



THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARCHIVES

NAME OF COLLECTION	Incorporated Association Of Registered Teachers Of Victoria
ACCESSION NO	1978.0066
CATEGORY	Professional Associations
ACTIVITY	Professional organisations
DATE RANGE	1905-1966
SIZE OF COLLECTION	13 archives boxes, 2 over-size volume of accounts.
HISTORICAL NOTE	The Association of Secondary Teachers of Victoria was established in 1905 to advance the interests and status of non- government employed teachers, and to represent such teachers on official education bodies in Victoria. The current name was adopted in 1922, the same year that a training institution (later Mercer House) was established.
DATE OF TRANSFER	14 April 1978
ACCESS CONDITIONS	Access: Open
DESCRIPTION	Minutes of annual and general meetings 1905-1957; minutes of finance committee 1924-1966; minutes of the Associated Teachers' Training Institution 1922-1954; publications (incomplete) 1912-1940; accounts 1914-1959; copies of "The Australian Education Quarterly " published by IARTV 1912-1978; "The Educational Review" 1931-1940.
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RECORDS RECEIVED INTO CUSTODY.

NAME: Incorporated Association of Registered Teachers of Victoria.
ADDRESS: 49 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne.
TRANSFEROR: Miss J.C. Nicholson, Secretary.
DATE OF TRANSFER: 14 April 1978.
NATURE OF RECORD: Minutes, accounts, publications. Includes minutes of the Associated Teachers' Training Institution.
INCLUSIVE DATES: 6 March 1905 - 18 Oct. 1966.
QUANTITY: 13 Archives boxes and 2 outside volume.
CONDITION: Good.

THE I.A.R.T.V. AND ITS ORIGIN

(Article by L.A. Adamson from "The Secondary Teacher", November 1922.)

On the eve of the change which is to bind together in one federal organisation all those engaged in the work of Registered Schools in Victoria, whether as Heads or Assistants, I may be forgiven if I remind our readers of past history and of early days. The Association of Secondary Teachers of Victoria (it was not "Incorporated" then) was founded early in 1905, the stimulating force being a meeting of Heads of Secondary Schools held in 1904 to discuss the then newly established Primary Examination of the University. But it was, I think, understood then that the new Association was a revival on broader lines of the earlier Victorian Institute of Schoolmasters (V.I.S.). In 1891 I was in my fifth year as Assistant Master at Wesley College, and I had come to see that the position as Assistant Masters and Mistresses in Victorian schools would remain unsatisfactory until we had an association in which Assistants and Heads could get to know one another, and to impress on the public the claim of the Teacher to a higher status. So I and a few others summoned a meeting of Heads and Assistants at the Athenaeum Hall, and after many, and sometimes fiery, discussions as to the choice of a name our "Institute" was founded. Mr A.J. Evans (still a member of the Melbourne Grammar School staff) and I were the first joint secretaries and treasurers. We were fortunate in having on our Council Inspector H.F. Rix, an enthusiast for the registration of teachers, and by the end of 1892, after much hard committee work, we had a draft Bill in print for the "Registration of Secondary Teachers". But we were before our time - the first State in the Empire to get so far - and, indeed, our Bill was too cumbersome though the principles and many of its actual clauses were 14 years later in the Registration of Teachers and Schools Act 1906. The V.I.S. also in 1894 established the "Victorian Journal of Education" which existed for a few years not un-usefully. In 1895, having paid a visit to England in 1894-5, I reported, by request of the Institute, on the "Progress of the Movement in England for the Training of Secondary Teachers". Not long afterwards the Government

Training College was, owing to financial stringency, closed. All training of teachers seemed at an end, but the Council of the V.I.S. determined to keep the candle burning by associating itself with the newly formed University Extension Board and establishing a Centre for Lectures on Education. Our first choice for a course fell on Mr Frank Tate, M.A., then an Inspector of Schools, stationed at Charlton. There were difficulties, and I, by that time sole secretary, was deputed to interview the then Secretary of Education. He pointed out that Mr Tate was a young inspector and that older inspectors might think they should not be passed over. I said very firmly, but, I hope, very humbly, that Mr Tate alone would satisfy us, and I told him why. He yielded, and the lectures, which were joined with practical demonstrations, were a great success. I shall always think that we did good service to the State by keeping Mr Tate before Melbourne audiences at a critical period in the history of Victorian Education. Other courses which we conducted were by Mr C.R. Long, M.A., the well-known editor of the School Paper, and Dr P. Ansell Robbin, Litt.D., one of our own officials, now on the Geelong Grammar School staff. Our early members of Council included many who were prominent in the 1905 revival; the late Dr G.H. Crowther, whose legal knowledge was of great service in the old and the new associations; Dr J.P. Wilson, the first President of the A.S.T.V. in 1905; Miss Henderson, the late Mr O. Krome, Dr P.A. Robin, Miss M.H. Butler, Miss Garton and Mr Coghill, who afterwards moved to Adelaide. In the list of ordinary members for 1895, I find some who are still members of the I.A.S.T.V. - Miss C. Remington, Mr F. Glen Oliphant; of that old membership list some have left us for other activities or retirement, such as Mr J. Henning Thompson, Mrs. Millward, Mrs Ahearn, Rev. A.R. Stephenson and Mr Stuart Stephenson, Mr G.H. Freeman, Mons. Maurice-Garton; and some have long "gone West", such as Dr Alex Morrison, the reverend head of Scotch College, and his brother, the much-loved Robert Morrison, Frank Goldstraw, then Head of Wesley College, Bracebridge Wilson the father of Geelong Grammar School, Martin Burn, the founder of Cumloden, W.E. Cornwall the Registrar of the University, A.W. Craig, Lecturer on Chemistry at the W.M.C., and J. Clezy and R.B. Clayton, noted private coaches on their day. Eheu fugaces!

Scarcely had the new association come into existence in 1905 than we were confronted with the revival of our earlier hopes - a Registration Bill. A joint deputation of our Association and the University helped to urge upon the Government the adoption of the Bill which became law in December 1905. The first Council also proposed the establishment of a library, the opening of a Registry for Teachers in order to reduce the costs to Assistants, the periodical publication of a journal, and the serious consideration of the most desirable method of Inspection of Secondary Schools. It was not long before these objectives were obtained; room for the Library was provided by Geo. Robertson & Co., and many books were presented by publishers; the first number of the S.T.V. was published in April 1906 and the Associated Teachers' Agency was established not very long afterwards. In the matter of Inspection of Secondary Schools and I.A.S.T.V. has successfully fought for the freedom of the Registered Schools from undue interference. A most important step was taken in later years when our Training Institution was founded to provide a training suitable to the needs of Registered Schools for student teachers desiring to qualify for positions. The marked success of the Institution has blazed the trail for similar enterprises in other States where our types of school are being confronted with the problems which we in Victoria have had to solve.

Since 1906 the Association has gained representation - and a powerful voice - on all official bodies in Victoria that deal with Secondary Education. It is, I believe, a fair claim that, next to the Registration Act, the I.A.S.T.V. has been the most potent factor in raising the status of our teachers, not only materially, but in public estimation. The dreams of the early nineties seem to be coming true, though there is still much to be done.

It was inevitable, as the objects of the Association were gradually being obtained, and the importance of the Teacher, qua Teacher, established, that separate organisations of Assistants should come into existence. The work of the Victorian Assistant Masters' Association, wisely directed as it has been, has proved to be an example to be followed elsewhere, and a powerful influence for good in the teaching profession here. The same sane counsels have guided the more lately formed Assistant Mistresses' Association. But I venture to think that the greatest forward movement in knitting together all ranks of schools and teachers outside State control for the advancement of the whole profession is now being taken by the joining of all in the Incorporated Association of Registered Teachers. We have not all seen eye to eye in such a momentous change; we have had some fiercely controversial meetings, but now that is all settled in the true British spirit of compromise, we shall, I hope, go forward in faith that all will be well with the I.A.R.T.V. and that a new era of advancement for Registered Schools and their Teachers is dawning.

But let us not forget, in the pooling of assets, the I.A.S.T.V. does not come empty handed. It pools its accumulated funds - some hundreds of pounds - its Teachers' Registry, its Library and its Journal, all well established institutions, its Training Institution, and, lastly, its rights to representation on important public bodies. So in the new vigour and enthusiasm for which we all hope, I ask that the pioneer work which, by pick and shovel, has accomplished so much may be sometimes remembered.

LIST OF RECORDS:

GROUP 1. MINUTES

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| Box 1 | 1/1 | <u>Association of Secondary Teachers of Victoria</u>
Council and General meetings, including Minutes of meetings of the Provisional Council.
6 March 1905 - 3 March 1906
Loose at the front: List of members.
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| | 1/2 | Council and General Meetings.
3 March 1906 - 9 Feb. 1908 (Association became incorporated - 5 Nov. 1906.) |
| | 1/3 | <u>Incorporated Association of Secondary Teachers of Victoria</u>
<u>Minutes of Committee appointed to coordinate curriculum on Sub-Primary and Primary grades.</u>
23 Aug. 1907 - 11 Dec. 1908. |
| | 1/4 | Council and General meetings
20 Mar. 1908 - 5 Mar. 1909. |
| | 1/5 | Council and General meetings.
18 Mar. 1909 - 19 June 1914. |

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- Box 2 1/6 Council and General Meetings.
30 July 1914 - 30 March 1917.
- 1/7 Council and General meetings.
16 March 1917 - 13 July 1922.
This volume closes with the minutes of an Extraordinary General Meeting recording details of discussion concerning a proposal to reconstruct the Association, which had been under consideration during the greater part of the year.
- Incorporated Association of Registered Teachers of Victoria
- 1/8 Council and General meetings.
31 July 1922 - 16 Feb. 1926.
The change of name and adoption of a new Constitution occurred after the last of a series of Extraordinary General meetings, held on 23 October 1922. The first meeting of the new Association took place on 20 March 1923.
- Box 3 1/9 Council and General meetings.
16 March 1926 - 3 March 1942.
- 1/10 Council meetings
17 March 1942 - 6 April 1951.
- Box 4 1/11 Council
17 April 1951 - 18 Nov. 1957.
- Box 6 1/12 Finance Committee
21 Aug. 1924 - 17 Feb. 1931.
Also receipts and payments 1921 - 1923.
- Box 6 1/13 17 March 1931 - 23 Aug. 1938.
- Box 6 1/14 20 Sept. 1938 - 16 Dec. 1946.
- Box 7 1/15 18 Feb. 1947 - 18 Oct. 1966.
- Box 5 1/16 Associated Teachers' Training Institution
(Controlled by the Incorporated Association of Registered Teachers of Victoria.) Executive Committee Minutes.
16 Nov. 1922 - March 1945.
- Box 5 1/17 26 June 1945 - 5 Aug. 1954.
- GROUP 2. ACCOUNTS (These include accounts of the Associated Teachers' Training Institution and of the Associated Teachers' Agency.)
- Box 8 2/1 Journals.
2/1/1 1922-23.
2/1/2 1924-27.
2/1/3 1927-31.
2/1/4 1931-37.
2/1/5 1937-43
- Box 9 2/1/6 1943-48.

GROUP 2. ACCOUNTS (cont.)

unavailable	2/1/7	1948-48	
Box 9	2/1/8	1948-60 (Associated Teachers' Agency)	
	2/1/9	1952-53	
	2/1/10	1953-61	
	2/2	Receipts and payments.	
Box 10	2/2/1	1914-1923	
	2/2/2	1924-1926 (payments only)	
	2/2/3	1936-1946	"
	2/2/4	1946-1951	"
	2/2/5	1950-1954	"
Unit 14	2/2/6	1954-1956	" N.B. Outsize volume.
Box 11	2/2/7	1924-1927 (receipts only)	
	2/2/8	1927-1931 (receipts only)	
	2/2/9	1931-1938	"
	2/2/10	Dec. 1938-1945	"
Box 12	2/2/11	1945-1949	"
	2/2/12	1949-1952	"
	2/2/13	1952-1956	"
	2/2/14	1956-1959	"
	2/2/15	1955-1956 (Cash receipts)	
	2/2/16	1957-1960	"
	2/2/17	1959-1961	"
Box 12	2/3	Ledger	
		1933-1955.	

GROUP 3. PUBLICATIONS

Box 13	3/1	<u>The S.T.V., The Proceedings of the I.A.S.T.V.</u> Vol. VII, No. 18, May 1912. Vol. IX, No. 24, May 1914 (3) Vol. IX No. 25, Aug. 1914.
Box 13	3/2	<u>The Australian Educational Quarterly</u> , published by the I.A.R.T.V Vol. 1, No. 1., Sept. 1924. Vol. 1. No. 2, Dec. 1924. " No. 3, Mar. 1925. " No. 4, June 1925. Vol. II No. 1, Sept. 1925. " No. 2, Dec. 1925 " No. 3, Mar. 1926. " No. 4, Sept. 1926. Vol. III No. 2, Oct. 1927. Vol. IV No. 1, First Term 1928 Vol. IV No. 2, Sept. 1928. Vol. V No. 1, April 1929. " No. 2, Oct. 1929. Vol. VI No. 1, First Term 1930 Vol. VII No. 2 Third Term 1930.

GROUP 3. PUBLICATIONS (cont.)

3/3 The Educational Review, published by the I.A.R.T.V. (continuation of the above).

Vol. VII, No. 1 First Term 1931.

Vol. VII, No. 2 Third Term 1931

Vol.VIII, No. 1, Oct. 1936.

Vol. IX, No. 1, May 1937.

Vol. IX, No. 2 Sept. 1937.

Vol. IX, No. 3 Sept. 1938.

Vol. X No. 1, July 1939.

Vol. IX No. 5 July 1940 (sic)

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Folder containing cost of teachers board and lodging and teachers and other employee wages and salaries, 9th Dec 1952 - 22 April 1961

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