

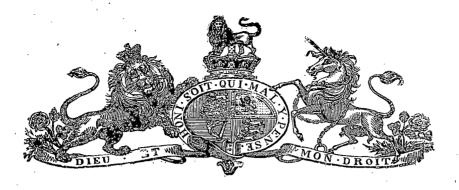
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY:

REPORT FOR 1892-3.

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



TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1892-93

Trustees :

HON. J. W. AGNEW. HON. T. C. SMART. ALDERMAN CRISP. ALDERMAN HIDDLESTONE.

C. J. BARCLAY, Esq. C. M. MAXWELL, Esq. J. B. WALKER, Esq., Chairman. ALDERMAN BRADLEY.

Librarian and Secretary-MR. ALFRED J. TAYLOR, F.L.S., Eng.

1st April, 1893.

 $\mathbf{Sir},$

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 1892-3.

During the year 42,008 visits to the Institution have been recorded—a much larger attendance than for any previous year.

140 volumes have been added by purchase and presentation.

The City Council has voted a sum of £464 7s. for Library purposes for the year 1893, the estimated expenditure being as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	£	8.	d.
Salaries—Librarian	178	7	0			
Assistant	75	0	0			
Hallkeeper, 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
Binding Stationery Sta	•	••		4	0	0
Postage				1	0	0
Printing				5	0	0
Freight		••		5	0	0
Sundries		••		7	0	0
Insurance		••		4	10	0
TOTAL		•	å	£464	7	0
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To be provided for by contribution from Trustees (£75) and appropriation of Municipal Funds.

The Trustees have repeatedly referred to the necessity that exists for additional accommodation for Library purposes, and it hardly requires reiteration that this additional accommodation becomes every year more urgently needed.

In July last the Trustees of the Institution waited upon the Mayor and Aldermen with a request that the City Council would set apart a portion of the vacant ground at the rear of the Town Hall for the erection of Public Library buildings. The City Council having agreed to do this, a deputation consisting of the Trustees of the Public Library, Members of the City Council, and Parliamentary Representatives of the City, waited upon the Premier with the object of securing a vote from Government for the erection of suitable Library buildings. In reply, while regretting that nothing could be done during the Session then sitting, the Hon. the Premier expressed a hope that during the Session of 1893 something might be done in the direction indicated by the deputation.

The Trustees would continue to urge the claims of the Institution upon the attention of the Government, and express the hope that in the near future a sufficient sum may be voted by Parliament to enable them to make the Tasmanian Public Library worthy of its national character.

For details of the difficulties which they have at present to work under, and relating to the cost of maintaining the Institution during the past 20 years, the Trustees would respectfully refer you to their published Report for last year.

The Trustees have to record with thanks presentations received from kindred Institutions in the Colonies, and in England and America. They have also to thank the proprietors of the following publications, who have supplied gratis copies for Library purposes:—Mercury, Tasmanian News, Launceston Examiner, Launceston Telegraph, Tasmanian Mail, N. W. Post, Hobart Gazette, Church News, Catholic Standard, Bible Echo, Morning Star, Day Star, People's Friend, Presbyterian Magazine, Australasian Christian Standard, Alliance News, Rechabite Magazine, Alliance Record, Bendigo Independent, Otago Daily Times, Auckland Weekly News, Mildura Cultivator.

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

Mr. Alderman Bradley has been appointed by the City Council as a Trustee of the Public Library, vice Mr. Alderman Davies, resigned.

JAMES B. WALKER, Chairman.

The Hon the Chief Secretary.

THE TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY in Account with the Trustees, 1892-3.

Hobart Corporation, in aid of Librarian's	£	8.	d.	Balance from 1891-2	£ 192	s. 17	d. 5
Salary, 1891, 1892		0	0	Government Grant-in-aid		ō	Õ
Contribution part Salaries	108	13	4			0	0
Interest on Overdraft	3	3	1	Waste Paper sold		10	4
Allowance to Secretary to 30th April,				Balance—			
1892		0	0	Commercial Bank £30 13 6			
Cheque Book		2	1	Less in hands of Secre-		•	
Walch & Sons (Books, Magazines, and				tary 0 19 10			
Papers)		12	0		29	13	8
Angus and Robertson (Books)	14	14	6				
T. L. Hood (Books and Magazines)		12	8				
S. Smith (Repairs)		13	0				
Marsh & Co. (Ironmongery)		6	-				
Amounts paid by Secretary	7	2	0				
Tasmanian P.O. Directory	1	1	0				
General P.O. (Private Box)	1		0	·			
Burdon and Bonython (Newspaper)	1	0	0				
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Memorandum.—The sum of Fifteen hundred Pounds sterling has been invested on mortgage for a term of three years, and will bear interest at the rate of six per cent. Out of the interest derived a sum of £75 per annum 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, Auditor-General. 28th April, 1893.

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EXPENDITURE of the Hobart Corporation for the Year 1892.

Sundries		9 3	6
Books, Magazines, Newspapers, &c	121 22	$rac{1}{2}$	7 5
Fuel	4	12 10	Õ
Hallkeeper (cleansing Library)	35	Ŏ	ŏ
Salaries		7	$0 \\ 0$

^{*} 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.