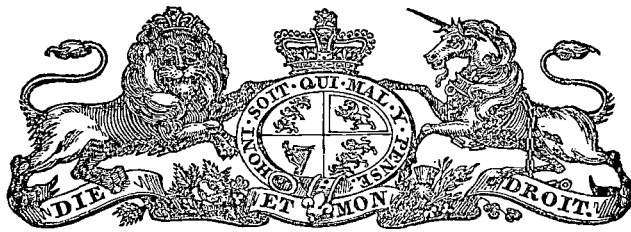


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TASMANIA.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY :

REPORT FOR 1877.

Laid upon the Table by the Colonial Treasurer, and ordered by the House to be printed, July 16, 1878.



TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Tasmanian Public Library, 1st February, 1878.

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 1877.

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Chairman*,
J. W. AGNEW,
W. P. GREEN,
C. M. MAXWELL,
MORTON ALLPORT,
JAS. HARCOURT,
W. H. BURGESS, JUN.,
THOS. GIBLIN.

*Trustees of the
Tasmanian
Public Library.*

The Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

REPORT.

1. THE Trustees, in presenting their Seventh Annual Report, desire to place on record their sense of the loss which the Public Library has sustained by the death of Mr. Joseph Allport, and to express their appreciation of the lively interest which Mr. Allport always manifested in the welfare of the Institution from its foundation up to the time of his death.

2. During the past twelve months 30,553 visits have been recorded in the Visitors' Book, the numbers showing an increase as compared with any previous year.

3. During the year 188 volumes have been added to the Library by purchase and presentation.

4. Valuable presentations have been received from various societies and kindred institutions in England, Ireland, America, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, New Zealand, and Tasmania. The trustees have also to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of donations from the Governments of Tasmania, New Zealand, and Victoria.

5. The Statistics and Statutes of the Colony are always available for reference, as well as Reports, Transactions, and Proceedings of various Societies in England, America, &c.

6. In addition to the valuable collection of works of reference and general literature on the shelves, the following Reviews, Magazines, and Newspapers are to be found upon the Reading-room tables:—

REVIEWS.

Quarterly.
Edinburgh.
Westminster.
Contemporary.
Nineteenth Century.

British Quarterly.
New Quarterly.
Fortnightly.
Melbourne Quarterly.
Englishman's Review.

MAGAZINES.

Macmillan's.
Blackwood's.
Fraser's.
Cornhill.
Temple Bar.
Chambers' Journal.
Athenæum.
Notes and Queries.

Iron.
Geographical Magazine.
All Year Round.
Journal of Science.
Australian Journal.
American Agriculturist.
Builder.
Tasmanian Presbyterian Review.

NEWSPAPERS.

The Mail.
Spectator.
Saturday Review.
Pall Mall Budget.
Home News.
Land and Water.
Illustrated London News.
Graphic.
Punch.
Sydney Morning Herald.
South Australian Register.
Queenslander.
Brisbane Courier.
Sydney Mail.
Melbourne Argus.
Weekly Times.
Australasian.

Maryborough Advertiser.
Otago Daily Times.
Lyttelton Times.
West Coast Times.
Hamilton Spectator.
Fiji Argus.
Hobart Town Mercury.
Tribune.
Launceston Examiner.
Chronicle.
Church News.
People's Friend.
Sketcher.
Tasmanian Mail.
Hobart Town Gazette.
New South Wales Gazette.

7. The City Council have voted the sum of £445 for Library purposes for the year 1878.

8. Estimated expenditure for the year 1878:—

	£	s.	d.
Salary of Librarian	150	0	0
Salary of Assistant	35	0	0
Lighting.....	40	0	0
Fuel	6	0	0
Newspapers, Periodicals, &c.....	90	0	0
Purchase of Books	70	0	0
Binding	20	0	0
Stationery	4	0	0
Postage	2	0	0
Printing	5	0	0
Freight	10	0	0
Sundries.....	3	0	0
Insurance, &c.	10	0	0
	<u>£445</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

9. To be provided for by contribution from Trustees and appropriation of Municipal Funds.

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

THE TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY in account with the Trustees for the Year 1877.

1877.	Dr.	£ s. d.	1877.	Cr.	£ s. d.
To amount paid to Municipal Council on account of Librarian's Salary		75 0 0	By Balance from 1876		9 2 7½
Allowance to Secretary		11 10 0	Interest on Debentures		89 0 0
Bank Book		0 0 6	Interest allowed by Savings' Bank		0 2 7
Balance—			Proceeds waste paper sold ..		8 13 8
In Commercial Bank ..	0 2 3				
In hands of Secretary ..	6 1 10½				
In Savings' Bank	14 4 3				
		20 8 4½			
		<u>£106 18 10½</u>			<u>£106 18 10½</u>
			Jan. 1878. Balance brought down		20 8 4½

THOS. D. CHAPMAN, *Chairman of Trustees of the Tasmanian Public Library.*

Examined and found correct.

W. LOVETT, *Colonial Auditor,*
13th March, 1878.

The following Securities seen :—

Treasury Bills, No. 1, Act 41 Vict. No. 6	£500
" No. 2, ditto	500
" No. 3, ditto	400
Debenture No. 45, Act 37 Vict. No. 45	100

W. L.

MEMORANDUM.

THE invested funds amount to one thousand five hundred pounds in Government Securities, namely,—one thousand four hundred pounds in Government Treasury Bills, bearing interest at five per cent. per annum, redeemable on the 30th December, 1878; and one hundred pounds in a Government Debenture, bearing interest at five per cent. per annum, redeemable on the 1st December, 1878,—together producing an annual revenue of seventy-five pounds; and from that income so derived the sum of seventy-five pounds has annually been paid over by the Trustees of the Library to the Municipal Council of Hobart Town in aid of the salary of the Librarian.

TASMANIAN PUBLIC LIBRARY.

EXPENDITURE by the Hobart Town Corporation for the Year 1877.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Librarian's Salary	150 0 0	
Assistant	35 0 0	
		185 0 0
Books, Papers, Periodicals, &c... ..	..	178 2 0
Binding .....	..	21 1 0
Gas .....	..	35 0 0
Insurance .....	..	6 0 0
Fuel .....	..	7 1 0
Stationery, &c. ....	..	1 18 0
Repairs, New Matting, &c. ....	..	5 14 0
Library Tables .....	..	4 10 0
Sundries .....	..	5 9 6
		<u>£444 15 6</u>

W. H. SMITH, *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.