



THE
Melbourne Athenæum.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1932.

President :

THE RIGHT REV. D. A. CAMERON.

Vice-President :

A. BURR, Esq.

Hon. Treasurer :

G. H. WIGG, Esq.

Trustees :

MESSRS. GEORGE LUSH, W. A. CALLAWAY,
G. H. WIGG, CUTHBERT RIGG.

Committee :

MR. E. E. DILLON.	MAJOR W. BOLTON.
„ A. J. MASTERS.	MR. W. F. GATES.
DR. J. A. KENNISON	REV. DR. A. LAW.
MR. H. UPTON	MR. J. P. BLACK.
MR. JAS. LILLIE.	„ G. A. FIELDING.
„ J. A. PIETZCKER.	„ W. F. GREENWOOD
„ L. V. BIGGS.	

Librarian :

M. DE PLEDGE.

Secretary :

R. W. E. WILMOT.

MELBOURNE :
STILLWELL & STEPHENS PTY. LTD., PRINTERS, 373 LONSDALE STREET.



REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
OF THE
MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM,
FOR THE YEAR 1932.

*To be submitted to the Members at the General Meeting,
Friday, January 27, 1933, at 8 p.m.*

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submits its report of the transactions of the year 1932, which is the ninety-third since the foundation of the Institution.

THE COMMITTEE.

There have been 13 meetings of the General Committee.

<i>The President</i> , RIGHT REV. D. A. CAMERON ..	attended	9
<i>Vice-President</i> , MR. A. BURR	"	12
<i>Trustee and Treasurer</i> , MR. G. H. WIGG ..	"	13
<i>Trustee</i> , MR. GEORGE LUSH	"	3
" MR. W. A. CALLAWAY	"	12
" MR. CUTHBERT RIGG	"	9

COMMITTEE :

Mr. Masters ..	attended	9	Mr. Gates ..	attended	12
Mr. Dillon ..	"	11	Mr. Upton ..	"	2
Dr. Kennison ..	"	9	Rev. Dr. Law ..	"	9
Mr. Biggs ..	"	9	Mr. Fielding ..	"	3
Mr. Lillie ..	"	12	Mr. Black ..	"	11
Mr. Pietzcker ..	"	12	Mr. Greenwood ..	"	8
Major Bolton ..	"	13			

Your Committee records with regret the death of Mr. George Lush, the Senior Trustee of the Institution, who had been a member since 1865, member of Committee since 1878, Trustee since 1903, and twice President. Mr. Lush's long experience and ripe judgment were at all times of inestimable value to the Institution.

Your Committee also records with regret the death of Mr. C. A. Topp, who was a member of the Committee for 18 years, Chairman of the Library Committee for 10 years, and a Past President.

The vacant Trusteeship caused by the death of Mr. George Lush was filled by the appointment of Mr. Cuthbert Rigg.

The Finance Committee, Messrs. Wigg (Chairman), Callaway, Masters, Lillie, Greenwood, Fielding, Rigg, Major Bolton and the President; the Library Committee, Messrs. Callaway (Chairman), Biggs, Burr, Wigg, Black, Gates, Dr. Law, Dr. Kennison and the President; the House Committee, Messrs. Masters (Chairman), Wigg, Dillon, Lillie, Upton, Burr, Pietzcker, Dr. Kennison, Major Bolton and the President, held the usual meetings, and thus attended regularly to the various departments of the Institution.

FINANCIAL.

The statement of accounts submitted herewith must, in the circumstances, be regarded as satisfactory. It will be seen that the gross receipts amounted to £7122/10/4. This is a reduction, on the previous year, of £555/5/8, due to the incidence of the Rent Reduction Act, which came into force on December 24, 1931. Under this the amount received for rent has been reduced by £665/6/-.

The gross expenditure for the year was £7565/12/1, a reduction of £132/5/1. The amount paid in Sales Tax and Primage on books and magazines was £172/2/6, and, as this form of taxation has been eliminated, your Committee feels that the prospects for the coming year are very much brighter.

The adverse exchange has also been a heavy drain on the Institution, the sum of £339/1/5 having been paid on this account on purchases of books and magazines from overseas. A certain amount of relief was afforded by the statutory reduction of the rate of interest, the amount paid under this heading being £91/6/4 less than last year.

Again a gratifying feature of the statement is the continued increase in members' subscriptions (£81/5/9). On the expenditure side your Committee has been able to allocate £1815/14/3 for books, magazines and newspapers, in addition to the amount of £339/1/5 for bank charges and exchange.

The following table shows the progress of the Institution during the last ten years:—

	Subscriptions.	Purchase of Books, etc.	Gross Receipts.
1923 . . .	1882 17 5	1136 9 5	5876 9 5
1924 . . .	2169 6 11	1211 16 0	6266 17 4
1925 . . .	2399 4 3	1404 2 9	6692 15 6
1926 . . .	2690 7 1	1554 3 1	6901 13 1
1927 . . .	2761 11 6	1583 6 8	7305 17 0
1928 . . .	2792 17 0	1719 1 5	7372 18 9
1929 . . .	2937 18 0	1847 9 4	7517 4 8
1930 . . .	2994 15 6	1889 14 2	7620 6 4
1931 . . .	3082 2 0	1849 9 1	7677 16 0
1932 . . .	3163 7 9	1815 14 3	7565 12 1
			7122 10 4

Your Committee records with satisfaction that the Federal Government has removed the Sales Tax and Primage on books and magazines imported for the use of members. The importance of this to the Institution may be gathered from the statement of receipts and expenditure, in which it is shown that £172/2/6 was paid under this heading.

Your Committee also records with satisfaction that its contention that the Institution was exempt from Federal and State Income Tax has been upheld by the Commissioners of Taxation.

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. The number of country subscribers is steadily increasing, with the result that the Library is becoming most widely known. The attendances at the Reading Room, and the number of books and magazines which are exchanged, are a standing evidence of the manner in which the Library is appreciated by members.

A matter which your Committee considers should be brought under the notice of members is the growing tendency to remove books, magazines and papers from the Reading Room and the mutilation of magazines and newspapers. The detection of offenders in these respects is extremely difficult, and your Committee urges members to assist it in every way to check the evil.

The following donations of works have been kindly made:—

- The Victorian Philatelic Record, by A. A. Rosenblum, Esq.
- The Australian Banker, by A. E. Park, Esq.
- The Photo Review, by Kodak Pty. Ltd.
- Headway, by Miss Colville.
- 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 Commonwealth, by the Rev. Dr. Chas. Strong.
- Glimpses of the East—N.Y.K. Official Guide 1929-30, by Dalgety and Co. Ltd.
- The Travel Bulletin—N.Y.K. Line, by Dalgety and Co. Ltd.
- The Australian Board of Missions Review, by A.B.M. Society.
- The White Star Magazine, by Dalgety and Co. Ltd.
- The New Nation Magazine, by the Publishers.
- The Landmark, by Mrs. R. W. E. Wilmot.
- The New Church Magazine, by New Church Society.
- The Church of England Messenger, by the Diocese of Melbourne.
- The Theosophist, by the Theosophical Society.
- The Rationalist, by the Rationalist Society.
- The Commonwealth Gazette, by the Commonwealth Government.
- Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria, by Stillwell and Stephens Pty. Ltd.
- 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 Argus and The Australasian Football Guide, by the Proprietors.
- The Argus and The Australasian Cricket Guide, by the Proprietors.

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 still maintains, and during the year there was a continuous succession of exhibitions. There is not a vacant date for 1933.

Exhibitions were held by Messrs. R. G. McCann, Norman McGeorge, E. Buckmaster, Jack Cato, A. D. Colquhoun, W. Rowell, Charles Wheeler, A. E. Newbury, J. Hennessy, Misses Ethel Paterson, Jessie Traill, Sybil Craig, Margery Withers, J. Wilkinson Whyte, Clarice Beckett, Pegg Clarke, The Seven Water Colourists, The Twenty Melbourne Painters, The Melbourne Society of Women Painters, The Australian Art Association and The 1932 Group.

MELBOURNE CHESS CLUB.

The Melbourne Chess Club, which is confined to members of the Institution, continues to progress. During the year your Committee made an arrangement with the club for the exclusive use of the chess-room, to the satisfaction of all concerned. The Melbourne Chess Club is regarded as the controlling body of chess in Victoria.

LECTURES.

The winter lectures, established in 1930, again proved highly successful. The series was well attended and aroused considerable attention. Lectures were given as follow:—

Professor G. H. Cowling (M.A., Leeds): "Is Poetry Doomed?" (Chairman: The President.)

Mr. Ian Maxwell, LL.B.: "The True Function of Literature." (Chairman: Mr. L. V. Biggs.)

Miss Enid Derham: "Women in English Fiction." (Chairman: The Rev. Dr. A. Law.)

Professor Scott: "The Centenary of Sir Walter Scott." (Chairman: Mr. W. F. Greenwood.)

Mr. R. H. Croll: "The Open Road." (Chairman: Mr. W. A. Callaway.)

A series of lectures will be arranged for the ensuing winter.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

A suggestion by Judge Beeby, that a dramatic or play-reading society should be established among the members of the Institution, was carried into effect. Your Committee approved of the foundation of the society, provided it be confined to members of the Institution. Several meetings have been held and it is proposed to carry on the society again this year.

BRITISH FILMS.

Your Committee hailed with satisfaction the action of the lessees of the theatre (Frank Talbot Pty. Ltd.) in making The Athenæum the first theatre in the Empire to establish a complete programme of British pictures. The venture was an immediate success, and the connection between British Dominion Films Ltd. and Frank Talbot Pty. Ltd. has enhanced the standing of the theatre, which is regarded as the leading house for high-class pictures in Australia.

THE STAFF.

Your Committee is indebted to the officers and staff for loyal and enthusiastic support in all matters they considered would promote the welfare of the institution. When we remember present community conditions, the increase in the membership is surprising and agreeable, especially when the difficulty of providing materials at increased cost to meet the needs of all our members has had to be met. We again specially acknowledge the efforts of Mr. Wilmot and the Librarian, Mr. De Pledge.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting will be held in the Art Gallery on Friday, January 27, 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."

DONALD A. CAMERON, President.

THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the Year ended 31st December, 1933³.

<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>To Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£671 17 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Subscriptions</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3163 7 9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rents</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3625 3 9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sales & Sundries</td> <td style="text-align: right;">211 3 11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Railage & Postage Refunds</td> <td style="text-align: right;">112 7 10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Interest</td> <td style="text-align: right;">10 7 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">7,122 10 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 3px double black;">£7,794 7 8</td> </tr> </table>	To Balance	£671 17 4	Subscriptions	£3163 7 9	Rents	3625 3 9	Sales & Sundries	211 3 11	Railage & Postage Refunds	112 7 10	Interest	10 7 1		7,122 10 4		£7,794 7 8	2161	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Interest</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£545 2 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Salaries</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2161 9 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Books, Magazines & Newspapers</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1817 13 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less Refund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1 19 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">£1815 14 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gas, Electric Light and Power ..</td> <td style="text-align: right;">389 5 11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Repairs, Goods, and Sundries ..</td> <td style="text-align: right;">165 17 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rates and Taxes—</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td> Rates & Land Taxes</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£770 3 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td> Sales Tax & Primage</td> <td style="text-align: right;">172 2 6</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">942 5 8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Insurance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£774 1 10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Less paid by Lessee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">369 15 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">404 6 10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Binding</td> <td style="text-align: right;">152 5 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Printing, Stationery, Postage & Petty Cash</td> <td style="text-align: right;">307 15 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Railage & Postage to Country Subscribers ..</td> <td style="text-align: right;">112 7 10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advertising</td> <td style="text-align: right;">8 18 11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Auditors</td> <td style="text-align: right;">52 10 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Valuations</td> <td style="text-align: right;">47 5 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lectures</td> <td style="text-align: right;">22 7 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lift Maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">41 6 8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Charges and Exchange ..</td> <td style="text-align: right;">339 1 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Improvements</td> <td style="text-align: right;">57 13 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">7565 12 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance—</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td> Bank of Australasia</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£213 16 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td> Petty Cash</td> <td style="text-align: right;">14 19 6</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 1px solid black;">228 15 7</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right; border-top: 3px double black;">£7,794 7 8</td> </tr> </table>	Interest	£545 2 7	Salaries	2161 9 0	Books, Magazines & Newspapers	£1817 13 3	Less Refund	1 19 0		£1815 14 3	Gas, Electric Light and Power ..	389 5 11	Repairs, Goods, and Sundries ..	165 17 3	Rates and Taxes—		Rates & Land Taxes	£770 3 2	Sales Tax & Primage	172 2 6		942 5 8	Insurance	£774 1 10	Less paid by Lessee	369 15 0		404 6 10	Binding	152 5 1	Printing, Stationery, Postage & Petty Cash	307 15 4	Railage & Postage to Country Subscribers ..	112 7 10	Advertising	8 18 11	Auditors	52 10 0	Valuations	47 5 0	Lectures	22 7 4	Lift Maintenance	41 6 8	Bank Charges and Exchange ..	339 1 5	Improvements	57 13 0		7565 12 1	Balance—		Bank of Australasia	£213 16 1	Petty Cash	14 19 6		228 15 7		£7,794 7 8
To Balance	£671 17 4																																																																													
Subscriptions	£3163 7 9																																																																													
Rents	3625 3 9																																																																													
Sales & Sundries	211 3 11																																																																													
Railage & Postage Refunds	112 7 10																																																																													
Interest	10 7 1																																																																													
	7,122 10 4																																																																													
	£7,794 7 8																																																																													
Interest	£545 2 7																																																																													
Salaries	2161 9 0																																																																													
Books, Magazines & Newspapers	£1817 13 3																																																																													
Less Refund	1 19 0																																																																													
	£1815 14 3																																																																													
Gas, Electric Light and Power ..	389 5 11																																																																													
Repairs, Goods, and Sundries ..	165 17 3																																																																													
Rates and Taxes—																																																																														
Rates & Land Taxes	£770 3 2																																																																													
Sales Tax & Primage	172 2 6																																																																													
	942 5 8																																																																													
Insurance	£774 1 10																																																																													
Less paid by Lessee	369 15 0																																																																													
	404 6 10																																																																													
Binding	152 5 1																																																																													
Printing, Stationery, Postage & Petty Cash	307 15 4																																																																													
Railage & Postage to Country Subscribers ..	112 7 10																																																																													
Advertising	8 18 11																																																																													
Auditors	52 10 0																																																																													
Valuations	47 5 0																																																																													
Lectures	22 7 4																																																																													
Lift Maintenance	41 6 8																																																																													
Bank Charges and Exchange ..	339 1 5																																																																													
Improvements	57 13 0																																																																													
	7565 12 1																																																																													
Balance—																																																																														
Bank of Australasia	£213 16 1																																																																													
Petty Cash	14 19 6																																																																													
	228 15 7																																																																													
	£7,794 7 8																																																																													

10

Audited and found correct,

WILSON BISHOP AND HENDERSON, }
 L. N. RAINEY, A.C.A. (Aust.), } AUDITORS,
 CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS (AUSTRALIA).

MELBOURNE, 6th January, 1933.

APPROXIMATE STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
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 expiring July 15, 1967)	Loans under Mortgage, due July 1934,
£80,000 0 0	at 6 per cent.
Value of Lift and Improvements	at 7 per cent.
3,002 14 0	£9,000
,, Library	1,750
1,500 0 0	£10,750 0 0
,, Furniture	Balance (subject to Lease as per contra) ...
500 0 0	74,481 9 7
Bank Balance	
228 15 7	
£85,231 9 7	£85,231 9 7
	£85,231 9 7

11

GEO. H. WIGG, TREASURER.

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
Financial News
Glasgow Herald (weekly)
Irish Weekly
Liverpool Weekly Post
Methodist Recorder
New York Times
Reynolds
Scotsman (weekly)
Times (London)
Times Weekly
Times Literary Supplement

AUSTRALASIAN

Victoria—Melbourne
Adam and Eve
Age
Argus
Australasian
Herald
Graphic
Leader
Spectator
Sun Pictorial
Table Talk
Weekly Times

Victoria—Provincial

Ararat Advertiser
Ballarat Courier
Bendigo Advertiser
East Charlton Tribune
Geelong Advertiser
Gippsland Mercury
Korumburra Times
Ovens and Murray Advertiser
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 Australia

The Observer
Advertiser

Queensland

Brisbane Courier
Queenslander

Western Australia

The West Australian
Western Mail

Tasmania

Hobart Mercury
Illustrated Tasmanian Mail
Launceston Examiner
Weekly Courier

New Zealand

Auckland Weekly News

PERIODICALS.

British.

Architect
Bookman
British Australasian
Bystander
Country Life
Dublin Review
Economic Review
Economist
Engineer
English Mechanic
Field
Illustrated London News
Inquirer
Jewish Chronicle
John o'London's Weekly
Lancet
Literary Guide
London Punch
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
Time and Tide
Truth (London)
Vogue

French.

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

American.

Delineator
Ladies' Home Journal
Literary Digest
Saturday Evening Post
Scientific American

Australasian.

Australian Banker
Australasian Insurance and
Banking Record (Melb.)
Australasian Manufacturer
(Sydney)
Australasian Traveller
Australian Brewing and
Wine Journal (Melb.)
Australian Christian World
(Sydney)
Church of England Messenger
(Melbourne)
C'nw'h of Australia Gazette
Government Gazette of Vic.
Harbinger of Light
Industrial Australian and
Mining Standard (Melb.)
Pacific Islands Monthly
Photo Review (Sydney)
Presbyt'n Messenger (Melb.)
Spectator (Melbourne)
The Home (Sydney)
To-day
Vic. Philatelic Record
Woman's World

Magazines for Circulation in the Library.

PERIODICALS.

BRITISH

Blackwood's Magazine
Bookman
Cassell's Magazine
Chambers' Journal
Contemporary Review
Cornhill
Discovery
Edinburgh Review
English Review
Fortnightly Review
Gramophone
Grand Magazine
Hibbert Journal
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 To-Day

AMERICAN

Adventure
Atlantic Monthly
Bookman
Cosmopolitan
Current History

Forum
Good Housekeeping
Harper's Magazine
Judge
Life
National Geographic Mag-
azine
Physical Culture
Popular Mechanics
Popular Science
Popular
Photoplay
Red Book
Scribner's Monthly
World's Work

FRENCH

Revue des Deux Mondes
Revue de Paris

AUSTRALASIAN

Life

MEMBERSHIP.

Members have the right to the use of the Lending and Reference Library, the Reading and Smoking Rooms, and to borrow a book and a magazine as often as necessary.

The Subscription Rates are:—

	Quarterly	Half-yearly	Yearly
1 Volume and Magazine ..	0 7 6	0 12 6	1 1 0
2 Volumes and Magazine	0 12 6	1 0 0	1 11 6
3 Volumes and Magazine	0 16 0	1 7 6	2 2 0