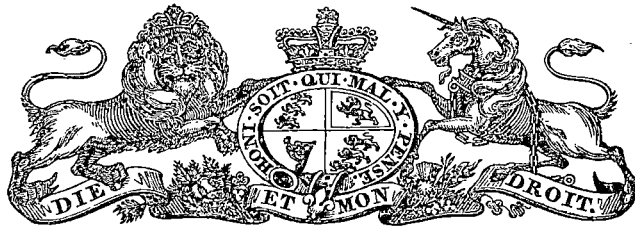


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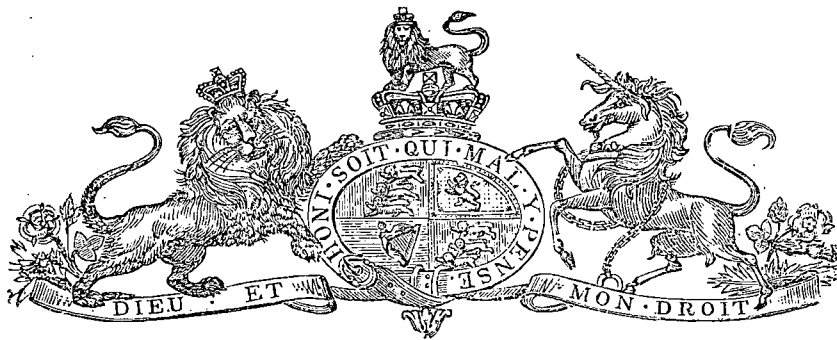
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REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1900.

Trustees :

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ALDERMAN PATON.

SIR,

The Trustees of the Tasmanian Public Library, in compliance with clause 7 of the Act to provide for the Incorporation and Government of the Institution (34 Vict. No. 27), beg to submit the following Report:—

They desire to place on record their sense of the loss the Tasmanian Public Library has sustained by the death of Alderman Bradley, M.H.A., who was a Trustee since January, 1892.

Alderman H. D. Gould and Alderman J. C. Paton have been appointed by the City Council to fill the seats rendered vacant by the death of Alderman Bradley and the retirement of Alderman Hiddlestone.

The Trustees have to thank the City Council for having, in addition to the Annual Subsidy, voted a sum of £9 for necessary repairs and improvements to the Library premises.

During the year 53 volumes have been added by purchase and 22 by presentation.

The number of visitors cannot be at all accurately stated, but it is estimated that the total attendance during the year has not been less than 70,000.

The Trustees have to record with thanks several presentations received during the year.

The Trust Fund, amounting to £1500, is invested upon mortgage for a term of three years from 1st December, 1898, and bears interest at the rate of $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. per annum.

The Books, Furniture and Fittings belonging to the Institution are Insured for £4000.

Appended is a Balance Sheet exhibiting the receipts and expenditure for the year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. W. AGNEW, *Chairman*.

To the Honourable the Chief Secretary.

