



Marcus Andrew Hislop Clarke [1846-1981]

BIOGRAPHY

Clarke, Marcus Andrew Hislop (1846-1881), was born in London on the 24th of April 1846. He was the only son of William Hislop Clarke, a barrister of the Middle Temple who died in 1863. He emigrated to Australia in 1863. He was at first a clerk in the bank of Australasia, but soon proceeded to learn farming at a station on the Wimmera River, Victoria. He was already writing stories for the *Australian Magazine*, when in 1867 he joined the staff of the *Melbourne Argus* through the introduction of Dr Robert Lewins. He also became secretary (1872) to the trustees of the Melbourne Public Library and later (1876) assistant librarian. He founded in 1868 the Yorick Club, which soon numbered among its members the chief Australian men of letters. He published *For the Term of his Natural Life* (Melbourne, 1874), which originally appeared in serial form in the *Australian Journal*. He also wrote *The Peripatetic Philosopher* (1869), a series of papers reprinted from *The Australasian*; *Long Odds* (London, 1870), and numerous comedies and pantomimes. He married actress, Marian Dunn. He died in Melbourne on the 2nd of August 1881.