



THE
Melbourne Athenæum.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1933.

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CUTHBERT RIGG.

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„ L. V. BIGGS.	„ H. A. HUNT.
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THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the Year ended 31st December, 1933.

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MELBOURNE, 11th January, 1934.

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

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, at 6 per cent.
£80,000 0 0	£9,000
Value of Lift and Improvements	at 7 per cent.
3,002 14 0	1,750
„ Library	
1,500 0 0	£10,750 0 0
„ Furniture	Balance (subject to Lease as per contra) ...
500 0 0	74,684 14 11
Bank Balance	
432 0 11	
£85,434 14 11	£85,434 14 11

GEO. H. WIGG, TREASURER.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE
OF THE
MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM,
FOR THE YEAR 1933.

*To be submitted to the Members at the General Meeting,
Monday, January 22, 1934, at 8 p.m.*

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submits its report of the transactions of the year 1933, which is the ninety-fourth since the foundation of the Institution.

The Committee.—There have been 12 meetings of the General Committee.

<i>The President</i> , RIGHT REV. D. A. CAMERON ..	attended	7
<i>Vice-President</i> , MR. A. BURR .. .. .	.. .. .	11
<i>Trustee and Treasurer</i> , MR. G. H. WIGG ..	.. .. .	11
<i>Trustee</i> , MR. W. A. CALLAWAY .. .. .	.. .. .	10
.. MR. CUTHBERT RIGG .. .. .	.. .. .	9

COMMITTEE :

Mr. Masters ..	attended	12	Mr. Gates ..	attended	9
Mr. Dillon ..	..	8	Rev. Dr. Law ..	..	4
Dr. Kennison ..	..	10	Mr. Fielding ..	..	5
Mr. Biggs ..	..	7	Mr. Black ..	..	9
Mr. Lillie ..	..	11	Mr. Greenwood ..	..	5
Mr. Pietzcker ..	..	12	Mr. Hunt ..	..	10
Major Bolton ..	..	10	Mr. Robinson ..	..	6

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

OBITUARY.—Your Committee records with regret the deaths of Mr. W. F. Greenwood, who had been a member of the Committee for five years, and had been twice president; and of Mr. Sydney W. Smith, the architect of the Institution, who was elected an honorary life member on July 3, 1925, for signal services to The Institution.

RETIRING MEMBERS.—The President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and the following members of the Committee, who are eligible for re-election, retire from office, viz., Messrs. Masters, Black, Biggs, Fielding, Major Bolton and Dr. Kennison.

THE CENTENARY.—The Centenary of Melbourne is to be celebrated this year, and your Committee is proud in the knowledge that the Melbourne Athenæum is the oldest institution in Victoria. It was initiated on February 14, 1839, and formally established on November 12 of the same year. The present site was purchased on behalf of the Melbourne Mechanics' Institute at a government land

sale on August 13, 1840. The first building, a substantial two-storey edifice, was erected in 1843, and was thus described: "The size, arrangements and architectural proportions of the building will make it, when finished, the noblest edifice in the province." In 1872 the hall was built and the name was changed to the Melbourne Athenaeum. It was demolished in 1924 and transformed into an up-to-date theatre. Your Committee will take steps to see that, in the Centenary celebrations, the claims of The Institution to be the oldest in Victoria will receive due recognition.

FINANCIAL.—The statement of accounts submitted herewith must be regarded as most satisfactory, though, for the first time for very many years, there has been a falling off in subscriptions. The gross receipts were £7073/17/5, a reduction of £48/12/11 on the previous year. The expenditure amounted to £6870/12/1, a reduction of £695. This was mainly due to the careful watch kept on all items. During the year a special sub-committee, consisting of the Treasurer, Messrs. A. J. Masters and J. Lillie, was appointed to revise and consolidate the insurances, and considerable reduction has been effected in the rate charged.

Early in the year your Committee decided to reduce the salaries and wages of the staff by ten per cent. At the end of the year, however, it was possible to restore a portion of this amount by granting each member of the staff by way of a

Christmas box an amount equivalent to five per cent. on the reduced salary.

The adverse exchange is still a heavy drain on The Institution, absorbing £348/3/8, but considerable relief has been afforded by the reduction of exchange with the United States of America.

PROGRESS OF THE INSTITUTION.—The following table shows the progress of The Institution during the last ten years:—

	Subscriptions.	Purchase of Books, etc.	Gross Receipts.
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	7122 10 4
1933	3092 8 6	1676 10 7	7073 17 5

THE LIBRARY.—The Library and Reading Room still continue to be most attractive, and though there has been a slight decrease in membership, their popularity is in no way diminished. The number of country subscribers is steadily increasing, with the result that the Library is becoming most widely known. The attendance 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. The Committee once again urges members to bring the advantages of The Institution under the notice of their friends, and to introduce new subscribers.

The following donations of works have been kindly made:—

- The Australian Stamp Monthly, 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. 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 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 Landmark, by Mrs. R. W. E. Wilmot.
 The Church of England Messenger, by the Diocese of Melbourne.
 The Theosophist, by the Theosophical Society.
 The Rationalist, by the Rationalist Society.
 Bradshaw's Guide to Victoria, by Stillwell and Stephens Pty. Ltd.
 Literary Guide from P. Taylor, Esq.
 New Zealand Parliamentary Papers, by the Government of New Zealand.
 The Rosicrucian Digest, by the Rosicrucian Order.
 The Justice of the Peace, by Major W. Bolton.
 "Defending the Ashes, 1932-33," by R. W. E. Wilmot, Esq.
 The Argus and The Australasian Football Guide, by the Proprietors.
 The Argus and The Australasian Cricket Guide, by the Proprietors.
 Scotland Illustrated, by G. J. Bone, Esq.

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 1934.

Exhibitions were held by Messrs. Septimus Power, Battarbee and Gardner, Rupert Bunny, Norman McGeorge, William Rowell, Arthur Streeton, A. G. Newbury, Victor Cobb, J. Hennessy, Misses Gwen Barringer, Aileen Dent, J. Sweatman, Asquith Baker, M. Bale, Seven Water Colourists, Victorian Salon of Photography, Twenty Melbourne Painters, Melbourne Society of Women Painters, and The Australian Art Association.

LECTURES.—The series of winter lectures again attracted considerable attention, though the attendances were not up to the previous year. The lectures were delivered by Mr. A. S. Kenyon: "The Pastoralists of the Port Phillip Period." (Chairman, The President.) Miss Enid Derham: "The Two Emilies." (Chairman, Mr. W. A. Callaway.) Dr. F. R. Mauldon: "Great Economists." (Chairman, The President.) Professor Gunn: "Philosophy and the Search for Truth." (Chairman, Dr. A. Law.)

ANNUAL DINNER.—A suggestion that an annual dinner for the literary and art fraternity of Melbourne should be initiated was discussed by a sub-committee, and the principle was affirmed. It was found, however, that the project was not practicable at the time. It is proposed, however, that in connection with the Centenary celebrations a dinner shall be held in 1934, on a date as near as possible to November 12, the date on which The Institution was established in 1839. Members are urged to bear this date in mind and to support the proposal.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.—Your Committee is glad to report that the Dramatic Society, initiated in 1932, is now firmly established. During the past year numerous play readings were arranged, and the discussion provoked has been an outstanding feature of

interest. Several very interesting lectures were arranged, and in this connection the Society is particularly indebted to Miss Margaret Marshall and to Mr. Gregan McMahon. It is proposed during the forthcoming year to arrange play readings from the following playwrights:—Barrie, John Van Druten, Pirandello, Lord Dunsany, Galsworthy, Materlinck and others. The Dramatic Society is desirous of increasing its membership during the coming year, and the co-operation of all interested is invited.

MELBOURNE CHESS CLUB.—This club, which is confined to members of The Institution, continues to progress. It is regarded as the controlling body of chess in Victoria, conducting the Victorian championships, Interstate matches and regular tournaments.

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 financial position 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 Monday, January 22, 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.

Magazines and Periodicals Available in the Reading Room.

PAPERS.	
BRITISH AND FOREIGN.	South Australia.
Belfast Weekly News	The Advertiser and Register
British Weekly	The Observer
Christian Science Monitor	The Chronicle
Christian Herald	
Church Guardian	Queensland.
Church Times	Brisbane Courier Mail
Financial News	Queenslander
Glasgow Herald (Weekly)	
Headway	Western Australia.
Irish Weekly	The West Australian
Liverpool Weekly Post	Western Mail
Manchester Guardian	
Methodist Recorder	Tasmania.
New York Times	Hobart Mercury
Reynold's	Illustrated Tasmanian Mail
Time and Tide	Launceston Examiner
Times (London)	Weekly Courier
Times Literary Supplement	
Times' Weekly	New Zealand.
Travel Bulletin	Auckland Weekly News
Weekly Scotsman	
White Star Magazine	
	PERIODICALS.
AUSTRALASIAN.	British.
Victoria—Melbourne.	Architect
Age	British Australasian
Argus	British Museum Quarterly
Herald	Blue Peter
Australasian	Bystander
Graphic	Country Life
Leader	Dublin Review
Presbyterian Messenger	Economist
Spectator	Engineer
Star	English Mechanic
Sun Pictorial	Field
Table Talk	Illustrated London News
Weekly Times	Inquirer
	Jewish Chronicle
Victoria—Provincial.	John o'London's Weekly
Ararat Advertiser	Lancet
Ballarat Courier	Landmark
Bendigo Advertiser	London Punch
Geelong Advertiser	Mercantile Guardian
Korumburra Times	Mining Journal
Kyneton Guardian	Nation and Athenaeum
Ovens and Murray Advertiser	Nature
Rutherglen Sun	New Statesman
Stawell News	Notes and Queries
Wangaratta Chronicle	Oceania
Warrnambool Standard	Public Opinion
Wimmera Star	Queen
	Saturday Review
New South Wales.	Science Progress
Bulletin	Sketch
Referee	Spectator
Smith's Weekly	Sphere
Sydney Mail	Sporting and Dramatic
Sydney Morning Herald	News
Sydney Sun	Studio
Telegraph Pictorial	
	Sunday Companion
	Sunday At Home
	Tablet
	Tatler
	Time and Tide
	Truth (London)
	Vogue
	Woman's Journal
	American.
	Delineator
	Ladies' Home Journal
	Literary Digest
	Rosierucian Digest
	Saturday Evening Post
	Scientific American
	Theosophist
	French.
	Je Sais Tout
	L'Illustration
	Australasian.
	A.B.M. Review
	Adam and Eve
	Australasian Insurance and Banking Record (Melb.)
	Australasian Manufacturer (Sydney)
	Australasian Traveller
	Australian Banker
	Australian Brewing and Wine Journal (Melb.)
	Australian Christian World (Sydney)
	Australian Museum
	Australian Stamp Monthly
	Building Construction
	Church of England Messenger (Melb.)
	Government Gazette of Victoria
	Home Beautiful
	Industrial Australian and Mining Standard (Melb.)
	Jobson's Investment Digest
	Justice of the Peace
	Leather Journal
	Pacific Island Monthly
	Photo Review (Sydney)
	Presbyterian Messenger
	Spectator (Melbourne)
	The Bookseller and Stationer's Journal
	The Commonweal
	The Home (Sydney)
	Travel Bulletin
	White Star Magazine
	Woman's World

Magazines for Circulation in the Library.

PERIODICALS.

British.

Adelphi
Argosy
Blackwood's
Bookman
Chambers' Journal
Contemporary Review
Cornhill
Discovery
English Review
Fortnightly Review
Gramophone
Grand
Hibbert Journal
Mercury
Modern Wireless
Musical Times
Nash's

National Review
New Criterion Quarterly
Nineteenth Century
Pearson's
Quarterly Review
Review of Reviews
Round Table
Strand
Wide World
Windsor

American.

Adventure
American Mercury
Atlantic Monthly
Blue Book
Complete Stories
Cosmopolitan
Current History
Forum

Good Housekeeping
Harper's
Judge
Life
National Geographical
North American Review
Photo-Play
Physical Culture
Popular Mechanics
Popular Science
Radio News
Red Book
Review of Reviews
Scribner's

French.

Revue des Deux Mondes
Revue de Paris

Australasian.

Life
Stead's (Melbourne)
Oceania
To-day

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