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TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY:

REPORT FOR 1881.

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TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Tasmanian Public Library, 1st February, 1882.

SIR,

THE Trustees of the Tasmanian Public Library, in compliance with Clause 7 of the Act to provide for the Incorporation and Government of that Institution (34 Vict. No. 27), beg to submit the following Report of its working during the year 1881.

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Chairman*,
C. M. MAXWELL,
W. F. BROWNELL,
C. J. BARCLAY,
JAS. HARCOURT,
WM. BELBIN,
THOS. C. SMART,

Trustees Public
Library.*

To the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

R E P O R T.

1. THE Trustees, in presenting their Eleventh Annual Report, have pleasure in announcing that the privileges afforded by the Institution are still fully appreciated. During the past year 25,414 visits have been recorded in the Visitors' Book; but, at the very least, twenty-five per cent. of those who visit the Institution neglect to register their visits.

2. The practice of keeping the Reading Room and Library open to the public on all public holidays, and during the afternoons of Sunday, Good Friday, and Christmas Day, is still maintained, and the Institution is now kept open until 9-30 P.M. on the first five days in each week.

3. The collection of pictures and photographic views in the Reading Room has been added to by the Tasmanian Commissioners for the Melbourne Exhibition, who have presented to the Institution the whole of the photographic views exhibited by them.

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

5. A suggestion was submitted during the year that a circulating branch should be established in connection with the Tasmanian Public Library; but with the limited funds at their disposal, it would be impossible for the Trustees to give effect to the suggestion.

6. During last session of Parliament a sum of £200 was voted in aid of the Tasmanian Public Library. The Trustees have had much pleasure in recording on their journals this act of liberality on the part of the Government and Parliament of Tasmania in aid of the Institution, which is mainly sustained at the cost of the inhabitants of Hobart, but open to all persons who may choose to avail themselves of its advantages. The Trustees would urge upon the Government and Parliament the great claims of this Institution, and express a hope that the vote may be made an annual one, as they are much in want of funds to enable them to purchase many standard works for the Library.

* Hon. J. W. Agnew, M.L.C., (absent), is still a Member of the Board.

7. During the year 135 volumes have been added by purchase and presentation.

8. 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.	British Quarterly.
Edinburgh.	Fortnightly.
Westminster.	Melbourne Quarterly.
Contemporary.	* English Woman's Review.
Nineteenth Century.	Victorian Review.

MAGAZINES.

Macmillan's.	Journal of Science.
Blackwood's.	Australian Journal.
Fraser's.	American Agriculturist.
Cornhill.	Builder.
Temple Bar.	* Catholic Standard.
Chambers' Journal.	* Tasmanian Catholic Standard.
Athenæum.	* Church News.
Art Journal.	* Presbyterian Magazine.
Science for All.	* Christian Witness.
All the Year Round.	

NEWSPAPERS.

Public Opinion.	Melbourne Argus.
The Mail.	Weekly Times.
Spectator.	Australasian.
Saturday Review.	* Otago Daily Times.
Pall Mall Budget.	* Lyttelton Times.
St. James' Budget.	* Fiji Argus.
Home News.	Hobart Mercury.
Land and Water.	* Launceston Examiner.
Illustrated London News.	* Launceston Telegraph.
Graphic.	* People's Friend.
Punch.	Sketcher.
Sydney Morning Herald.	Tasmanian Mail.
South Australian Register.	* Hobart Gazette.
Queenslander.	* New South Wales Gazette.
Sydney Mail.	

(Papers marked thus * are furnished gratuitously.)

9. The City Council has voted a sum of £486 for Library purposes for the year 1882, the estimated expenditure being as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries—Librarian	150	0	0			
„ Assistant	35	0	0			
				185	0	0
Extras for Sundays and holidays:—						
Librarian	28	6	8			
Assistant	16	13	4			
Messenger	5	0	0			
				50	0	0
Lighting .....	..			35	0	0
Fuel .....	..			9	10	0
Newspapers and Periodicals .....	..			90	0	0
Purchase of Books .....	..			70	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
				£486	0	0

To be provided for by contribution from Trustees and appropriation of Municipal Funds.

10. The Books, Furniture, and Fittings belonging to the Public Library are insured in the Cornwall Insurance Company for £2000.

THE TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY in account with the Trustees, 1881.

1881. Dr.		£ s. d.	1881. Cr.		£ s. d.
Dec. 29.	To cheque to Secretary for year 1881	6 0 0	Dec. 20.	By Balance from 1880.....	1 10 7
1882.				Government Grant in Aid 1881,	
Jan. 5.	W. F. Brownell, for mats and rugs	2 5 3		£200 less stamp <i>Id.</i>	199 19 11
Feb. 3.	Amount paid to Municipal Council on account of Librarian's salary for the year 1881	48 15 0		Proceeds waste paper, &c. sold...	7 13 9
	Bank Book.....	0 0 6		Interest	48 15 0
	Balance—				
	In Commercial Bank	200 2 2			
	In Savings' Bank	0 16 4			
		<u>200 18 6</u>			
		<u>£257 19 3</u>			<u>£257 19 3</u>
			1882.	Balance brought down	200 18 6

MEMORANDUM.—The invested funds amount to One thousand five hundred Pounds invested in Government Immigration Debentures, bearing interest at the rate of Five per cent. and redeemable on 5th May, 1883. The revenue so derived (£75) will be paid over by the Trustees to the Municipal Council in aid of the salary of the Librarian.

ALFRED J. TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Chairman.*

Examined and found to be correct.

W. LOVETT, *Colonial Auditor.*

Hobart, 16th March, 1882.

TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

EXPENDITURE by the Hobart Corporation for the Year 1881.

SALARIES—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Librarian	150 0 0		
Assistant.....	35 0 0		
		185 0 0	
Extra for Sundays and holidays :—			
Librarian	28 6 8		
Assistant.....	16 13 4		
Messenger	5 0 0		
		50 0 0	
Books, Papers, and Periodicals.....	...		235 0 0
Binding .....	...		14 17 6
Lighting.....	...		35 0 0
Fuel .....	...		5 17 6
Insurance .....	...		4 10 0
Stationery .....	...		1 4 11
Repairs, including new doorway .....	...		29 16 6
Ironmongery.....	...		2 1 11
Sundries.....	...		12 12 4
			<u>£471 7 2</u>

W. H. SMITH, *Municipal Accountant.*

MEMO.—The cleansing of the Library is performed by the servants of the Municipal Council, the cost of which may be valued at £20 per annum.