

**FORMER HIBERNIAN HALL  
316 Church Street**

**History and Description**

Built in 1872 as a temperance hall for the Hibernian Society. The society's aim, as temperance reformers, was to "... extend the great and glorious cause until the last drunkard was brought into the land, until hotels, which were the abomination of the land, were closed, and sobriety reigned supreme".<sup>1</sup>

The building is a good example of classical revivalism with rusticated stucco at ground floor level, and window consoles and dentilled cornice at the upper level.

An 1873 photograph shows a pair of 3 panel front doors, and a different set of steps. The parapet also had a pair of consoles.

**Statement of Significance**

An interesting example of an 1870's temperance hall in a classical revival style.

**References**

National Trust of Australia (Vic.) F.N. 518.

1. Davison, Graeme Melbourne on Foot page 95.



Hibernian Hall in 1873.  
(La Trobe Library picture collection.)