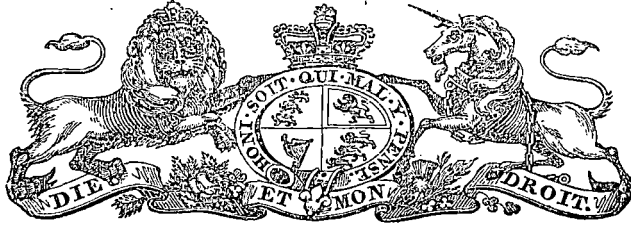


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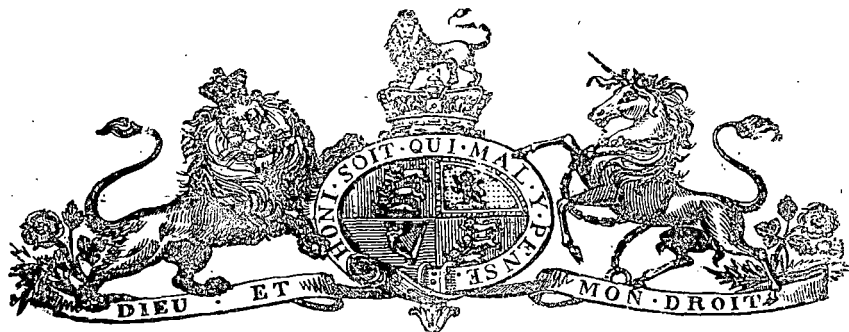
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LAUNCESTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE  
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REPORT FOR 1892.

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



## LAUNCESTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE AND PUBLIC LIBRARY.

### ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1892.

DURING the past year the Institute has continued to fulfil its mission in disseminating scientific, literary, and other useful knowledge.

On March 2nd the Jubilee of the Institute was celebrated by a *Conversazione*, at which Mr. Henry Button read a paper, detailing the history and progress of the Institute. This was published in pamphlet form, and distributed among the members and kindred institutions, and a few copies are still available.

The Committee Room having been found incommodious as a reading-room for the use of the members, whilst they were crowded out by the public in the General Reading Room, your Committee set apart the northern portion of the Reading Room for the exclusive use of the members, and enlarged the southern portion, placing therein a large selection of books for perusal by the public. The alterations have given general satisfaction.

The number of subscribers during the year has been 417, of whom 60 were new, 90 ceasing to pay their subscription. There are now 31 life members on the roll.

It will be seen from the Treasurer's statement, hereto appended, that the funds are in a satisfactory condition.

The northern wall has been painted, and the whole building is now in a fair state of repair.

During the year 550 vols. have been added to the Library, making a total of 18,570. The circulation to members has been 24,880 vols. and 8200 periodicals. Your Board wish it to be widely known that the books are available for the use of country subscribers, and can be forwarded as desired.

Mr. J. B. Walker, at the request of your Committee, delivered a lecture on "Early Hobart"; he was assisted by Mr. Nat. Oldham. Mr. Magnus Smith also gave an instructive lecture on "Bee Culture." Mr. Oscar Balfe and Mr. A. Barrett, with the assistance of Mrs. Styant-Browne and others, gave an evening's entertainment, principally of Shakesperian readings.

During the winter months the Parliamentary Debating Society was carried on in connection with the Institute.

The Board have gratefully to acknowledge the receipt of the following gifts:—

New South Wales Government—1 Report of Commission on Strikes; Statistical Account of the Seven Australasian Colonies; 11 Parliamentary Journals.

Victorian Government—6 vols. Parliamentary Journals; 1 vol. Sessional Acts; *Gazette*.

South Australian Government—4 vols. Parliamentary Journals; 1 vol. Statutes; 1 Report of Public Library, &c.

Tasmanian Government—3 vols. Parliamentary Journals; 1 Official Record; *Gazette*.

Smithsonian Institute—2 vols. Annual Reports; 32 Pamphlets.

Tasmanian Woolgrowers' Association—2 Handbooks of Information.

Department of Agriculture—1 Handbook of Insect Pests of Farm and Orchard.

Chief Secretary of Tasmania—1 Year Book of Australia.

Howard Association—1 Penological and Preventive Principles.

Rev. G. C. Grubb—1 vol. "What God hath wrought"; 1 Addresses at the Geelong Convention.

- H. Button—1 vol. Jubilee of the *Launceston Examiner*.  
 R. Kidd—2 vols., *The Progress of America*.  
 Walch Brothers and Birchall—1 Dictionary of the World's Press.  
 A. W. Birchall—3 Directories of Victoria; 1 Catalogue of Larkin's Books; *Lloyd's Newspaper*, Jubilee Number; *Victorian Independent*; *Temperance News*; Portraits of Lord Tennyson and Sir Henry Parkes.  
 S. H. Mills—1 vol. *Esoteric Buddhism*; 1 vol. *The Occult World*.  
 C. F. Howard—1 *Art of Reckoning*.  
 L. Tulloch—Portfolio of the World's Columbian Exhibition.  
 F. L. Fysh—*Independent and Nonconformist*.  
 Rev. J. Lyle—*Presbyterian Monthly Messenger*.  
 Fitzgerald Bros.—*The Age, Leader, Illustrated Australian News*, and *Melbourne Punch*.  
 Hopwood and Co.—*Church News*.  
 B. P. Farrelly—*The Advocate*.  
 By the Proprietors—*Launceston Examiner, Mercury, Tasmanian News, North West Post, North Coast Standard, Wellington Times, Zeehan and Dundas Herald, People's Friend, Catholic Standard, Morning Star, Walch's Literary Intelligencer, Sydney Echo, Bible Echo, Melbourne Weekly Times, Australian Independent, Our Young People's Magazine, Imperial Federation, Greater Britain, Democrat, War Cry, Cook's Australian Traveller's Guide, The Day Star, Camperdown Chronicle*.  
 Sir R. G. C. Hamilton—Portrait of himself.  
 J. C. Ferguson—Portrait of his father, John Ferguson.

Whilst it is gratifying to find that the privileges of the Reading Room are much availed of by the general public, it is to be regretted that there is a decrease in the number of subscribing members.

B. P. FARRELLY, *President*.

### LAUNCESTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE AND PUBLIC LIBRARY,

*In account with* GEORGE PULLEN, *Treasurer*.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
Gas Company's Account .....	48 7 10	Balance, 31st December, 1891 .....	1542 4 8
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