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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

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TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY:

REPORT FOR 1883.

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



## TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

*Tasmanian Public Library, 17th April, 1884.*

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 1883 :—

### R E P O R T.

1. THE Trustees, in presenting their Thirteenth Annual Report, desire to place on record their sense of the loss which the Public Library has sustained by the death of the Hon. Thomas Daniel Chapman, M.L.C., and to express their appreciation of the very valuable services which he rendered to the Institution from the date of its foundation up to the time of his death.

2. 17,785 visits have been recorded in the Visitors' Book for the past year; but these numbers do not represent the actual attendance, many visitors neglecting to enter their names.

3. The Grants in aid of the Institution received from Government have enabled the Trustees to make many valuable additions to the books in the Library rooms, and have also enabled them to purchase additional magazines and newspapers for the Reading Room, thus adding considerably to the attractions of the Institution. 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.

4. During the year 363 volumes have been added to the Library by purchase and presentation, and several orders for books have been forwarded to England through Messrs. Walch & Sons, which, when completed, will absorb a large portion of the balance in hand at the date of this Report, and shown in the Balance-sheet of the Trustees.

5. A special appropriation of funds will shortly have to be made for additional shelving to meet the growing requirements of the Institution.

6. The Trustees have to acknowledge, with thanks, presentations received from His Excellency the Governor, from the Governments of the various Colonies, and from kindred Institutions in England, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and New Zealand.

7. The City Council has voted a sum of £486 for Library purposes for the year 1884, 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.

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.  
Dublin Review.

British Quarterly.  
Fortnightly.  
\* Englishwoman's Review.  
Melbourne Quarterly.  
Victoria Review.

## MAGAZINES.

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

Builder.  
Phrenological Magazine.  
Scientific American.  
American Agriculturist.  
Journal of Science.  
Australian Journal.  
\* Catholic Standard.  
\* Tasmanian Standard.  
\* Church News.  
\* Presbyterian Magazine.  
\* Christian Witness.  
\* Protestant Standard.

## 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 Register.  
Queenslander.  
Dundaberg and Mount Perry Mail.

Melbourne Argus.  
Australasian.  
Federal Australian.  
Weekly Times.  
Sketcher.  
\* Otago Daily Times.  
\* Lyttleton Times.  
\* Fiji Argus.  
Hobart Mercury.  
Tasmanian Mail.  
Tasmanian News.  
\* People's Friend.  
\* Launceston Examiner.  
\* Daily Telegraph—Launceston.  
\* 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.

J. W. AGNEW, <i>Chairman.</i>	} <i>Trustees Public Library.</i>
W. BELBIN,	
CHARLES HARBOTTLE,	
G. S. CROUCH,	
C. M. MAXWELL,	
THOS. C. SMART,	

*The Hon. the Chief Secretary.*

*THE TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY in account with the Trustees, 1883.*

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Amount paid to Municipal Council in aid of Librarian's Salary .....	75	0	0	Balance from 1882 .....	960	2	3
Amount voted to Librarian .....	21	13	4	Interest on Debentures .....	37	10	0
Ditto to Assistant Librarian .....	26	6	8	Proceeds waste paper sold .....	9	3	0
Walch & Sons, for Books, &c. ....	175	17	9	Parliamentary Vote in aid .....	200	0	0
Roberts & Co., ditto .....	8	5	0				
Allowance to Secretary, to 30th June .....	9	0	0				
Interest on overdrawn account .....	10	17	6				
Cheque Book .....	0	2	1				
Balance—							
In Commercial Bank .....	278	4	0				
In Savings Bank .....	1	8	11				
	279	12	11				
	£606	15	3		£606	15	3

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.*

ALFRED J. TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

Examined and certified to be correct.

W. LOVETT, *Colonial Auditor.*

Hobart, 16th April, 1884.

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*EXPENDITURE by the Hobart Corporation for the Year 1883.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SALARIES—									
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 .....							166	10	10
Lighting .....							14	18	0
Fuel .....							35	0	0
Insurance .....							8	5	0
Ironmongery and Stationery .....							4	10	0
Sundries .....							2	16	9
New Chairs and Shelving .....							8	1	0
							12	18	3
							£487	19	10

W. T. BIRCH, *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.