistant in the Library for ten years, has resigned. Miss Cooper has given the Institution most loyal and valuable service, and members will bid her farewell with regret and good wishes for her future.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Art Gallery on Monday, January 23rd, 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."

GEO. H. WIGG, 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 Revnolds Scotsman (weekly) Times (London) Times Literary Supplement Westminster Gazette

AUSTRALASIAN Victoria—Melbourne

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

Victoria—Provincial Ararat Advertiser Ballarat Courier Bendigo Advertiser East Charlton Tribune Geelong Advertiser Gippsland Mercury Korumburra Times Kyneton Guardian Ovens and Murray Advertiser Port Fairy Gazette Rutherglen Sun Stawell News Wangaratta Chronicle Warrnambool Standard Wimmera Star

New South Wales
Bulletin
Daily Telegraph Pictorial
Referee
Smith's Weekly

Sydney Mail Sydney Morning Herald Sydney Sun

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

Inquirer
Jewish Chronicle
Ladies' Field Fashions
Lancet
London Punch

Illustrated London News

Graphic

Mercantile Guardian
Mining Journal
Modern Wireless
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 NewsStudio
Sunday Companion
Sunday at Home
Tablet
Tatler
Time and Tide
The Gramophone
Truth (London)

Vogue

French.
Je Sais Tout
L'Illustration
Revue de deux Mondes
Revue deParis

American.

Delineator
Independent (incorp. Harpers' Weekly)
Ladies' Home Journal
Literary Digest
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.) New Outlook Photo Review (Sydney) Presbyt'n Messenger (Melb. Spectator (Melbourne) The Home (Sydney) Triad Stead's Review The Worker Woman's World

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the Year ended 31st December, 1927.

Balance	\dots \dots £142 7 11	By Interest on Mortgage £707 8 3
Subscriptions	£2761 11 6	Salaries and Wages 1965 9 0
Rents	4098 12 4	Books, Magazines & Newspapers 1583 6 8
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		Repairs, Goods, and Sundries
Railage & Postage Refunds	•	
	7,305 17 0	Insurance £761 0 6 Less paid by Lessee 372 0 0
		389 0 6
		11 0 0
		Printing, Postage, Stationery &
		Petty Cash 182 6 4
		Railage & Postage to
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		Advertising 19 12 6
	· ·	Auditors 31 10 0
		Improvements 36 0 3
		Decorations 33 0 0
		6383 3 5
		Balance 1065 1 6
	£7,448 4 11	
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Balance brought down	\dots \dots £1065 1 6	
Melbourne City Council	500 0 0	Reduction of Mortgage £1000 0 0
		Balance
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Audited and found correct,

MELBOURNE, 6th January, 1928

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

AUDITORS.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS. Estimated value of the real Property of the Institution as per City Valuation January 1925 (Subject to Lease to Frank Talbot Pty. Ltd., as to Theatre portion	i S	Liabilities. Loan under Mortgage (Rate 6½ per cent., due July 1929)	£10,000 0 72,565 1	
expiring July 15, 1962)	. £80,000 0 0 1,700 0 0			نن
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Bank Balance	. 565 1 6			
	£82,565 1 6		£82,565 1	6

CHARLES RENNIE, TREASURER.

Magazines for Circulation in the Library.

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 Modern Wireless

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
Popular Mechanics
Popular Science
Popular Stories
Red Book
Scribner's Monthly
Smart Set
World's Work

FRENCH

Revue des Deux Mondes Revue de Paris

AUSTRALASIAN

Life Triad (Sydney)