

## INTRODUCTION

The Sydney University Arts Association was formed in 1953, with the following objectives :

1. To promote the interests of the Faculty of Arts in the University of Sydney, to foster the study of the liberal arts and humanities and to make their nature and content more widely known and valued in the community generally.
2. To encourage and assist members to keep in touch with new developments in the various subjects of the Faculty of Arts.
3. To enable members to maintain and extend associations with one another.
4. To improve the equipment and resources of the Faculty of Arts.

The Association is open to all graduates of the Faculty of Arts of the University of Sydney, and to others who, in the opinion of the Committee, are interested in its objectives. The membership at present includes both graduates and others.

Under the auspices of the Association several Professors in the Faculty of Arts who had recently been appointed, delivered Inaugural Lectures. Those of Professor A. R. Davis, Professor of Oriental Studies and of Professor J. A. Barnes, Professor of Anthropology, are printed herein, as is the Presidential Address of Professor Farrell, the first President of the Association.

During 1956 a special series of lectures, "The Eighteen Nineties in Australia" was delivered under the auspices of the Association. Two of the papers herein, those of Dr. G. A. Wilkes and Mr. A. G. L. Shaw, were part of this series and are original and distinctive contributions to scholarship.

The Committee considers that the publication of these *Proceedings* is in line with our objectives, and in view of the Association's limited resources has decided that these shall from time to time be published as the new form of *Arts* which appeared in three issues in 1956. *Arts—The Proceedings of the Sydney University Arts Association* will incorporate presidential addresses and inaugural and other lectures, which, in the opinion of the Editorial Committee, represent some contribution to scholarship.

In addition to *Arts*, the Association has previously published the address, "The Faculty of Arts and the University", delivered at the Inaugural Meeting of the Association in September, 1953, by Major-General W. J. V. Windeyer, and the Presidential Address, "A Gravity of Lawyers", delivered by Mr. Norman Cowper at the second Annual General Meeting in August, 1955.

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