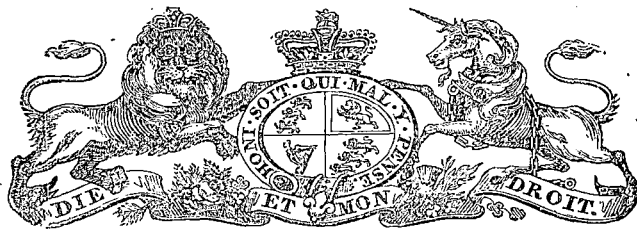


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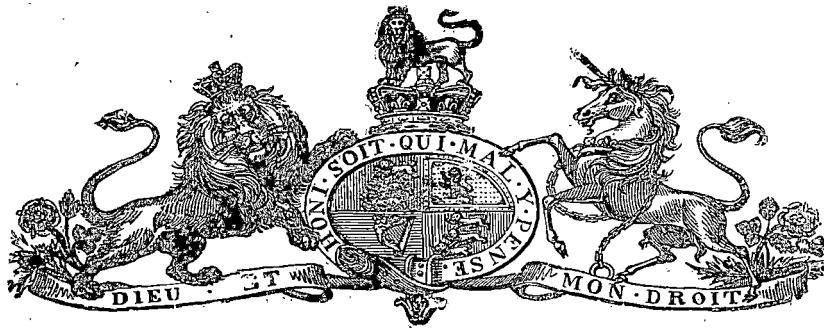
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REPORT FOR 1892-3.

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1st April, 1893.

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.	£	s.	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
Stationery.....	...	...	...	4	0	0
Postage.....	...	...	...	1	0	0
Printing .....	...	...	...	5	0	0
Freight.....	...	...	...	5	0	0
Sundries .....	...	...	...	7	0	0
Insurance.....	...	...	...	4	10	0
TOTAL .....	..	..	..	£464	7	0

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.

