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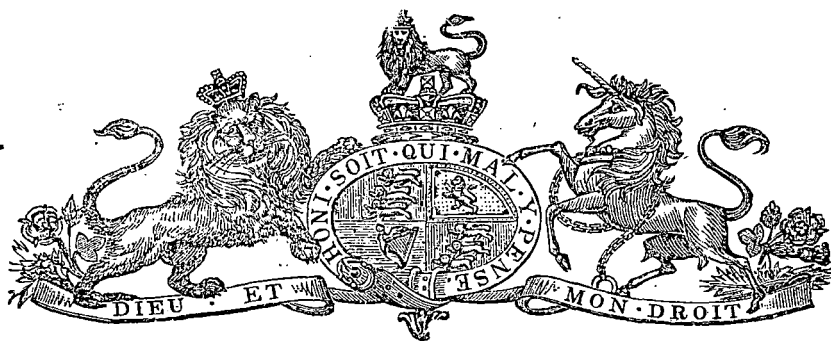
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY:

REPORT FOR 1896.

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TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1896.

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THE Trustees of the Tasmanian Public Library, in accordance 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 :—

During the year 134 volumes have been added by purchase and 15 volumes by presentation.

The estimated number of visits during the year, calculated from daily records, has been approximately 43,000.

The Librarian has prepared a catalogue upon the “card” system, which affords ready reference to books in the Library.

On 13th February a person was convicted of stealing books from the Library, and was sentenced to three months’ imprisonment for the offence.

During the year the ventilation of the newspaper and magazine rooms was improved, and the entrance-hall and walls and ceilings, &c. of passages to the Library were painted at a cost of £52 13s., to which sum the City Council made a special vote of £12.

Mr. Alderman Kerr has been appointed a Trustee by the City Council, *vice* Mr. Alderman Duff, resigned.

The Trustees have to record with thanks presentations received from Hon. John Henry, C. Gruncell, R. M. Johnston, E. Dingle; from Institutions in England and the Colonies; and from proprietors of the following publications :—*Mercury*, *Launceston Examiner*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Dundas Herald*, *N.W. Post*, *Bendigo Independent*, *Otago Witness*, *Canterbury Times*, *Auckland Weekly News*, *S. Australian Advertiser*.

The Trust Funds, amounting to £1500, are invested upon mortgage for a term of three years from April, 1895, and bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent.

The Receipts and Expenditure for the year are set forth in the Balance Sheet appended hereto.

J. W. AGNEW, *Chairman*.

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.
