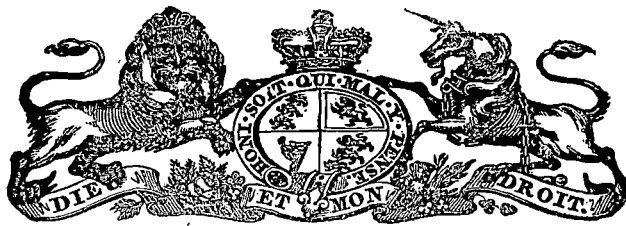


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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY :

REPORT FOR 1884.

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



TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Tasmanian Public Library, Hobart, 28th February, 1885.

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 1884 :—

R E P O R T.

1. THE Trustees, in presenting their Fourteenth Annual Report, have to record that during the period under review 19,857 visits have been registered in the Visitors' Book. These figures do not, however, represent the actual number of visits paid to the Institution, as many visitors neglect to register their names. The Trustees have decided to adopt some other and more certain means of checking the attendance for the future.

2. During the year 322 volumes have been added by purchase and presentation, the Parliamentary grant in aid of the Institution having enabled the Trustees to make valuable additions to the Library and Reading Rooms. The erection of extra shelving accommodation has enabled the Librarian to re-arrange the books so that the latest additions to the Institution are readily available to visitors.

3. A supplementary Catalogue of the Works added to the Institution during the last fourteen years has been prepared by the Librarian, and 250 copies printed for circulation.

4. The Trustees have to acknowledge, with thanks, presentations received from His Excellency the Governor, from the Governments of the various Colonies, from kindred Institutions in England, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and New Zealand, and from Miss Higginbotham, Mrs. W. Lewis, Anson Bros., and Messrs. R. Walker, J. B. Walker, J. R. M'Clymont, H. J. Brown, and H. Britton.

5. The City Council has voted a sum of £448 for Library purposes for the year 1885, the estimated expenditure being as follows :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries—Librarian	150	0	0			
Assistant	57	0	0			
				207	0	0
Extra 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, 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
				£448	0	0

To be provided for by contribution from the Trustees (£75) and appropriation of Municipal Funds.

The Trustees were surprised to find that for the year 1885 the City Council had reduced the vote for the estimated expenditure on books, periodicals, and newspapers by £60, and requested a reconsideration of the vote in terms of a letter addressed to the Mayor and Aldermen, and published in the *Hobart Mercury* on 10th February, but, they regret to say, without avail.

6. 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.
Edinburgh.
Westminster.
Contemporary.
Nineteenth Century.
London Quarterly.

Dublin Review.
British Quarterly.
Fortnightly.
*Englishwoman's Review.
Melbourne Quarterly.
Victorian Review.

MAGAZINES.

Popular Science Monthly.
Knowledge.
Macmillan's.
Blackwood's.
Cornhill.
Temple Bar.
Chambers's Journal.
Athenæum.
Art Journal.
Science for All.
All the Year Round.
Longman's.

Iron.
Builder.
Scientific American.
Phrenological Review.
American Agriculturist.
Journal of Science.
Australian Journal.
*Catholic Standard.
*Tasmanian Catholic Standard.
*Church News.
*Presbyterian Magazine.

NEWSPAPERS.

Times.
Weekly Scotsman.
Public Opinion.
Spectator.
Saturday Review.
Pall Mall Budget.
St. James's Budget.
Home News.
Land and Water.
Illustrated London News.
Graphic.
Punch.
Sydney Morning Herald.
Sydney Mail.
*South Australian Advertiser.
Queenslander.
*Dundaberg and Mount Perry Mail.

*Bendigo Independent
Melbourne Argus.
— Age.
Australasian.
Federal Australian.
Weekly Times.
*Auckland Weekly News.
Sketcher.
*Lyttelton Times.
Hobart Mercury.
Tasmanian Mail.
Tasmanian News.
*People's Friend.
*Launceston Examiner.
*Launceston Telegraph.
*Hobart Gazette.
*N.S.W. Gazette.

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

7. Mr. J. B. Walker, solicitor, has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board of Trustees created by the death of the late Hon. T. D. Chapman, M.L.C.

8. The Trustees would continue to urge upon Government and Parliament the great claims of the Institution, which is mainly sustained at the cost of the citizens of Hobart, but is open to all persons who may choose to avail themselves of its advantages.

J. W. AGNEW, <i>Chairman</i> ,	} Trustees.
C. M. MAXWELL,	
C. J. BARCLAY,	
CHARLES HARBOTTLE,	
G. S. CROUCH,	
THOS. C. SMART,	
WM. BELBIN,	
JAMES B. WALKER,	

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

THE TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY in account with the Trustees, 1884.

Dr.	£ s. d.	Cr.	£ s. d.
Amount paid to Municipal Council in aid of Librarian's Salary	75 0 0	Balance from 1883	279 12 11
Amount paid to Librarian—additional salary	41 13 4	Interest	90 0 0
Ditto Assistant ditto—ditto	26 6 8	Proceeds waste paper sold	6 2 6
Ditto Secretary, to 30th June	10 0 0	Parliamentary Grant in aid	200 0 0
Ditto Cheque Book	0 4 2		
Walch & Sons, for Books	157 2 0		
B. V. Browne, ditto	8 1 0		
Walch & Sons, binding	18 7 0		
Printing new Catalogues	18 14 0		
New shelving and furniture	30 9 5		
Subscription to 'Queenslander'	1 1 0		
Balance—			
In Savings Bank	151 8 11		
In Commercial Bank	31 5 5		
In hands of Secretary	6 2 6		
	188 16 10		
	£575 15 5		£575 15 5

MEMORANDUM.—The invested funds amount to One thousand five hundred Pounds, placed on 20th March as a fixed deposit for one year in the Commercial Bank, and bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent. Out of the revenue derived from interest received a sum of £75 is paid over to the Municipal Council in aid of the Librarian's Salary.

J. W. AGNEW, *Chairman of Trustees.*

ALFRED J. TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

Examined and certified to be correct.

W. LOVETT, *Colonial Auditor.*

Hobart, 8th April, 1885.

TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

EXPENDITURE by the Hobart Corporation for the Year 1884.

SALARIES—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Librarian	150 0 0		
Assistant	57 0 0		
	207 0 0		
Extra for Sundays and Holidays—			
Librarian	28 6 8		
Assistant	16 13 4		
Messenger	5 0 0		
	50 0 0		
Lighting .....	..		257 0 0
Fuel .....	..		35 0 0
Insurance .....	..		9 17 8
Books, Papers, and Periodicals .....	..		4 10 0
Binding .....	..		156 5 3
Stationery and Ironmongery .....	..		4 15 0
Furniture and Fittings .....	..		4 4 11
Sundries .....	..		25 5 6
			10 19 3
			£507 17 7

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.

W. T. BIRCH, *City Accountant.*