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LAUNCESTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE
AND PUBLIC LIBRARY:

REPORT FOR 1893.

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



LAUNCESTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE AND PUBLIC LIBRARY.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1893.

In presenting the fifty-third Annual Report to the Members of the Institute, the Board of Managers have to congratulate the members on the continued progress of the Institute.

The general public have largely availed themselves of the advantages afforded by the Public Reading Room. There were 68 new names added to the membership during the year, as against 69 whose membership lapsed; the number of subscribing members at the close of the year standing at 416. The number of life members is now 30.

An arrangement was made with the Association of Trades and Manufactures for the delivery of a course of lectures, the Association defraying the incidental expenses, and the Institute providing a room.

Under this arrangement the following lectures were delivered: by Hon. A. I. Clark, on "Federation"; by W. Cairns, on "Combustion"; by A. North, on "Brick Architecture"; by T. S. Cleminshaw, on "Fuel"; by W. C. Bovil, on "The Atmosphere and the Winds"; by W. H. Jolly, on "Harbour Works"; by A. Montgomery, on "Copper."

Your Board regret that the attendance at the above lectures was not such as the importance of the lectures should have commanded. Mr. A. Barrett delivered a lecture on "The Land for the People, and the People for the Land." Mr. O. Balfe gave an entertainment entitled "An Hibernian Night's Entertainment," and the Shakesperian Society, under the leadership of Messrs. Barrett and Balfe, gave two evenings with Shakespeare.

A series of extension lectures in connection with the Tasmanian University having been organised, your Board placed the Lecture Room at the disposal of the promoters.

The Launceston Parliamentary Debating Society has successfully carried on its work during the winter months, and is tending to create a greater interest in public affairs among the younger portion of the community.

During the year the Institute has lost by death the services of two of the Vice-Presidents, viz., Messrs. A. W. Birchall and B. P. Farrelly. Both of these gentlemen held the office of President, and rendered zealous service during the many years they have been on the Board of Managers.

There have been 530 vols. added to the Library, making a total of 19,100 vols. The circulation among Members has been 24,300 vols. and 7900 periodicals.

The Board have gratefully to acknowledge the receipts of the following gifts:—

H. Button—Copy of the Chicago Inter-Ocean Newspaper.

G. Soltau—Pamphlet, Aborigines of Australia.

Salvation Army—*War Cry* for 1892, 2 vols.

Smithsonian Institute—2 vols. Reports.
 Cadbury Bros.—1 vol. Cocoa, All about it.
 Royal Colonial Institute—1 vol. Report and Proceedings.
 Howard Association—1 Penological and Preventive Principles.
 Tasmanian Exhibition Commissioners—Official Record.
 New South Wales Government—8 vols. Parliamentary Journals.
 Victorian Government—5 vols. Parliamentary Journals; 1 vol. Sessional Acts; *Gazette*.
 South Australian Government—3 vols. Parliamentary Journals; 1 vol. Statutes; 1 Report of Public Library, &c.
 Tasmanian Government—2 vols. Parliamentary Journals; 1 Official Record; *Gazette*.
 F. L. Fysh—*Independent and Nonconformist*.
 Rev. J. Lyle—*Presbyterian Monthly Messenger*.
 Hopwood and Co.—*Church News*.
 B. P. Farrelly—*The Advocate*.
 By the Proprietors—*Launceston Examiner, Mercury, Tasmanian News, North West Post, North Coast Standard, Wellington Times, Zeehan and Dundas Herald, People's Friend, Catholic Standard, Morning Star, Walch's Literary Intelligencer, Bible Echo, Melbourne Weekly Times, Australian Independent, Imperial Federation, Democrat, War Cry, Cook's Australian Traveller's Guide, The Day Star, Camperdown Chronicle*.

In conclusion, your Board consider that the hearty thanks of the members are due to all who have assisted the Institute by donations, lectures, and otherwise, and they trust the Institute may still continue to increase and flourish.

A. B. BIGGS, *President*.

2nd March, 1894.

LAUNCESTON MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

Memo. of Cash Receipts and Expenditure for the Year ending 31st December, 1893.

Dr.	£	s.	d.	Cr.	£	s.	d.
Lighting, Gas Company's Account.....	56	14	8	Balance, 31st December, 1892.....	18	16	5
Firing, Wood and Coal	9	0	0	Government Grant	150	0	0
Insurance	9	19	2	Transfer from Piano Fund	38	0	6
Printing and Advertising	19	14	4	Subscriptions	322	18	0
Licence of Hall	2	0	0	Hire of Hall and Committee Room ...	205	19	8
Salaries	280	0	0	Hire of Piano	26	0	0
Municipal Rates and repairs.....	2	11	0	Proceeds of Lectures and Entertainments	11	14	0
Books, Periodicals, Magazines, &c.....	236	9	6	Sale of Catalogues	4	11	6
New Work and Repairs	25	7	4	„ Waste Paper.....	2	14	1
Bookbinding	15	7	6	„ Book Cases	9	10	0
Sundry small accounts	7	5	10	Received for Books lost and damaged...	1	12	0
Petty Expenditure.....	3	10	1	Interest at Savings Bank	6	0	0
Balance at Savings Bank, 31st December, 1893	129	16	9				
	<u>£797</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>		<u>£797</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>

Audited and found correct.

MATT. TYSON, }
 H. C. LITTLER, } *Auditors.*