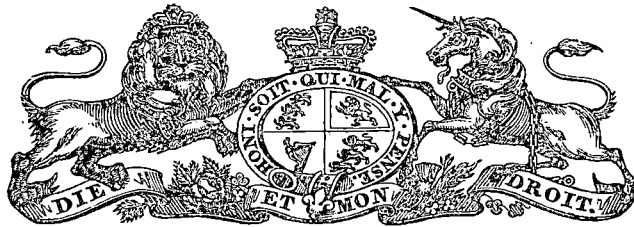


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TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY:

REPORT FOR 1899.

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TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1899.

Trustees:

SIR JAMES AGNEW, K.C.M.G., *Chairman*.
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C. M. TENISON.
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ALDERMAN HIDDLESTONE.
ALDERMAN BRADLEY.
ALDERMAN KERR.

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:—

They desire to place on record their sense of the loss the Tasmanian Public Library has sustained by the death of Mr. James Backhouse Walker, who was a Trustee of the Institution from July, 1884, up to the time of his death, 4th December, 1899.

Mr. F. J. Young has been appointed by the Government to the vacant seat on the Board.

During the year 101 volumes have been added by purchase, and 16 volumes by presentation.

The number of visitors, during the year, calculated from daily records, has been, approximately, 59,000.

The Trustees have to record with thanks presentations received from Sir J. Colomb, K.C.M.G., London; Hon. F. C. Mason, Melbourne; Rev. J. Miller, Adelaide; A. J. Ogilvie and J. K. Reid, Tasmania; from Institutions in England and the Colonies; and from the proprietors of newspapers published in the Colonies of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, New Zealand, and Tasmania, who have supplied *gratis* copies.

The Trust Funds, amounting to £1500, are invested upon mortgage for a term of three years from 1st December, 1898, and bear interest at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

The books, furniture, fittings, &c., belonging to the Institution are insured for £4000.

Appended is a Balance Sheet, exhibiting the Receipts and Expenditure for the year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. AGNEW, *Chairman*.

The Honourable the Chief Secretary.

TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance Sheet to 31st December, 1899.

Cr.	£ s. d.	Dr.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Balance from previous year.....	35 13 11	Salaries—		
Government Grant.....	150 0 0	Librarian.....	240 0 0	
Corporation Grant.....	265 0 0	Assistant.....	39 0 0	
Interest on Invested Funds	56 6 10			279 0 0
Magazines, &c., sold	18 0 9	Cleaning.....	...	19 1 6
		Books .....	...	41 3 4
		Magazines .....	...	23 5 4
		Newspapers .....	...	40 9 4
		Binding—		
		Books	0 6 6	
		Magazines	2 12 3	
		Newspapers.....	2 13 0	
				5 11 9
		Stationery .....	...	2 2 7
		Gas .....	...	30 0 0
		Fuel .....	...	3 16 0
		Insurance.....	...	2 0 0
		Sundries .....	...	25 15 9
		Balance—		
		Commercial Bank	1 0 6	
		Savings Bank	46 15 5	
				47 15 11
	<u>£520 1 6</u>			<u>£520 1 6</u>

Examined and certified to be correct,
 J. W. ISRAEL, *Auditor-General*.
 17th March, 1900.

ALFRED J. TAYLOR, *Secretary*.