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### TASMANIA.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

## LAUNCESTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE:

### REPORT FOR 1882.

Laid upon the Table by Mr. Moore, and ordered by the Council to be printed, July 24, 1883.



REPORT of the Launceston Mechanics' Institute for the Year 1882.

On this the 41st anniversary of the Launceston Mechanics' Institute, the Board of Managers congratulate the Members on the continued prosperity of the Institute, and its improved financial Not only have all liabilities been paid off, but the Board have invested at interest the condition. sum of £400 during the past year to serve as a nucleus towards future building extensions and repairs, and there is now a balance in hand in the Savings Bank of £155 16s. The subscriptions repairs, and there is now a balance in hand in the Savings Bank of £155 10s. The subscription of members have been £34, and the income from the hall £93, above those of the preceding year.

The number of life members is now 53. Your Board have conferred upon George Pullen, Esq., an honorary life membership as a slight recognition of his long and valuable services as Hon. Treasurer to the Institute. The number of subscribing members during the year has been 515, of whom 136 are new, 69 having ceased to subscribe, showing an increase of 67.

Since last year's report no further movements have been made by the Town Council towards taking over the museum. The Board thankfully acknowledge the following presentations :-

- By Miss Bell—Large collection of shells, &c.
   Mr. W. T. Bell—A large antique bust.
   Mr. R. T. Brand—Snake skin from Queensland, 12

  - feet long. Mr. G. Ritchie—Sparrow Hawk. Mr. A. M. Milligan—Aboriginal stone hatchet. Various donors—Two-headed snake and mantis, white hawk, musk rat.
  - Examiner Office-Magpie's nest built with wire. Mr. R. F. Irvine-Fragment of tree struck by light-
  - ning. Mr. Alfred Jones—Horse-shoe imbedded in trunk of
  - growing willow. Mr. S. H. Wintle—Fossil, pre-tertiary, Windmill Hill.

Captain Sonne, per Captain Smart-Model cance, two spears, and a wooden sword from Savage Island. Melbourne International Exhibition-A collection of

- minerals and woods. Y.M.C. Association-A mat made by W. Cleaver, aged 103.

Mr. G. Hubbard—Group of Japanese figures. Mr. J. Thomson—Manuscript receipt book. Mr. Kirkham—A snake skin. Mr. A. W. Birchall—Victorian aboriginal woman's dress.

Mr. Goodger-Painting of Moreton Bay Convict Station.

Your Board have been in correspondence with the authorities of St. Andrew's Church concerning three windows facing upon land belonging to the Institute, and the trustees of the said Church have undertaken by a written acknowledgment to close the windows when called upon by the trustees of the Institute so to do.

The sum of £413 11s. 6d., balance from escheated estates, being at the disposal of the Government, the claims of the Institute to an equitable share were urged upon their attention, and £103 7s. 10d. have been voted to the Institute, which sum it is proposed to expend at once in the purchase of books of a high class. Though the Institute has obtained the above sum, yet your Board think it is not the fair share that the Institute was entitled to.

his earnest and unwearied service for five years, and would also convey to him their thanks for the valuable gifts of various kinds bestowed upon the Institute, and congratulate him upon its present prosperity.'

From the New South Wales Government-7 vols. Parliamentary Journals, 1 vol. Statutes. Victorian ditto—4 Parliamentary Journals and Ga-

zette.

South Australian ditto—2 vols. Statutes. Smithsonian Institute—Report for 1865. Royal Colonial Institute—Report of Proceedings, 1881-2

<sup>1881-2.</sup>
Mr. C. J. Kent-Melbourne Directory, 1882.
Mr. H. Thomas-Tasmanian Guide, 1882.
Mr. A. W. Birchall-Newspaper Press Dictionary, Manchester Free Library Report.
Royal Society of Tasmania-Proceedings 1881.
Moren Huden & Honward The Army List

Messrs. Hudson & Hopwood-The Army List.

Presented by Mrs. Robertson—Portrait of James Robertson, Esq.
Mr. A. M. Milligan—Portrait of himself.
Miss Waddell—Portrait of Mr. J. S. Waddell.

- Mrs. Hawkes-The Rock. Mr. P. B. Farrelly-The Catholic Standard and The Advocate. Rev. J. Lindsay-
- Advocate. Rev. J. Lindsay—The Southern Cross, Presbyterian Magazine, and The Catholic Presbyterian. Mr. E. King—The Bombay Gazette. Mr. F. L. Fysh—The Nonconformist and Independent. From the Proprietors a copy each of The Melbourne Telegraph, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Syd-ney Echo, The Wagga Wagga Advertiser, The Church News, The People's Friend, The Devon Herald, Brisbane Daily Observer, Walch's Literary Intelli-gencer. gencer.

The following portraits have been added to the gallery during the year :---

Archdeacon Hales—Portrait of himself. Purchased by the Institute—The portrait of Mr. James Smith, Discoverer of the Mount Bischoff Tin Mine.

From the Treasurer's statement the balance from 1881 was £152 5s. 6d.; receipts, £942 5s. 7d.; and the expenditure, £538 15s. 1d.; deposited at interest, £400, leaving a balance in hand of £155 16s. The Piano account shows—Balance from 1881, £12 12s.; receipts, £65 16s.; expen-diture, £7 17s. 6d.; balance to credit, £70 10s. 6d. The Museum account shows—Balance from former and floate 2 definition for 0.4 and 0.5 and former year, £10 11s. 3d.; interest, 6s. 9d.; expenditure, £2 5s. 10d.; balance in hand, £8 12s. 2d.

Your Committee feel that the increase in members has not kept pace with the increase of population, and that the advantages that the Institute offers are not sufficiently availed of. They therefore urge each subscriber to use his or her influence in adding to the roll of members, and thereby more generally diffuse its advantages throughout this community.

ANDREW W. BIRCHALL, Chairman.

GEORGE PULLEN, Treasurer. 31st December, 1882.

18th January, 1883.

LAUNCESTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE in account with GEORGE PULLEN, Treasurer.

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Gas Account	101	5	· 6	By Balance in hand, 31st Dec.,	•					
Fuel	11	14	4	1881		•••		152	5	(
Insurance	7	19	9	Subscriptions	364	10	0			
Printing and advertising	9	17	9	Parliamentary vote	103	7	10			
Licence of Hall	-2	0	0	Hire of Hall and Committee						
Salaries	180	0	0	Room	461	4	6			
Books, Periodicals, Newspapers, &c.	154	18	11	Received by sale of Cata-						
New work, furnishing, repairs, &c	37	7	9	logues		·13				
Bookbinding account	19	7	0	Ditto waste paper		7				
Law Costs	2	19	6.	Received for books lost	1	13	• 6			
Sundry petty expenditure	11	4	7	Ditto for damage done						
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Audited and found correct,

MATT. TYSON, Auditors. J. REID,

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