

THE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA

Statement of Receipts & Expenditure

Financial Year Ending 31st May, 1948

General Fund

<u>Receipts</u>	£ s. d.	<u>Expenditure</u>	£ s. d.
Balance C/F from 1947/48	12 10 8	Rent	10 12 6
Subscriptions		Petty Cash (Sec.)	12 10 -
67 members @ 10/-	33 10 -	Lettering Exhibition Cards	1 1 -
61 " " 5/-	15 5 -	Duplicating	14 8 -
6 " " 2/6d	- 15 -	Printing Badges	- 16 6
Donations:		Purchase of Books	4 12 9
R. Marcello 5/-		Publishing "Australia Numismatist"	3 3 -
J. Freeman 12/-		Subs. to American N.A.	- 19 6
J. Dowsett 11/-		Stencils & Paper P.T.S.	- 17 -
W. Ferguson 7/-		Bank Charges	- 10 -
F. Scab 1/2		Cheque Book	- 4 -
W. Evans 10/-			
J. deGarruchoga 10/-	2 16 2	Balance	19 3 2
Collections, Fees and Donations to Library	4 - 7		
	<u>£68 17 5</u>		<u>£68 17 5</u>

Library Fund

<u>Receipts</u>	£ s. d.	<u>Expenditure</u>	£ s. d.
Collections, Fees & Donations to Library	4 - 7	Coin Collectors Almanac	1 7 9
By Balance	- 12 2	Books purchased from R. J. Amon	3 5 -
	<u>£4 12 9</u>		<u>£4 12 9</u>

Secretary Petty Cash Account

<u>Receipts</u>	£ s. d.	<u>Expenditure</u>	£ s. d.
June, 20th 1947	2 10 -	By Balance	- 1 -
Sept. 19th 1947	2 10 -	Carotaker Kurrajong House (Exhibition)	- 5 -
Oct. 17th 1947	2 10 -	Envelopes	1 8 6
Nov. 21st 1947	2 10 -	Cutting Stencils P.T.S.	1 10 -
Mar. 19th 1948	- 18 9	Receipt Books	- - 10
Duplicate "Ads."	- 15 7	Postage	10 19 -
By Balance	<u>- 15 7</u>		
	<u>£14 4 4</u>		<u>£14 4 4</u>

I have examined the above Statement of Accounts and find them in my opinion a true representation of the financial position of the Numismatic Association of Victoria.

J. Warren Hon. Treasurer.

(Signed) H. P. Higson - Auditor.

Geographical Distribution of Members - 31st May, 1948.

<u>Victoria</u>	<u>Interstate</u>	<u>Overseas</u>		
Metropolitan 67	N. S. W. 6	N. Z. 19		
Country 13	S. A. 3	U.S.A. 7		
Juniors 6 x	Tas. 3	England 4	Grand	
	Queensland 1	Canada 2	Total	134
	W. A. 1	Malaya 1		
x Including one Tasmanian.		Belgium 1		

(Honorary Members 2)

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(A.N.A. No. 13600)

Retiring remarks of the President, Padre F. Chas. Bremer
at Annual Meeting, June 18th 1948.

Fellow Members,

I do not propose to weary you with a multiplicity of words in my retiring remarks, nor shall I embark on a Numismatic discourse dealing with matters in which so many of you are more expert than I. It is well, however, to spend a little time in reviewing the past before we go forward into our new Numismatic year.

First of all, I wish to thank, on your behalf and my own, our energetic and able Secretary for the time and attention he has given to the affairs of the Association. I cannot think that under the Secretaryship of any others of us than Mr. Roy Farman our Association would have achieved the success it now enjoys. I know that that success is more to him than any thanks we may accord, but, nevertheless, we express our deep gratitude to him.

Then, too, with a splendid loyalty the other office-bearers and councillors have faithfully discharged their duties to the well-being of our body. Our thanks are due and heartily given.

Mention should be made of the well-maintained interest of our members which is ground for congratulations - the average attendance at our monthly meetings for the year being well over thirty.

During the year just passed we enjoyed visits from several of our inter-state members who brought greetings from the Societies which they represented and in return conveyed our reciprocal regards.

I was privileged recently to attend a meeting of the Numismatic Society of New South Wales and appreciated the hospitality of several of its members.

Our year commenced with a very fine domestic exhibition which reflected great credit on the organisers and gave much pleasure and profit to all who were privileged to attend, and for a first essay in that direction was a decided success. It was opened by Mr. Reynolds, the Deputy Master of the Mint. Its success has prompted the holding of another exhibition, which may lead to an even more ambitious function in the future. I claim from you, what I know you will willingly give, a whole-hearted co-operation in the effort of next month.

An item of outstanding interest was the visit paid by a number of our members to the works of Messrs. Stokes and Sons, where, through the courtesy of Mr. Adams, one of our esteemed Councillors, the process of manufacture of the Service Medals to be issued to the troops was seen and explained. The hospitality extended was much appreciated.

The Syllabus for the year covered a wide field and those who contributed papers or gave lectures increased our knowledge and strengthened our desires to maintain in increasing influence the Association to which we belong.

The recommendation to the Commonwealth Treasurer, along with that of other Numismatic bodies in Australia, that a commemorative Coin should be struck for the occasion of the Royal visit in 1949, seems likely to bear fruit. It is to be hoped that some of our eminent numismatists may have the opportunity of guiding this project to a satisfactory issue.

During the year the Library has received several additions and it is desirable that this side of our Association's activities should receive all the attention we can give it. While we are still young in years and in small numerical strength we do not wish to daunt our members by ambitious schemes involving heavy financial outlay, but, I am persuaded that the basis of a strong Association is a well chosen and extensive field of reference. A drive for Library funds might well engage the attention of our incoming officers and Council.

Increase of our membership may be looked for from the younger generation and with a view to attracting the attention of boys and girls the Public Schools have been approached. So far no personal contacts have been made but this project must not

be allowed to lapse. Our difficulty, of course, is time and opportunity for organisation. However, we look forward with expectation to gain a co-operation from these sources which will secure our future and enable us to carry on the traditions of numismatic bodies in this State.

With the incoming of each new year we may expect a certain reduction of our membership. For a variety of reasons a few members will fail to renew their affiliation. These losses must be made up and here is a service to our Association which all our members may perform.

Let us be always on the lookout for new members and to this end carry a few notice cards with us for distribution.

As most of you know, my numismatic interests are general and because of that my numismatic knowledge is general and limited. While it has been and is a great and pleasurable entertainment to pursue my hobby; one which has enlarged my geographical and historical interests, a better contribution to Numismatics could have been made had I specialised. My early years of collecting were unguided, without association with others like-minded. My considered advice to members is to choose a field of search and research which will make you master of one branch and not Jack of all. Quite a wide area of choice is open to the enthusiast. Reading the pages of the American Association's publication, 'The Numismatist', one is impressed with the fervour of the Americans for Americana. Almost every page of every issue deals with the coinage of that great country.

Now Australia may not offer as wide or interesting a field but those who are ready to pay it the attention it deserves will be well repaid. Its association with world coinages in the early colonial days, its Trade tokens due to the shortage of regal currency, the establishment of its own Mints under direction of the Royal Mint, its own Commonwealth coinage of silver and copper, its trial coinages of Nickel, and the later productions of cupro-nickel afford splendid avenues of collecting and research. We are close enough to our early history to make the necessary data available, and those who are prepared to engage in this study may, to use a colloquialism, 'come in on the ground floor'.

So my advice, particularly to our younger collectors, is - specialise - and, to use another slogan - 'See Australia First'. Such an undertaking may make a worthwhile contribution to Numismatics generally and be increasingly valuable in more than a mercenary sense.

But I have spoken long enough. I close with an expression of thanks to you all for your consideration and courtesy during my years of office, and convey my best wishes for a continuance and increase of success in future years. Towards that success I shall contribute as far as in me lies.

REPORT Of the 26th General Meeting (2nd Annual Meeting) of the Numismatic Association of Victoria held at Kurrajong House, Collins Street, Melbourne, on Friday, 18th June, 1948.

PRESENT: Mrs. Freame, Misses Cook and Jeffery. Messrs. Wicks, Russell, Kennedy, (30) Wiggins, Campbell, Curran, Pignolet, Euscoe, Simpson, Clarke, Pearce, James, Block, Menzel, Church, Gartner, Freame, Gronich, Adams, Warren, Flinn, Jenkins, Farman, Bremer, Sexton and Master Pat Minogue.

VISITOR: Miss Chandler.

APOLOGIES: Misses Scarlett and Collier. Messrs. Higson, Dawson, Marcollo, Dowsett, Gardner, Schafer and Webster.

CHAIRMAN: The President - Padre F. C. Bremer - called the meeting to order at 7.50.

MINUTES: The Minutes (as supplied to all members) were taken as read and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE: Read and received were letters, reports, etc., from the following:- Edward Miles, Hon. Sec. South African Numismatic Society. James Hunt Deacon, District Secretary A.N.A. Association of Australian Numismatics with statement of Receipts, Expenditure and final distribution of funds. David M. Bullowa (U.S.A.) forwarding a publication on American Commemorative Coins for the N.A.V. Library. Reports were tabled from the N.S.N.S.W., N.S.S.A., and a book list from the South Australian Coin Exchange. The Secretary was asked to deal with all matters.

SPECIAL MEETING: Ordinary business was suspended at 8.30 p.m. to consider an alteration to Article 4 of the Constitution - without discussion it was unanimously agreed to raise the Annual Subscription to - Metropolitan Members, 12/6d. Country, Interstate and Overseas Members, 7/6d. (U.S.A. 1½ dollars)

TREASURER'S AND AUDITOR'S The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. J. Warren) presented a statement of Receipts and Expenditure for year ending May 31st, 1948, duly audited. The REPORT: statement which was adopted is appended on Page 1.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The following Office-Bearers were elected for the year 1948/49.

OFFICERS: President - Mr. W. E. Curran. (Padre F. C. Bremer asked permission to withdraw from the ballot).

Vice Presidents - Mr. N. Adams, Mr. R. Marcollo.

Councillors - Mr. H. Jenkin, Mr. H. Higson, Mr. S. Menzel. (Messrs.

Flinn and Schafer asked permission to withdraw from the ballot).

Treasurer - Mr. J. Warren.

Secretary - Mr. Roy W. Farman.

Padre F. C. Bremer welcomed the new President who suitably responded.

PAST PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS: The Past President's address which will be found on Pages 2 and 3 , was the highlight of the evening. In his own inimitable way, Padre Bremer gave a survey of the second years' activities and concluded by giving the members some excellent advice on collecting.

NEW MEMBERS: The following nomination was received:- Mr. R. Eastes, 33 Gordon Grove, Northcote. The following were balloted for and elected members:- Miss R. Thomas, P.O.B. 931, Christchurch, N.Z. Messrs. Spink & Son, Ltd. 5, 6 & 7 King Street, St. James's, London. Mr. A. M. Block, 21 Callantina Road, Hawthorn. Mr. H. T. Moss, "Arnundel," 10 Commercial Road, S.C.3.

ATTENDANCE AWARD: The Attendance Award for the evening (miscellaneous coins donated by F. C. Bremer) was won by Mrs. Freame.

REPORTS: Exhibition Committee (see Page 4). The meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

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