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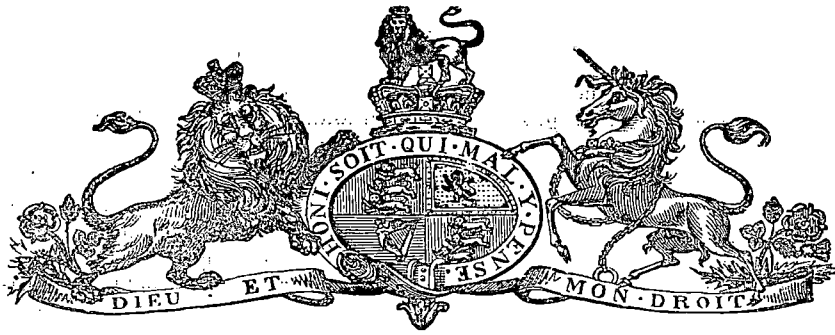
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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY :

REPORT FOR 1885.

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



TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1885.

Trustees :

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Librarian and Secretary :—MR. ALFRED J. TAYLOR.

Tasmanian Public Library, Hobart, 1st March, 1886.

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 1885 :—

1. The Trustees in presenting their Fifteenth Annual Report have to record that, during the period under review, 30,104 visits to the Institution have been recorded.

2. During the year 264 volumes have been added by purchase and presentation. The erection of additional shelving accommodation has enabled the Librarian to remove a large number of volumes from the room at the head of the Library staircase to a position more convenient to readers.

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

4. The City Council has voted a sum of £474 7s. for Library purposes for the year 1886, the estimated expenditure being as follows :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Salaries—Librarian	-	-	-	178	7	0
Assistant	-	-	-	100	0	0
Messenger	-	-	-	5	0	0
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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
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					£474	7 0

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

5. 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.

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.
* Once a Month.

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

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.
——— Telegraph.
Australasian.
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.

* Presented.

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

7. In conclusion, 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.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. AGNEW, *Chairman.*

The Hon. the Chief Secretary.

THE TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY in account with the Trustees, 1885.

<i>Dr.</i>	£ s. d.	<i>Cr.</i>	£ s. d.
Amount paid to City Council in aid of Librarian's Salary	75 0 0	Balance from 1884	188 16 10
Amount paid to Librarian—additional salary	41 13 4	Interest	95 12 6
Ditto Assistant ditto—ditto	26 6 8	Parliamentary Grant in aid	200 0 0
Ditto Secretary on account of year 1884	10 0 0	Proceeds waste paper sold.....	1 3 4
Ditto 1885	12 0 0		
Ditto for books, magazines, &c.	103 9 6		
Ditto binding	3 1 0		
Ditto frames	2 2 0		
Ditto shelving, &c.	17 17 2		
Ditto new matting	10 3 4		
Ditto rubber-stamp.....	1 15 0		
Ditto H. J. Marsh	1 9 4		
Ditto petty expenses	3 17 0		
Ditto Cheque Book.....	0 4 2		
Balance—			
In Commercial Bank	£24 6 11		
In Savings Bank.....	152 1 5		
In Secretary's hands	0 5 10		
	176 14 2		
	£485 12 8		£485 12 8

MEMORANDUM.—The invested funds amount to One thousand five hundred Pounds, placed on the 20th March as a fixed deposit for one year in the Commercial Bank, and bearing interest at the rate of 5 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.

ALFRED J. TAYLOR, *Secretary.*

J. W. AGNEW, *Chairman.*

Examined and certified to be correct.

ALEXANDER REID, *Deputy Auditor.*

Hobart, 7th May, 1886.

TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

EXPENDITURE by the Hobart Corporation for the Year 1885.

	£ s. d.
Salaries	257 0 0
Gas	35 0 0
Fuel.....	11 11 0
Insurance	4 10 0
Books, Periodicals, Papers, &c.....	111 11 2
Binding	22 16 3
Ironmongery.....	2 9 6
Miscellaneous	3 16 10
	£448 14 9*

* This amount includes the sum of £75 paid over to the Corporation by the Trustees in aid of the Librarian's Salary.

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.*