



THE
Melbourne Athenæum.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1931.

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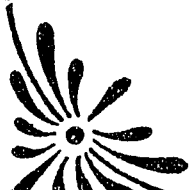
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January 18, 1932.

NOTICE is hereby given that—

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Institution will be held in the Art Gallery, on **Friday, January 29,** 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 1931.

*To be submitted to the Members at the General Meeting,
Friday, January 29, 1932, at 8 p.m.*

THE Committee of the Melbourne Athenæum submits its report of the transactions of the year 1931, which is the ninety-second since the foundation of the Institution.

THE COMMITTEE.

There have been 12 meetings of the General Committee.

<i>The President</i> , MR. W. F. GREENWOOD	attended	11
<i>Vice-President</i> , REV. D. A. CAMERON	"	5
<i>Trustee and Treasurer</i> , MR. G. H. WIGG	"	11
<i>Trustee</i> , MR. GEORGE LUSH	"	11
.. MR. W. A. CALLAWAY	"	11

COMMITTEE :

Mr. Masters	attended	11	Mr. Pietzcker	attended	9
Mr. Topp	"	8	Mr. Burr	"	12
Mr. Dillon	"	10	Major Bolton	"	8
Dr. Kennison	"	10	Mr. Gates	"	11
Mr. Biggs	"	6	Mr. Upton	"	11
Mr. Bates	"	4	Rev. Dr. Law	"	7
Mr. Lillie	"	9	Mr. Rigg	"	4

Mr. George E. Emery resigned from the Committee on May 1, and Mr. Cuthbert Rigg, who had previously been a member of the Committee, was elected in his stead.

The Finance Committee, Messrs. Wigg (Chairman), Bates, Callaway, Cameron, Masters, Lillie, Biggs, Major Bolton and the President; the Library Committee, Messrs. Topp (Chairman), Biggs, Burr, Callaway, Lush, Wigg, Dr. Law, Dr. Kennison and the President; the House Committee, Messrs. Wigg, Dillon, Lillie, Masters, Upton, Burr, Dr. Kennison, Major Bolton 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. Masters, Biggs, Rigg, Bates, Burr, Dr. Kennison and Major Bolton.

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 £7677/16/-, an increase of £57/9/8 over the previous year. The gross ordinary expenditure was £7697/17/2, an increase of £143/9/2.

The most gratifying feature of the statement is the continued increase in members' subscriptions (£87/6/6). On the expenditure side, your Committee has been able to allocate £1849/9/1 for books, magazines and newspapers.

	Subscriptions.	Purchase of Books, etc.	Gross Receipts.
1922 . . .	1707 6 6	1077 5 9	5376 8 8
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

Your Committee regrets that, despite its protest, the Customs Department still continues to levy primage and sales tax on books and magazines imported for the use of members. It is hoped that the action of the Library Association in approaching the Government on this subject will result in the tax being remitted.

In addition to the increased cost of books and magazines, brought about by taxation, the high rate of exchange has been a serious matter to the Institution. Altogether the amounts paid under these two headings amounted to £329/3/4, made up of sales tax and primage, £113/13/3; exchange, £215/10/1. These amounts do not include the taxes on local purchases.

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.

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
New Zealand.
- The Duckboard, by the Returned Soldiers Association.
- 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 Universe, by Miss Spence.
- 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
New Zealand.
- The Argus Football Guide, by the Proprietors of The Argus and The
Australasian.
- 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.

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.

ART GALLERY.

The popularity of the Art Gallery has been maintained, despite the depression. Your Committee, in pursuance of its policy and of the objects of the Institution, reduced the rental to exhibitors, and this action was highly appreciated by artists.

Exhibitions were held by Messrs. J. E. Flett, R. E. Batterbee and J. A. Gardner, Murray Griffin, John Vickery, Max Meldrum, J. Hennessy, Misses Gates and Holgate, Jo Sweatman, Clarice Beckett, Violet Teague, Mrs. Newell, the Melbourne Society of Women Painters, Twenty Melbourne Painters, the Australian Art Association, the New Group, the Seven Water Colourists and the Victorian Salon of Photography.

A pleasing feature of the season was the increase in the number of combined exhibitions by young artists, who received a fair amount of patronage and much appreciation.

The bookings for the 1932 season are highly satisfactory, though there are still some vacant dates.

LECTURES.

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

Mr. J. Howlett Ross (President Australian Natives' Association). Subject: "Australian Literature." (Chairman: The Rev. Dr. A. Law.)

Professor Ernest Scott. Subject: "The Historical Novel." (Chairman: Mr. W. F. Gates.)

Miss Enid Derham, M.A. Subject: "The Glory of 19th Century Literature." (Chairman: The Right Rev. Dr. D. A. Cameron.)

Professor G. H. Cowling, M.A. (Leeds). Subject: "Shakespeare Problems—Orthodox and Unorthodox." (Chairman: The President, Mr. W. F. Greenwood.)

Mr. Ian Maxwell, LL.B. Subject: "The Novel and Modern Life." (Chairman: Mr. L. V. Biggs.)

Mr. Alfred E. McMicken (Librarian, City of Prahran). Subject: "Jottings from a Librarian's Note Book." (Chairman: Mr. W. A. Callaway.)

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

A suggestion by Judge Beeby, that the Melbourne Athenæum should enter a new field of educational activity by forming a Dramatic Society from its members, has had the consideration of your Committee. The purpose of the Society will be to cultivate an appreciation of the drama—classical and modern—and to develop amateur acting talent. Beginning with play readings and discussions, it is believed that from amongst its members the Melbourne Athenæum should be able to establish the nucleus of a strong Dramatic Society, able to give the public some idea of European and American plays which are never heard of in Australia. It is also thought that much can be done to assist Australian playwrights in finding audiences. A meeting, which all

members willing to assist and support the project are invited to attend, will be held in the Art Gallery of the Institution on Friday evening, February 5, at 8 o'clock.

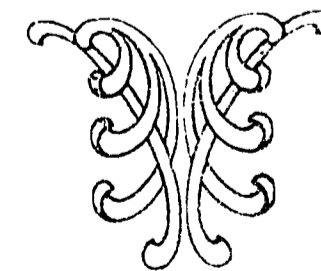
THE STAFF.

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 29, 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."

W. F. GREENWOOD, President.



THE TREASURER IN ACCOUNT CURRENT WITH THE MELBOURNE ATHENÆUM.

For the Year ended 31st December, 1931.

To Balance					£941 18 6
Subscriptions			£3082 2 0		
Rents			4258 4 9		
Sales & Sundries			230 10 3		
Railage & Postage Refunds			104 9 0		
Interest			2 10 0		
			7,677 16 0		

By Interest					£636 8 11
Salaries and Wages			2231 14 0		
Books, Magazines & Newspapers			£1831 12 7		
Less Refund			2 3 6		
			£1829 9 1		
Gas, Electric Light and Power			368 6 8		
Repairs, Goods, and Sundries			303 4 1		
Rates and Taxes			£765 4 4		
Sales Tax & Primage			113 13 3		
			878 17 7		
Insurance			£786 17 8		
Less paid by Lessee			370 18 4		
			415 19 4		
Binding			212 3 10		
Printing, Stationery, Postage & Petty Cash			322 2 10		
Railage & Postage to Country Subscribers			104 9 0		
Advertising			4 1 6		
Auditors			52 10 0		
Architects' Fees			29 9 3		
Lectures			12 12 0		
Lift Maintenance			50 1 6		
Bank Charges and Exchange			215 19 1		
Improvements and Furniture			30 8 6		
			7697 17 2		
Balance			921 17 4		

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					£8,619 14 6
Balance brought down			£921 17 4		
			£921 17 4		

By Reduction of Mortgage					£250 0 0
Balance			671 17 4		
			£921 17 4		

Audited and found correct,

WILSON BISHOP AND HENDERSON,
L. N. RAINEY, A.C.A. (Aust.).

AUDITORS.

MELBOURNE, 15th January, 1932

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 expiring July 15, 1967)					£80,000 0 0
Value of Lift and Improvements			3,002 14 0		
„ Library			1,500 0 0		
„ Furniture			500 0 0		
Bank Balance			671 17 4		
			£85,674 11 4		

LIABILITIES.					
Loans under Mortgage, due July 1934.					
at 6 per cent.			£9,000		
at 7 per cent.			1,750		
			£10,750 0 0		
Balance (subject to Lease as per contra)			74,924 11 4		
			£85,674 11 4		

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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
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 Australia
The Observer
Advertiser

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.
Architect
Bookman
British Australasian
Bystander
Country Life
Dublin Review
Economic Review
Economist
Engineer
English Mechanic
Field
Graphic
Illustrated London News
Inquirer
Jewish Chronicle
John o'London's Weekly
Lancet
Literary Guide
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
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)
Australian Farming (Melb.)
Church of England Messenger
(Melbourne)
O'w'h of Australia Gazette
Fashion and Society
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