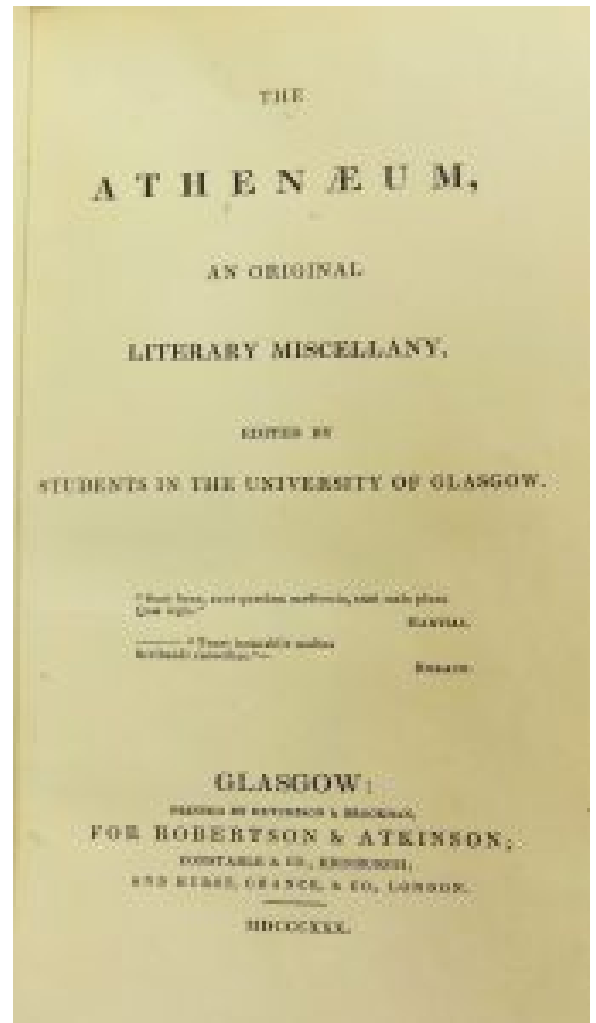


The Athenaeum: An Original Literary Miscellany



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Overview

Like *The College Stethoscope*, this magazine was founded by and for the students of the University of Glasgow (see 'Additional Notes' below).

In the 'Preface', the purpose of the magazine was set out: 'Our aim has been to relieve the severities of academical study, by furnishing a volume, in which instruction should

be combined with amusement' ('Preface', *The Athenaeum, An Original Literary Miscellany*, ed. by Students in the University of Glasgow (Glasgow: Printed by Hutchinson & Brookman, For Robertson & Atkinson; Constable & Co., Edinburgh; and Hurst, Chance & Co., London, MDCCCXXX [1830]), p. v).

There are 242 pages with 45 contributions in this magazine, which consists of essays and poems. There are a few translations of poems into English, but also a couple translated from English into Latin and Greek. There is roughly an equal mix of poetry and prose.

Authors sometimes chose to identify themselves, but in a number of cases either their initials or a pen-name was used. Original pieces appear alongside works by (more) established authors and poets. For example, several of Thomas Atkinson's poems appear in this volume. (For more information about Thomas Atkinson (1801?-1833), see the article, '[Atkinson, Thomas \(1801?-1833\)](#)', by Thomas Finlayson Henderson in Volume 2 of the *Dictionary of National Biography, 1885-1900*, which is available on the [Wikisource](#) website. See also the entry for '[Atkinson, Thomas, ? 1801-1833, poet and writer, bookseller](#)' on the [University of Strathclyde Archives](#) website.)

According to the 'Preface', contributions were accepted from various quarters and not just from the students nor just from men: 'extra-collegiate friends' were thanked, as was one Mrs. Grant of Laggan for her poem.

It is currently unknown if any further issues were produced.

Name of Club, Society or Group That Produced the Magazine

(Students of the University of Glasgow)

Date of Existence

1830-?

Date of Magazine

1830

Number of Issues

1

Manuscript/Published Magazine

Print (Glasgow: Printed by Hutchinson & Brookman, For Robertson & Atkinson; Constable & Co., Edinburgh; and Hurst, Chance & Co., London, MDCCCXXX [1830])

Contents and Contributions

Articles (non-fiction); Dedication page; Essays; Fiction/Narrative; Poems (original); Poems (republished material); Poems (translation); Preface; Reviews; Table of Contents

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Additional Notes

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