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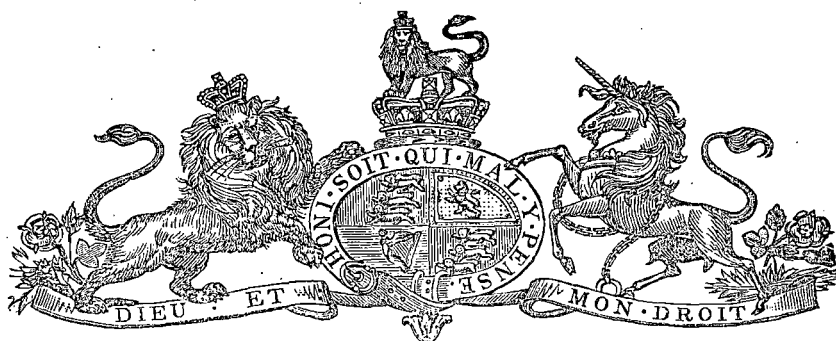
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY:

REPORT FOR 1887.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1887.

Trustees :

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Chief Librarian and Secretary :—MR. ALFRED J. TAYLOR.

SIR,

THE Trustees of the Tasmanian Public Library, in compliance with Clause 7 of the Act to provide for the Incorporation and Government of the Institution, (34 Vict. No. 27), beg to submit the following Report of its working during the year 1887 :—

1. The Trustees in presenting their Seventeenth Annual Report have to record that, during the period under review, 30,290 visits to the Institution have been recorded.*

2. During the year 105 volumes have been added by purchase and presentation.

3. The Trustees have to acknowledge with thanks presentations received from the Governments of the various Colonies and from kindred Institutions in England, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and New Zealand.

4. During the ensuing year a new Catalogue of the Books and Magazines will be prepared by the Librarian for the use of visitors to the Institution.

5. It having become necessary that the Assistant Librarian should be permitted to resign his position, Mr. Arthur M'Lean was elected to the vacant post.

6. The City Council have voted a sum of £464 7s. for Library purposes for the year 1888, the estimated expenditure being as follows :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries—Librarian	-	-	-	178	7	0
Assistant	-	-	-	75	0	0
Hall-keeper, Cleansing Library	-	-	-	20	0	0
				273	7	0
Lighting	-	-	-	35	0	0
Fuel	-	-	-	9	10	0
Newspapers; Periodicals, and Purchase of Books	-	-	-	100	0	0
Binding	-	-	-	20	0	0
Stationery	-	-	-	4	0	0
Postage	-	-	-	1	0	0
Printing	-	-	-	5	0	0
Freight	-	-	-	5	0	0
Sundries	-	-	-	7	0	0
Insurance	-	-	-	4	10	0
				£464	7	0

To be provided for by contributions of Trustees (£75) and appropriation of Municipal Funds.

* These numbers are approximate.

7. In addition to the valuable collection of works of reference and general literature on the shelves, the following Reviews and Magazines are to be found upon the Reading Room tables :—

REVIEWS.

Quarterly.
Edinburgh.
Westminster.
Contemporary.
Nineteenth Century.
London Quarterly.

Dublin Review.
British Quarterly.
Fortnightly.
*Englishwoman's Review.
Evangelical Review.

MAGAZINES.

Popular Science Monthly.
Knowledge.
Macmillan's.
Blackwood's.
Cornhill.
Temple Bar.
Chambers's Journal.
Athenæum.
Art Journal.
Century.
All the Year Round.
Longman's.
Murray's Magazine.
Notes and Queries.

English Illustrated Magazine.
Iron.
Builder.
Scientific American and Supplement.
American Agriculturist.
Health.
Australian Journal.
*Catholic Standard.
*Tasmanian Catholic Standard.
*Church News.
*Presbyterian Magazine.
*Alliance News.
English Mechanic.

NEWSPAPERS.

Times.
Weekly Scotsman.
Public Opinion.
Spectator.
Saturday Review.
Pall Mall Budget.
St. James's Budget.
Home News.
Land and Water.
Illustrated London News.
Graphic.
Punch.
Sydney Morning Herald.
Sydney Mail.
*South Australian Advertiser.
Queenslander.
*Dundaberg and Mount Perry Mail.
*Otago Daily Times.
*Devon Herald.
Illustrated Sydney News.
*Bendigo Independent.

Melbourne Argus.
——— Age.
——— Telegraph.
Australasian.
Weekly Times.
*Auckland Weekly News.
Sketcher.
*Lyttelton Times.
Hobart Mercury.
Tasmanian Mail.
Tasmanian News.
*People's Friend.
*Launceston Examiner.
*Launceston Telegraph.
*Hobart Gazette.
*N.S.W. Gazette.
*Australian Independent.
*Day Star.
*Imperial Federation.
*The Colonist.
*Chronicle and N.W. Post.

* Presented.

8. The books, furniture, and fittings belonging to the Public Library are insured in the Cornwall Insurance Company for £2000.

9. In conclusion, the Trustees would continue to urge upon Government and Parliament the great claims of the Institution, which is mainly sustained at the cost of the Citizens of Hobart, but is open to all persons who may choose to avail themselves of its privileges.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. AGNEW, *Chairman.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

THE TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY in account with the Trustees, 1887.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
Amount paid to City Council in aid of Librarian's Salary	75 0 0	Balance from 1886	177 5 6
Additional Contributions to Salaries—		Interest	82 3 5
Librarian and Assistant	97 0 0	Government Grant in Aid	100 0 0
Secretary to 30th June	11 0 0	Proceeds old matting sold by Auction	0 13 0
S. Smith, new matting, &c.	19 5 6	Overdraft Commercial Bank	18 2 6
J. A. E. Turner (Picturesque Australia).....	5 5 0		
F. Radcliffe, wire mat.....	2 5 0		
Sundry Accounts	7 16 0		
Balance—			
In Savings Bank.....£159 13 9			
In Secretary's hands	0 19 2		
	160 12 11		
	£378 4 5		£378 4 5

MEMORANDUM.—The invested funds amount to One thousand Five hundred Pounds in Government Treasury Bills, bearing interest at the rate of 5 per cent., redeemable on 20th March, 1890. Out of the revenue derived from the interest a sum of £75 is paid over to the Municipal Council in aid of the Librarian's Salary.

ALFRED J. TAYLOR, Secretary.

Examined and certified to be correct.
W. LOVETT, Colonial Auditor.
Hobart, 20th April, 1888.

TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.
EXPENDITURE of the Hobart Corporation for the Year 1887.

	£ s. d.
Salaries	261 13 8
Cleansing Library	20 0 0
Gas	35 0 0
Fuel.....	6 4 6
Insurance.....	4 10 0
Books, Magazines, and Papers, &c.	113 19 11
Miscellaneous.....	1 16 0
Binding	25 6 3
	£468 10 4*

* This amount includes the sum of £75 paid to the Corporation by the Trustees in aid of the Librarian's Salary.
W. T. BIRCH, City Accountant.